

TODAY, March 3

During Worship Children & Worship*

Meeting in the north side classroom of the children's ministry hallway (lower level). Children can be picked up by 10:45.

10:45–11:30AM NO Sunday School

6:30–8:30PM HSYG (9th-12th)

Wednesday, March 6

6:15–6:45PM Ash Wednesday Service

6:15–7:30PM NO F3 (1st-4th gr.) & MGYG (5th-8th gr.)

Sunday, March 10

During Worship Children & Worship

10:45–11:30AM NO Sunday School

6:30–8:30PM High School Youth Group

Other Info to Note

⇒ **Snacks Needed for F3**—We need 24 pre-packaged, individual serving-sized bags each Wednesday. Examples- Goldfish bags, pretzels, animal crackers, etc. **Snacks must be peanut-free.** Contact Pastor Elizabeth—elizabetharcoc@gmail.com

⇒ **Mid-grade and high school students are claiming their space!**
When: Friday, March 15 5:00–10:30PM
Where: Uhm . . . the youth space . . . obviously!
What: Play together. Eat together. Escape together.
RSVP to Rose and/or Ben by March 8

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*
 Upper Level: #204(Green & Purple)

*These 2 groups will be joined together in room 204. All children may be picked up @ 10:45AM from room 204 (behind Rosalyn DeKoster's office).

PRAYING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

*Pray for **Carolyn Elder** who is recovering at home after surgery in Sioux Falls on Wednesday, February 20.

*Pray for **Phyllis Vander Werff** and her family and **Kathy Gabel** and her family as they grieve the death of a beloved sister and aunt—**Marianne Czechowskyj**. A memorial service was held on Saturday, February 23 in Michigan.

*Pray for **Jerry Brown**, father of **Elizabeth Brown Hardeman**, as he recovers from multiple procedures to remove cancer and prepares for a skin graft procedure and eventually radiation.

*Pray for **Mitch & Sandie Kinsinger** as they seek treatments for Mitch's lymphoma and Sandie's myelodysplastic syndrome.

EVENTS FOR TODAY

- ◆ 10:30-10:45 AM **Coffee Fellowship** in the Coffee Fellowship Area
- ◆ 10:45 - 11:30 **ADULT DISCIPLESHIP WINTER 2019 OFFERINGS**
Today is the last Sunday for this class:
 - BIBLE STUDY: JOSHUA in Room 301 (Choir Room Upstairs)
- ◆ **ENOUGH Sermon Series Small Groups (This is the last session.)**
 10:45-11:30 AM #1 West Front of Sanctuary; #2 West Narthex
 4:45-5:45 PM in the Coffee Fellowship Area

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 4

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **2ND SUNDAY GATHERINGS GUEST SIGN UP for March 10**
 ARC members will be hosting 2nd Sunday groups in their homes on Sunday, March 10. Sign-up sheets are at the Welcome Counter in the coffee area (near the church office) or you may email or call Pam Boonstra pamboonstra@gmail.com 712-548-7148 before Monday, March 4. All ages including college students are welcome. You will be asked to bring something for a Potluck meal if you can (it may be paper plates or a bag of chips).



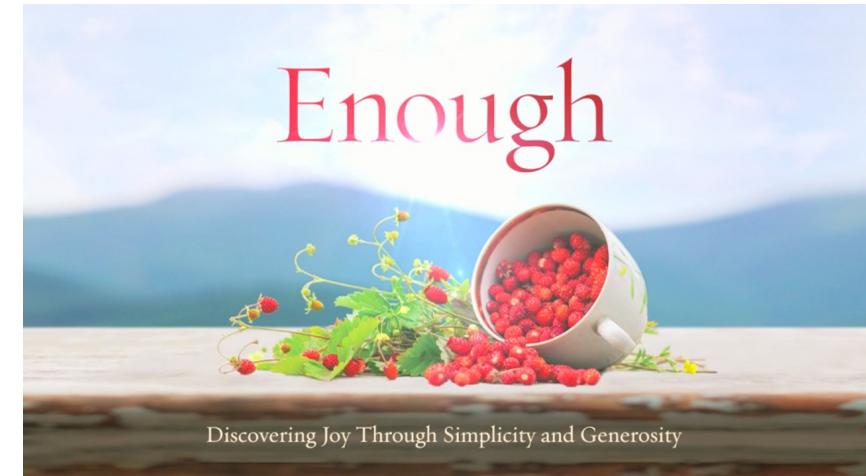
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Transfiguration Sunday
 March 3, 2019



THE APPROACH TO GOD

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

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*SONG OF WORSHIP "Across the Lands"

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

SONG OF CONFESSION "Glory to Glory"
Congregation please join as you feel led to do so.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Romans 5:1-2
Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have obtained access to this grace
in which we stand;
and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.
Friends, know that you are forgiven people
and go forth to live in light of that glory.
Amen!

