

Dates to Know

TODAY, April 14

During Worship Procession of the Palms
 Children & Worship*
 *Children can be picked up after worship in room 106.
 10:45–11:30AM NO Sunday School
 6:30–8:30PM High School Youth Group (9th-12th gr.)

Wednesday, April 17

6:15–7:30PM Mid-Grade Youth Group (5th-8th gr.)

Thursday, April 18

6:30PM Maundy Thursday Worship*
 *Nursery care provided.

Sunday, April 21—Easter Sunday

NO Children & Worship
 NO Sunday School
 NO HSYG (9th-12th gr.)

DON'T FORGET THESE DATES

Wed, April 24 **Final Mid-Grade Youth Group**
 Sun, May 5 **Celebrating Milestones:**
 ♦ C & W Celebration 1st Grade Recognition
 ♦ Graduate Recognition
Final High School Youth Group
 June 21–30 **HIS Work Camp in Tennessee (9th-12th gr.)**
 July 26–28 **Power Connection (6th-8th gr.)**

At ARC children are invited to fully participate in worship,
 and all ages and stages are welcome in the service.

These ministries are also available to families during worship:

Worship Bags **Year Round**
 All Children pick up & drop off by elevator

Nursery **Year Round**
 Birth–3YO 9:15–11:30 AM
 Upper Level: #203

Children & Worship **Sept. 9 – May 5**
 3YO–1st Grade after children's message*
 Lower Level: #104/106

*All children can be picked up after worship from room 104/106 in the lower level
 Children's Ministry area.

Who belongs at American Reformed Church?

Everyone is welcome here. Everyone belongs. Whether you walked in the doors for the first time or the 321st time this morning . . . you belong. There are no special requirements to be a part of church.

Our denominational tradition does invite people to become members of a local church like American. But this isn't a club; it's a community. Becoming a member is simply a sign of mutual commitment between a person and the entire ARC community. If you are interested in learning more about what it means to become a member, please contact the pastors (elizabetharcoc@gmail.com and mikearcoc@gmail.com).

But remember...you belong beyond membership.



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Palm to Passion Sunday
 April 14, 2019



THE APPROACH TO GOD

*The congregation is invited to read the bold font.
Indicates the congregation may stand.

PRELUDE "Glory to Glory"

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF WORSHIP #203 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
*Congregation, please remain seated for verses 1 & 2.
The children will be processing with the palm branches.*

*GOD'S GREETING & SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Long ago the streets were full of people calling out,
"Hosanna. Save us!"
We join our prayer with their cry.

From lukewarm faith and listless spirituality:
Hosanna. Save us.

From callous indifference to the struggle of others:
Hosanna. Save us.

From misplaced hopes and meager dreams:
Hosanna. Save us.

From unquenchable grief and unexplainable loneliness:
Hosanna. Save us.

From the safety of sameness and the dread of difference:
Hosanna. Save us.

From soft-mindedness and hard-heartedness:
Hosanna. Save us.

We cry with one voice:
Hosanna. Save us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children & Worship meets in the lower level children's ministry rooms (#104 & #106). Children ages 3 to 1st grade are welcome to attend. Worship bags and coloring pages are by the elevator for children who remain in worship.

*SONG OF PREPARATION "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

SCRIPTURE

Lamentations 5

SERMON

Lamentations: The Possibilities of Lament

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

PRAYER & ACT OF LAMENT

"Glory to Glory"

As we sing together, you are invited into personal reflection and lament. As you feel led, bring the red ribbon from the bulletin forward to hang on the cross as a sign of lament.

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.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please pass the fellowship pad found at the end of the row.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY p. 809
Congregation, please stand with pastors and sing a cappella.

*SONG OF RESPONSE #109 "I Cannot Tell"

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG #109 "I Cannot Tell"
v. 2

*POSTLUDE

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PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Congregation Serving the Lord in Worship
Pam De Haan Worship Accompanist
Michael Hornback, Angela Kroeze Visser,
Jenn Lambert, Ben Patzlaff, Teresa Sampson Praise Team
Pastor Elizabeth & Pastor Mike Worship Leaders
Gail Marincovich Children's Message

PRAYING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

***John Rensink** has returned to his home from the hospital. Pray for his continuing recovery, and pray for Phyllis as she supports him throughout.

*Please pray for **Joanna Altena**, who underwent testing at Sanford Children's Hospital in Sioux Falls this past week. Pray for wisdom for her health team, and pray for her parents (**Amber & Tony**) as they care for her.

*Pray for **Lisa and Shane Schwarz and their family** as they grieve the loss of Lisa's aunt, on Tuesday, April 9. Service details to be announced.

