

Announcements

◆ Sign Up! ARC Creative Arts Camp

This summer, we'll explore new ways to explore our God-given creativity. Students entering 1st-6th grades are welcome to come to ARC to learn how learning choreography to a new dance, designing a lego kit or baking pretzels can be an act of worship. Our first sewing workshop in June was great fun! But it's not too late to join us in July and August! Sign up for the workshops as your schedule allows.

July 10th @ 6-7 PM Legos with Kit and Gideon Fynaardt or Dance with Noelle & Natalie Sampson and Maggie Kensak

August 14th @ 6-7 PM Bread making with Brad & Kathy Gabel
RSVP to Laura Jonker (arckidsmin@gmail.com) to reserve your spot!

◆ BBX: Backyard Bible eXplore is July 17-19!

Check out the display in the Coffee Fellowship Area for information about how you can get involved and/or donate items to our community-wide VBS program this summer! Children entering K-5th grade are welcome to gather from 6:30-8PM each night in one of the backyards listed on the display to explore what it means to live as "Children of the Light" in our community. We'll finish with a BBX celebration on July 20th with a family pool party at Orange City Pool! No pre-registration is required. Questions? Laura Jonker, arckidsmin@gmail.com

◆ Survey for Planning ARC Adult Discipleship Offerings

In order to plan the types of Adult discipleship offerings that will attract even more adult members, please fill out the survey that was sent to your home via email. Those without email, this survey has been placed in your ARC mailbox. Extra "hard copies" are available by the mailboxes and at the Welcome Center. We ask that you complete the survey and place it in the box at the Welcome Center by Sunday, July 16.

◆ Kids Hope USA: Fall Volunteers Needed

One hour. Can you commit one hour of your week over a lunch break to invest in a child? Kids Hope USA at ARC is an opportunity to mentor a "at-risk" elementary aged student at Orange City Elementary. This fall, we are looking for two new mentors to join our team. Could it be you? You show up. Lives are transformed. See Laura Jonker for more information or with any questions.

◆ Need a mug to catch a cup at Steve's Town Square Coffee House?

Hey! ARC has just what you need! Stop by the church office and purchase an ARC mug WITH the new ARC logo for \$5!



Community Announcements

◆ Latino Festival Latino on June 28

The sixth annual Festival Latino will be held from 5:00 to 8:30 PM on Wednesday, June 28 at Windmill Park in Orange City. The purpose of this annual event is to celebrate the riches of local Latino culture and enable local residents of all ethnicities to engage one another over good Latino food, fun games for children and good Latino music. It is a concrete opportunity for Christians to "welcome the stranger." (Deuteronomy 10: 18 and Matthew 25: 31-40). All ARC members and friends are cordially invited to attend.

A Few Volunteers Needed: If you are free at 2:30 PM on June 28, and you have a strong back, we can use a few volunteers to help us set up tables for the many festival activities being planned.

Harold Heie, Chair, Festival Latino Planning Team.

◆ You're Invited to Attend Global Leadership Summit at NWC

Northwestern College will be a host site for the 2017 Willow Creek Global Leadership Summit Aug. 10-11. Two days of presentations by more than a dozen world-class leaders—including Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg, Equal Justice Initiative founder Bryan Stevenson, and pastor and author Andy Stanley—will be livestreamed in the England Theatre of the DeWitt Theatre Arts Center.

American Reformed Church is a Summit Partner to NWC, so members and regular attenders are welcome to attend the Summit at the reduced rate of \$99 if you register before June 27. Visit www.nwciowa.edu/GLS to register using priority code SPC17. If you have questions or want to know who else from ARC is planning to attend the Summit, contact Pastor Mike or Tamara Fynaardt.



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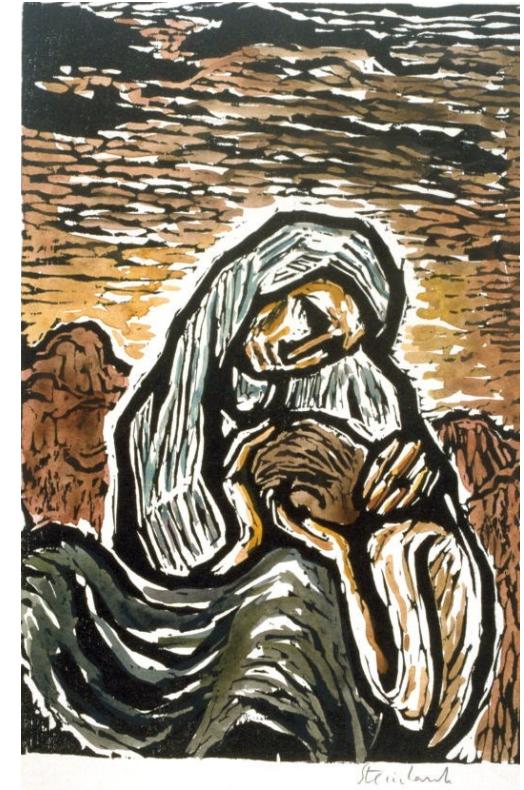
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Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2017



