

When you read our text in John 20 and 2 Corinthians 5:17, Revelation 21:5, and John 11:25, what does Jesus offer? What do you most yearn or look for when given an opportunity for a new life or fresh start? Read John 20:22, 27 and Ephesians 2:8. What is essential to having Jesus’ resurrection become our resurrection?

What we must do to get faith from the risen Christ:

1. _____ to him.

- We see that we go to him, not based on something we do but because of what Christ has already done. Are there things in your past that you struggle to let go? Take time to lay those things down at the foot of the cross—trusting in Christ’s perfect record given to you.
- It is not the amount of faith but the _____ of our faith that saves us. What might be your most common excuses for avoiding Jesus?

2. Look at his _____.

- Faith is not looking at your faith but looking at _____. When your life is built on the risen Christ, how does that change the circumstances that you are facing today? What do you most need to remember about who God is for you?

3. Drop your _____.

- Have you ever tried to bargain with Jesus? Why is it so absurd to try to bargain or demand anything from him?

Jesus provides two gifts through faith:

1. _____.

- Reflect on your life; where have you made real changes and growth in your life in the last year, and in what areas should you seek progress?

2. _____.

- How does Jesus’ resurrection power provide you with peace? How does death change and what does knowing the risen Lord do for your fear of death? How can you be more fearless for whatever comes your way?



Order of Worship

Worship Services @ 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
8am service: Nursery available, NO KidLife Worship
10am service: Nursery available, KidLife Worship for Preschool ONLY

Prelude	<i>Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery</i>
Call to Worship	<i>Christ the Lord is Risen Today Nothing But the Blood How Deep the Father’s Love for Us</i>
Offering	<i>In Christ Alone</i>
Prayer & Message	Resurrection Changes Everything John 20:10-29 (p. 829) Rev. Tim Meendering
Response	<i>It is Well With My Soul</i>
Closing Blessing	
Next Week	Big People, Small God: Proverbs 29:25



In this program you will find today’s order of worship, along with announcements, a calendar, prayer requests, and more. If this is your first time here, please stop by our welcome table in the lobby and pick up a gift bag!



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PRAYER REQUESTS

Jean Stadt - recently suffered a stroke and is receiving hospice care at home.

Sandy Dulyea (Ray’s Sister) - breast cancer surgery on April 30.

Jean Boyd - pray as she continues through chemotherapy treatments.

Bill Boyd - continues dialysis and awaits a transplant.

Medical concerns of various Haiti individuals, especially Jorvens.

Be in prayer for all military personnel, people searching for jobs, and disaster victims.

Prayer teams are available in the front of the sanctuary following service for anyone who desires prayer.



WHERE DO MY KIDS GO?

If you have children, they are welcome to remain with you throughout the service, or you can choose from different options:

KidLife Worship (3 years - 2nd grade) - Check-in is in the Fellowship Hall, Room 100 (directly below the sanctuary). Kids may start service here, or go after our opening music in the sanctuary.

KidLife Nursery (0-3 years) - Room 241 (upper level of gym).

Parent-Infant Room - available near the back of the sanctuary for fussy children and nursing mothers.

Children’s bulletins and crayons are available near the lobby stairs.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
4/21 8:00 Worship Service 9:00 Breakfast 10:00 Worship Service <i>No Sunday School or Youth Group</i>	4/22	4/23 7:00a Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:30a Women’s Bible Study	4/24 6:30p MS Youth Group	4/25 7p Ladies Book Club - <i>The Forgotten</i> by David Baldacci	4/26 7a REAL Men @ Arnie’s 34 S. Squires St.	4/27 1p Single Women’s Lunch - Rio Grand, then back to church. RSVP with Carol Knox, 866-4845
4/28 10:00 Worship Service 11:15 Sunday School 6:30p HS Youth Group (final meeting)	4/29	4/30 7:00a Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:30a Women’s Bible Study	5/1 Adult Fellowship 6:30p MS Youth Group (final meeting)	5/2	5/3	5/4
5/5 10:00 Worship Service 11:15 Sunday School (final meetings) 4:00p Hymn Sing	5/6	5/7 7:00a Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:30a Women’s Bible Study	5/8	5/9	5/10 7a REAL Men @ Arnie’s 34 S. Squires St.	5/11

For a full listing of all of our events, announcements, volunteer needs, and more, be sure to sign up for the eBeacon, emailed weekly. Contact the church office at connect@rockfordrc.org and ask to be put on the list. Paper copies are available for those without email.

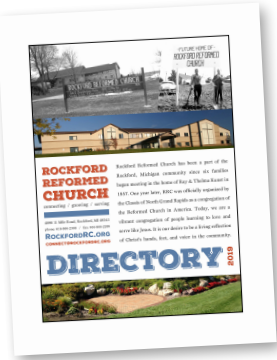
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 11:15-12:15

Adults - Fireside Room 253
High School - Room 246
Middle School - Youth Room 153
Children - Fellowship Hall 100

Sunday, May 5, 4pm in the Sanctuary

Please join us in the gym between services for breakfast!



2019 Directories: The latest church directory is printed and available in your mail folder in the office hallway. You may request extras from the front office. Updates to the directory may be submitted at any time.

Gardening Help Needed

We have an opening on the grounds team for the season for someone to plant flowers around the trees by the parking lot and around Entrance B. Simple upkeep of weeding only; watering is already taken care of. Please contact Roger Hoogewind if you are interested (616-401-8631).



ATTENDANCE & GIVING

You can give directly from your phone or computer. Look for the link on the front page of our website. Contact the office if you would like offering envelopes.

Last week’s attendance: 240 • **Last week’s offering:** \$11,494