

PRAYING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

***Marv Muilenburg** is recovering at home.

***Denny Korthals** was released from the hospital last Sunday and returned home.

***Amanda Van Kley** was admitted to the Sioux Center Hospital this week for observation and testing.

***Pray for military service personnel Dwaine Tiedeman**, son-in-law of **Al & Sandy Nibbelink**, deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan.

*Please pray for **18 ARC Staff, Consistory, Ridder, and Ministry Team Leaders** who will be attending the Willow Creek Leadership Summit at Northwestern College on August 9-10. Those attending are Deb Anderson, Mark Beltman, Rosalyn De Koster, Mary Fernow, Sharon Foughty, Tamara Fynaardt, Elizabeth Brown Hardeman, Mike Hardeman, Bill Kepp, Wanda Korthals, Benjamin Langton, Steve Mahr, Rusty Marincovich, Brent Sampson, Jeff Tolsma, Sara Tolsma, Kim Van Es, and Angela Kroeze Visser.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 6

10:00-11:00 AM Women's Prayer at Prairie Ridge Care Center Grandview Cottage3 Dining Room. Questions? Contact Arlene Punt (707-4600).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE NOTE THAT TODAY IS...

- ◆ the last day to stop by the Welcome Center to sign up to **help provide 16 dozen cookies/bars** to be served during coffee fellowship time on a designated Sunday, beginning August 12. They can be baked, frozen and brought at a later time, or purchased.
- ◆ **Items for Help-Clothe-A-Child are due by 12 Noon.** Please place items in the basket by the drying rack near the mailboxes.

EXPRESSES THANKS

"Thank you, American Reformed Church family, for the cards, words of encouragement and other kind expressions of sympathy in the death of my father, La Verne Sikkema. Your kindness is greatly appreciated."

...Milt & Sheri Sikkema

WORSHIP WITH AMISTAD CRISTIANA ON SUNDAY AUGUST 12

On Sunday, August 12, members of ARC will again join in worship with Amistad Cristiana (130 3rd St NW, Sioux Center) at their 4:30 PM worship service. Translation via headset is available for those not fluent in Spanish. Questions can be addressed to Kim Van Es. Come to participate in this cross-cultural worship experience!

BUILDING AND OFFICE HOURS FOR THIS WEEK

Please note that the church building and office will be closed on Friday, August 10 due to the Willow Creek Leadership Summit. Thank you for your grace and understanding!

<u>DAY</u>	<u>BUILDING HOURS</u>	<u>OFFICE HOURS</u>
Sunday, Aug. 5	7:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Closed
Monday, Aug. 6 - Thursday, Aug. 9	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM*	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
*From 3:00 - 4:00 PM only upper level door is open		
Friday, Aug. 10	Closed due to Willow Creek Leadership Summit	Closed due to Willow Creek Leadership Summit
Saturday, Aug. 11	Closed	Closed



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 5, 2018



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THE APPROACH TO GOD

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

PRELUDE "Andante & Allegro" - G.F. Handel

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Please follow along on the screen*

*SONG OF WORSHIP "Christ is Risen; He is Risen Indeed"

*GOD'S GREETING

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

God who listens, long ago a prophet spoke—
voicing the doubts, questions, and fears of the people.
**We are a different people—
with similar doubts, questions, and fears.**

"Just As I Am" *verses on screen*

Forgive us, for feigning certainty in the face of doubt.
**Forgive us, for simple answers to complex questions,
Forgive us, for false-confidence that masks our fear.
Forgive us, for not believing that you listen—
that you take us as we are,
and you give us courage to become who you've created us to be.**
And all God's people said . . . **amen.**

"Just As I Am" *verses on screen*

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Worship activity bags for children to use during worship may be
picked up near the elevator. Nursery is available for children under 3.
Children & Worship (3YO—1st grade) begins again in September.*

*SONG OF PREPARATION "The Risen Christ"

SCRIPTURE Habakkuk, various verses

SERMON *Majoring in the Minors: Habakkuk*

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT & INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all that is seen and unseen,
you spoke the world into being and breathed into us the breath of
life. When we turned away from you, you remained faithful—
delivering us from captivity and making covenant to be with us.
You gave us witnesses throughout all of history to remind us of
this faithfulness. Therefore, we praise you joining our voices with
choirs of angels, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and with all the
faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of
your name:

Sung a cappella:
**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.**

Out of your great love for the world you made, you sent Jesus
Christ as a sign of your grace so that the world you spoke into
being may be reconciled to you. Remembering this great sacrifice,
we offer ourselves as partners in your redemptive work
proclaiming together:

**Christ has died!
Christ is risen!
Christ will come again!**

In the breaking of bread and the sharing of this cup, renew in us
the gift of faith by the power of your Spirit. Bind us to one another
and to Christ as we join your reconciling work in the world. Yet, we
wait expectantly for the day of ultimate reconciliation when all
wrongs are made right and the is world renewed in the fullness of
time. **Come, Lord Jesus!**

And all God's people said . . . **amen.**

COMMUNION

*Please exit left out of the pew, come forward to the serving station,
and return on the opposite side from which you exited. Children
are welcome to participate in communion at the discretion of
their parents/guardians. Children who do not receive communion
may come forward with arms crossed in front of their chests to
receive a blessing. All communion elements are gluten free.*

*Those unable to come forward to a serving station will be served by
an elder in their seats.*

*Anyone who would like prayer and anointing of oil may come
forward to the middle station.*

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

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.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY "Father, We Thank Thee" - Bourgeois arr. by Johnson

*DOXOLOGY #809
Please stand when the organ begins playing.

*SONG OF RESPONSE #62 "Immortal, Invisible.."
verses 1 & 2

*BENEDICTION

*SONG OF RESPONSE #62 "Immortal, Invisible.."
verse 3

*POSTLUDE "Praise to the Lord" - Manz

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Participating in Worship

The Congregation	Serving the Lord in Worship
Julia Huisman	Organist
Sharon Bartlett, Elizabeth Kensak, Katie Kensak,	Praise Team
Kevin McMahan, Mary Schram, and Jeff Tolsma	
Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman	Leading in Worship
	Children's Message