*Please pray for **Mitch & Sandie Kinsinger**. Mitch is receiving strong chemotherapy treatments for lymphoma and **Sandie** is receiving chemotherapy treatments in preparation for an eventual bone marrow transplant for her myelodysplastic syndrome.

*ARC extends its congratulations to **John & Lynne Hubers** in the birth of a granddaughter, **Tabitha Ruth Lavery**, Saturday, April 6 to parents Jennifer & Todd. Although she was born a month early, Tabitha and her mother are both doing quite well. We praise God for this gift of new life!

*Please pray for **Patricia Vande Zandschulp**, mother of **Amber Altena**, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. Pray for wisdom for Patricia's doctors as they seek treatment options, and pray for Amber and her family as they support her mother throughout this journey.

*Finally, please pray for **Jerry Brown**, father of **Pastor Elizabeth Brown Hardeman**. Jerry had surgery on Friday, April 12 to repair a torn meniscus, and will begin radiation next week for the malignant area behind his ear. Pray for both the surgery and treatment to be successful.

EXPRESSES THANKS

"Thank you for the many cards and gifts I received for my 90th birthday! It was greatly appreciated."

...Lucille Wierda

EVENTS FOR TODAY

10:30-10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall Area

10:45 - 11:30 AM ADULT DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

◆**Text to Turf: Bringing Today's Sermon into My Week**

Dates: April 14, 28; May 5

Location: Lower Level Youth Room

Moderator: Greg Elliott

Conversation Partners: Fan Fei, Elizabeth Kensak

A discussion of the Sunday morning sermon, giving special attention to the implications of the message for how we should live our lives as agents for God's redemptive purposes. Attendees will have the opportunity to say what "jumped out at them" from the sermon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ LILY-LESS LILY FUNDRAISER



It's the time of year where the MGYG would normally be selling Easter Lilies for their spring fundraiser. Due to the chaos of construction we are not sure when we will be back in the sanctuary for worship again and we do not have the space for that many lilies. We also don't have the air capacity for that amount of scent!!! *Therefore*, we are having a Lily-less Lily fundraiser! Stop by the Welcome Center and fill out a form as though you were ordering a lily. Attach a donation for the MGYG in memory or in honor of a loved one and turn the form in at the Welcome Center or to the church office. All names will appear in the bulletin as lily given just like always. Our Lily-less Lilies will be available until **TODAY** and all funds raised will help send the middle school students to Power Connection this summer and other future mission trips.

◆ DONATE BOOKS EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT: THE GENESIS HOUSE

REMINDER: If you have any new or gently-used children's books to donate for Tommy Tracy's Eagle Project, please drop them off in the box by the Welcome Center on the lower level of church no later than tomorrow, April 15.

◆ CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019 at 10:45 AM

All ARC confessing members are invited to attend a congregational meeting on Sunday, May 5 at 10:45 AM. The purpose of the meeting is to elect consistory members. Nominees for the office of elder are Beau Koersemlan and Di Van Kley. Nominees for the office of deacon are Jill Haarsma and Angela Kroeze-Visser. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may obtain an absentee ballot from the church office during normal office hours. Completed absentee ballots must be submitted before 12:00 PM on Friday, May 3, 2019.

ARC HOLY WEEK EVENTS

Monday, April 15

10:00-11:00 AM Women's Prayer at Prairie Ridge Care Center
Grandview Cottage Dining Room

7:00 PM Esther Circle

(at the home of Shirley Mouw—410 3rd St NW, Orange City)

Leader: Betty Ferrell

Lesson: April 15 in the Upper Room, p. 57; also read pp. 40 & 41

Lunch: Marlys Hop, Bev Nieman

Wednesday, April 17

11:30 AM Senior Lunch Bunch will meet at the OC Pizza Ranch.

Questions? Contact Marilyn Jiskoot (737-4041)

Thursday, April 18

6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Communion Service (Fellowship Hall)

Easter Sunday, April 1

9:30 AM Worship (Fellowship Hall)

Come celebrate the resurrection of our risen Lord!

(No Children and Worship and no discipleship classes)

ORANGE CITY COMMUNITY HOLY WEEK ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Good Friday, April 19**

6:30 AM-7:45 AM Good Friday Men's Prayer Breakfast at Northwestern Rowenhorst Student Center. Please join us for a time of food, fellowship, prayer and reflection in this holy season. To attend, please contact Kent Anderson or the church office for tickets.

12:10-12:50 PM Community Good Friday Service at Calvary Christian Reformed Church (organized by the Orange City Ministerial Association). The focus will be on the 6th Word from the Cross, "It is finished." Both a financial and non-perishable food offering will be received for the local Food Pantry.

• **Sunday, April 21**

7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service held at Maurice Reformed Church ~ Maurice, IA. Following this music and drama service, there will be a breakfast (free-will donation) hosted by the MRC Sr. High Youth Group.