

Announcements

◆ Learning to Ask...



Today (June 4) we start a new series called, "Learning to Ask..." We invite you to participate by submitting questions about the Bible, faith, Christianity, religion, Reformed theology and more. While we won't have time to address all the questions in six weeks, we will compile these questions into common themes as the basis for the series.

Today is the last day to place your questions in the box at the Welcome Center or submit them via email (elizabetharcoc@gmail.com and mikearcoc@gmail.com).

◆ May 7, 2017 Congregational Meeting Results

At the congregational meeting held on Sunday, May 7, Les Cleveringa, Marlene De Zeeuw, and Bill Kepp were elected to the office of elder. Deb Anderson and Brent Sampson were elected to the office of deacon. Les Cleveringa and Marlene De Zeeuw drew three-year terms; Bill Kepp drew a one-year term. New consistory members begin their terms of service on July 1. They will be ordained and/or installed on Sunday, July 9. Please pray for the 2017-2018 ARC Consistory—that they will lead ARC well in engaging our mission as a community that gathers together to be transformed by Jesus to transform the world through acceptance, grace, wisdom, and love. Thank you for your participation in the consistory nominations and elections process.

◆ 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 sewing a school bag, learning a new dance, designing a lego kit or even baking pretzels can be an act of worship! Sign up for one, two or all three of the workshops as your schedule allows.

June 12th @ 6-7 PM -- Sewing with Cindy Cleveringa

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 Gabel

RSVP to Laura Jonker (arckidsmin@gmail.com) by June 1st to reserve your spot!

◆ Not able to be present in worship?

Feel free to drop off your tithes and offerings at the church office or send them through the mail. Even better, consider signing up for automatic withdrawals from your bank account. Forms enabling you to do that are at the Welcome Center. Your consistent, generous support is vital throughout the summer month as we continue to engage our mission as "a community that gathers together to be transformed by Jesus to transform the world through acceptance, grace, wisdom and love."



◆ Mark your calendars! BBX 2017



What: Backyard Bible eXplore: Children of the Light! *Come learn how God's light changes our lives!*
Who: All children of our community entering K-5th grade.

When: July 17, 18, 19 @ 6:30-8 PM

**Note: Final Family Pool Party will be July 20th at the Orange City Pool*

Where: 6 different family backyards throughout our community. See the display in the Coffee Fellowship Area for more details!

Questions? Laura Jonker, arckidsmin@gmail.com

◆ Sea to Sea Cycling Ministry



Rudy and Shirley Folkerts are doing a cycling ministry this summer to raise money and awareness for the fight against the cycle of poverty. Please remember them in prayer. To make a contribution, come to a Tip/Community Impact Night at the Orange City Pizza Ranch on Wednesday, June 7. Thank you for your support.

Participating in Worship

The Congregation

Pam Anderson

Pam Anderson, Rosalyn De Koster,

Tamara Fynaardt, Mary Schram, and Jeff Tolsma

Pastors Elizabeth & Mike Hardeman

Benjamin Langton

Serving the Lord in Worship

Organist

Praise Team

Leading in Worship

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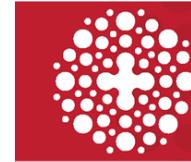
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Pentecost Sunday
June 4, 2017



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 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
"I Will Sing of the Mercies"

CALL TO WORSHIP

*SONG OF WORSHIP "Build Your Kingdom Here"

*GOD'S GREETING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of God-
You are the breath of all creation,
and yet, we fail to care and steward what you have created.
You are the instigator of dreams and visions,
and yet, we stifle our dreams and deny others' visions.
You are the rouser of holy restlessness,
and yet, we are content with the injustices of our world.
You are the source of divine imagination and curiosity,
and yet, settle into certainty and accept easy answers.

Please use the silence for reflection and confession.

Come, Holy Spirit-
Remind us of our participation in creation as co-creators.
Renew in us the capacity for Spirit-inspired dreams.
Restore our restlessness with the way things are in the world.
Rekindle our ability to imagine the world as you intend it to be
while asking questions about the way it is.
Transform us and embolden us.
In your power, we pray. . . amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children remain in worship during the summer months.
Worship bags may be picked up by the elevator.

*SONG OF PREPARATION "Holy Spirit"

SCRIPTURE Mark 9:2-14

SERMON *Learning to Ask . . .*

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

God's Spirit be upon you..
And also upon you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to join with God.
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer! In the beginning, your Spirit moved over the face of the waters during the birth of creation. In the days of our ancestors, your Spirit came upon prophets and teachers, anointing their hope-filled words about a coming Savior. We join our voices in the present with prophets, apostles, and saints of the past:

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.

Your Spirit moved over Jesus in baptism, anointing him to heal, preach, forgive, and reconcile. After his death and resurrection, this same Spirit gave birth to your church which is called to carry on Jesus' ministry and mission. Remembering this great call, we offer ourselves to you and proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

As we break this bread and share 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.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

COMMUNION

Please exit to your left out of the pew, come forward to the serving station. Return to your pew on the opposite side from which you exited. Anointing of oil and prayers for healing will also be offered.
Children are welcome to participate in communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. Children who do not participate in communion may come forward with arms crossed in front of their chests for a blessing.

Our communion service is completely gluten free.

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 "It Is Well With My Soul"

*DOXOLOGY p. 809

*SONG OF RESPONSE #299 "O Breath of Life"
vv 1 & 2

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG #299 "O Breath of Life"
v. 3

*POSTLUDE "The Happy Trumpeter"

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Praying for God's People

***Dorothy Brown** (grandmother of Elizabeth Ann Brown Hardeman), who was dismissed from the Orange City Area Health System Hospital on Wednesday, and returned to the Prairie Ridge Care Center under hospice care. Pray for her comfort, and for strength for family who support her and care for her.
***We extend our sympathy and support to Bonnie Kaericher** in the death of her husband, John, on Wednesday, May 31st.

There will be a memorial service on Monday, June 5, at 10:30 AM at ARC. Interment will be prior to the service at the West Lawn Cemetery in Orange City. There will be a prayer service on Monday, June 5th at 9:30 AM, at the Oolman Funeral Home in Orange City. Visitation will be after 2:00 PM today, Sunday, June 4th, with the family present from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM at the funeral home. Pray that the peace of Christ and the hope of the resurrection will surround Bonnie as she grieves John's death.

Expresses Thanks

"Friends, thank you all so much for your support during this difficult time as we grieve the loss of my Dad. Your kind words, cards, prayers and food have helped ease this time of sorrow. Thank you, church family."

...Meagan & Mike, Abby, Allison and Anna Wallinga