"Hagar and Ismael"
Jakob Steinhardt
1955

<https://art.famsf.org/jakob-steinhardt/hagar-and-ismael-1965862>



THE APPROACH TO GOD

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

PRELUDE "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Whitworth
"The God of Abraham Praise"
Doran

CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from Psalm 86
You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all day long.
**For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.**
For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.
**Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.**
Let us worship God!

*SONG OF WORSHIP #21 "How Great Thou Art"

*GOD'S GREETING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Gracious God:
**this morning we will hear the story of Hagar and Ishmael
being cast out and sent away.
If we are honest, we find our own brokenness within this story.
Like Sarah, we are jealous of others, and we cast them away.
Like Abraham, we are distressed by the words of our loved ones.
Like Hagar, we are afraid as we wander about in the wilderness.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and forgive us.**

(Please use this time of silence for personal confession.)

Merciful God,
**set us free from our jealousy and our desire to cast others away,
our distress over trying to keep the peace with our loved ones,
and our fear as we wander about
in the seemingly God-forsaken wilderness places of our lives.
Like Hagar, give us ears to hear the life-giving words of your grace,
and give us eyes to see the life-giving well of your sustenance.
We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*SONG OF ASSURANCE #84 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
All children will remain with us in worship today.

*SONG OF PREPARATION #538 "I Need Thee Every Hour"
SCRIPTURE Genesis 21:8-21
SERMON "The Frustrating Faithfulness God"

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
(Please pass the fellowship pad found at the end of the pew.)

OFFERTORY "I Need Thee Every Hour"
Wood

*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 #618 "Give to the Winds Your Fears"

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG #651 "O Master Let Me Walk"
vv. 1, 3, & 4

*POSTLUDE "Proclaim the Glory of the Lord"
Doran

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Welcome to our Guest Preacher

This morning, we welcome the Rev. Dr. James Mead, Professor of Religion and Chair of the Religion Department at Northwestern College, as our guest preacher.

Participating in Worship

The Congregation	Serving the Lord in Worship
Julia Huisman	Organist
Paul Karssen	Leading in Worship
The Rev. Dr. James Mead	Preaching
Laura Jonker, Director of Children's Ministry	Children's Message

Join us at Fellowship Café today immediately following worship in the fellowship hall! Menu: Baked French toast, fresh fruit, juice, milk, coffee and water. Freewill donation will help fund the ARC Nicaragua mission trip.

Praying for God's People

Be in prayer for:

***Philip De Koster** who was injured in a single bicycle accident on Tuesday evening, June 20, and fractured his jaw. Philip had surgery on Wednesday to wire his jaw shut for 3-4 weeks so the jaw can heal. Please pray for healing and for no future complications that could result from the injury.

***Vernie Van Engelenhoven** will have glaucoma surgery on Monday, June 26, in Omaha, Nebraska. Please pray for a successful surgery and good healing.

***Cameron Hofmeyer**, attending camp at Inspiration Hills, June 26-30.

***Laura Jonker** as she serves as one of the Chaplains at Inspiration Hills summer camp, June 26-30.

Pastors' Vacation

Mike and Elizabeth are on vacation through today, Sunday, June 25. If you have a pastoral need during today, please contact the elder on call:
Benjamin Langton (712-737-6882 or benjamin.langton@icloud.com).

Expresses Thanks

"Thank you American Reformed Church for offering your prayers, love and support in a variety of ways before and after John's passing."
...With love, Bonnie Kaericher

"April Buysman and her family want to thank everyone for your prayers and thoughtfulness in sending cards, gifts, and for visiting her during the past several months. A special thanks to Pastors Elizabeth and Mike for visiting and praying for her. Several times during these months April remarked, "Mom, I have the BEST church". We all thank you, and may God bless you."