

\*\*\*Announcements\*\*\*

•**We Need You to Sign Up to Provide Cookies/Bars**

Four weekly volunteers are needed to each provide 4 dozen cookies/bars for coffee fellowship time on a designated Sunday. They can be baked, frozen and brought at a later time, or purchased. Sign-up TODAY at the Welcome Center!

•**Back to School Backpack Blessing**

Blessing  
of the  
Backpacks



Join us in worship NEXT Sunday, August 20, for our annual Back-to-School Backpack Blessing. We will be praying for students, educators and school staff of all ages and stages during worship. So . . . whether you are a preschooler or college senior, professor or 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, school administrator or coach, bring your backpacks or workbags to church on August 20th as we prepare to send you off into a new school year.

•**College Student Welcome Brunch**

With the new school year approaching it's time to welcome our college students again. We are hosting a brunch on August 27, after worship, to welcome the students as the school year gets underway. We invite you, the members of American Reformed Church, to participate in the brunch in a couple of ways. First, we are looking for volunteers to bring an egg bake or muffins for the brunch. Second, if you want to get to know the college students and connect with them, we invite you to attend the brunch. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center TODAY if you would be willing to provide some of the food for the brunch or if you would like to come so we have a rough idea of numbers for food and beverages. If you have any questions, contact Rosalyn De Koster ([arcyouthmin@gmail.com](mailto:arcyouthmin@gmail.com)).

•**Mark your calendars! Fall 2017 Children's Ministry Volunteer Training Dates**

- Sunday, August 20th @ 10:45-11:15 AM** in Room 103  
-- Children & Worship Storytellers & Greeters
- Monday, August 28th @ 6:30 PM** in Coffee Fellowship Area  
-- Sunday School Teacher Training (Pre-K/TK - 5th grade)
- Tuesday, August 29th @ 6:30 PM** in Coffee Fellowship Area  
-- F3 Volunteer Training

**Sunday, Sept 10th @ 8:30 - 9:15 am**

**Kids Hope USA Volunteer Breakfast** in the Fellowship Hall

Questions? Laura Jonker, [arckidsmin@gmail.com](mailto:arckidsmin@gmail.com)

•**Attention Parents...**

Please check your ARC mailbox for children's ministry information!!!  
Parent permission forms will be emailed to you!

*(Announcements continued on next panel.)*

•**Transformation is happening!**

Could you be part of it in children's or youth lives here at ARC? Here are some ways you can get involved in the 2017-2018 year:

- ◆Nursery Volunteers (approx. once a month)
- ◆Middle School Sunday School Teachers
- ◆Middle School Youth Group Leaders

Contact Laura Jonker ([arckidsmin@gmail.com](mailto:arckidsmin@gmail.com)) or Rosalyn De Koster ([arcyouthmin@gmail.com](mailto:arcyouthmin@gmail.com)) for details. Thanks for being a faithful church family who cares about our children and youth!

•**Thanks for the Help with Clothe-A-Child!**

"We want to thank everyone who helped contribute to Clothe-A-Child this year! Thanks to you, twelve children in the community will have new clothes for school. What a blessing it is to be able to help them, and be a member of American Reformed Church! Thanks again!"

*...Amber Altena and Lesley Tjaden*



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**Learning to Ask**

Summer 2017 Sermon Series



## THE APPROACH TO GOD

*The congregation is invited to read the bold font.*

*\*Indicates you may stand if you wish.*

PRELUDE "St. Anne" Gordon Young

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*SONG OF WORSHIP "10,000 Reasons"

\*GOD'S GREETING

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

SONG OF CONFESSION

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**In this place, we sing of blessing;**

**we sing of holiness; and we sing of worship.**

**But too often, we go out into the world,**

**speaking words that do not bless,**

**that are not holy, and that do not worship your name.**

**We speak words to hurt those we are called to love.**

**We use words to create injustice,**

**uphold inequality, encourage division.**

*Please use the silence for personal confession.*

Here I am, Lord, send me.

**May the songs that we sing here**

**and the words that we speak in the world**

**mingle so that all may know and trust in you.**

**Renew in us an awareness of our call**

**to join you in blessing all creation**

**as we carry your steadfast love into the world.**

**In your name, we pray . . . amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"I'll Not Be Shaken"

## THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Worship bags are available by the elevator for children to use during worship. Please return the bags following the service.*

\*SONG OF PREPARATION

"Speak, O Lord"

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 6:1-8

SERMON

*Learning to Ask: Why do we worship like this?*

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Please pass the fellowship pad found at the end of the pew.*

OFFERTORY

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

\*DOXOLOGY

#809

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

#701

"God Is Here"

vs. 1-3

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING SONG

#701

"God is Here"

v. 4

\*POSTLUDE

"A Joyful Shout Rings Out" Jan Zwart

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### \*\*\*Praying for God's People\*\*\*

\*We extend prayers of sympathy and support for **John & Lynne Hubers** in the unexpected death of their 34 year-old niece, **Shawna Nepple** of Omaha, Nebraska, on Thursday, August 3. Please pray for Shawna's husband Kevin, their three children, and Shawna's father Jim, John's brother.

\***Brittany Bolluyt**, as she adjusts to her new home at 1029 Hardwick Dr. NW., Altoona, IA 50009.

### Participating in Worship

The Congregation

Marge Beernink

Tamara Fynaardt, Rosalyn De Koster,

Jacob Gabel, Katie Kensak,

Teresa Sampson, Angela Kroeze-Visser

Pastors Elizabeth & Mike Hardeman

Serving the Lord in Worship

Organist

Praise Team

Leading in Worship