MINISTRY OF DANCE "Counting Every Blessing"

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children & Worship (ages 3–1st grade) is held in room 106 located
in the lower level children's ministry wing. Worship bags and color-
ing pages are by the elevator for children remaining in worship.*

*SONG OF PREPARATION #124 "I Love You, Lord"
Sung twice, second time a cappella

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

SERMON "Enough: Lifestyles of the Rich and Generous"

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT & INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Holy and right it is to give our thanks and praise! You brought
light out of darkness and set the sun to brighten the day and the
moon and stars to illumine the night. You lead us by the light of
your truth into the way of righteousness and peace. Joining our
voices with all the faithful of every time and place, we sing:

Sung a cappella:

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

On a lonely mountain Jesus' human body was transfigured by
your divine splendor. In his face, we have glimpsed your glory. In
his life, we see your love. He bore the burden of human sorrow
and suffering as a living reflection of your holiness. The world was
dark at his death, but the light of his life could not be
extinguished. From the grave he rose like the sun, with blinding
power and radiant peace. We proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon the
bread we break and the cup we bless. By your Spirit make us one
with Christ and one with all who share this feast. As this bread is
Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the
world. Illumine our lives, O God, with the radiance of Christ's love,
and inspire us to shine in faith and witness as his disciples.

COMMUNION

*Please exit the pew to your left, come and return on the opposite
side from which you exited. Children may receive communion at the
discretion of parents/guardians. Children who do not participate in
communion may come forward with arms crossed in front of their
chests for a blessing. Communion elements are gluten free.
Anointing of oil/prayers for healing are offered at the center station.*

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**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

*DOXOLOGY p. 809
Congregation, please stand when organ begins playing.

*SONG OF RESPONSE #644 "God, Whose Giving"
sung to "Beech Spring," #578
vv. 1, 2, & 3

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG #644 "God, Whose Giving"
sung to "Beech Spring," #578
v. 3

*POSTLUDE

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Participating in Worship

The Congregation	Serving the Lord in Worship
	Worship Accompanist
Doug De Zeeuw, Marlene De Zeeuw, Ben Patzlaff,	Praise Team
Teresa Sampson, and Angela Kroeze Visser	
Pastor Mike & Pastor Elizabeth	Worship Leaders
Leaps of Faith	Assurance of Forgiveness
Leaders: Maggie Kensak, Katelyn Reuvers, Natalie Sampson, and Natasha Sampson	
Dancers: Neriah Hardeman, Katie Kensak, Nevaeh Sampson, and Ava Schmitz	
Staff Advisor: Rosalyn De Koster	



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, March 6 @ 6:15–6:45 PM

The season of Lent begins this Wednesday and calls us
into a journey of communal and spiritual renewal. You
are invited to begin the forty-day Lenten journey with this
brief service for all ages.

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.

The Lenten Generosity Challenge

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6, and ends on Easter Sunday, April 21. You are invited to participate in the **Lenten Generosity Challenge** for the seven weeks of Lent. Prayerfully consider whether or not God is “nudging” you to participate in one of the practices below.

- **Calculate the percentage of income you give to the church.**
 - Example: Jane gives \$100 per month. Her income is \$2,500 per month.
 - To calculate her percentage of income giving amount: $\$100 \div \$2,500 = 4\%$.
 - Jane gives 4% of her income to the church.
- **Prayerfully consider increasing your percentage-of-income giving by 1%.** Using the example above:
 - Jane currently gives 4% of her income.
 - To increase her giving to 5%: $\$2,500 \times .05 = \125
 - If Jane chose to participate in this challenge, she would increase her giving to \$125 for the months of March and April (during Lent) and would choose to “see how it goes” before making a long-term commitment to doing so for the rest of the year.
- **Prayerfully consider participating in the “Ten-for-Seven-Lenten-Challenge”—giving 10% of your income to the church for the seven weeks of Lent.** Using the example above:
 - Jane’s income is \$2,500 per month.
 - To calculate her tithe amount: $\$2,500 \times .10 = \250
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- **If you already tithe or give beyond the tithe, consider growing in generosity by increasing your percentage-of-income giving by 1% per year.** If Jane in our example above chose to do this over the course of the next three years, her giving might look something like this:
 - For 2019: $\$2,500 \text{ income per month} \times .10 = \$250 \text{ per month (10\% of income given)}$
 - For 2020: $\$2,575 \text{ income per month} \times .11 = \$283 \text{ per month (11\% of income given)}$
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