

### SUMMER REMINDERS

- ⇒ **Children & Worship does NOT meet in the summer.** Worship bags, ARC Kids Care coloring pages, and worship reflection pages will be available all summer.
- ⇒ **The Nursery Ministry is completely covered by volunteers** with no NWC Nursery Staff.
- ⇒ **Nursery care is offered every Sunday** with slightly different hours (9:15 to 10:35 AM).

### DON'T FORGET THESE DATES

- Sun., June 2** HIS Work Camp team prep meeting
  - ◇ @ the DeKoster's house
  - ◇ 6:30-8:30PM
- June 21–30** HIS Work Camp in Tennessee (9th-12th gr.)
- July 26–28** Power Connection in Minneapolis (6th-8th gr.)

At American Reformed Church (ARC), children are always 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** All Children **Year Round** pick up & drop off by elevator
- Nursery** Birth–3YO **Year Round** 9:15–10:35 AM  
Upper Level: #203
- ARC Kid's Care Coloring Pages** All Children are invited to color a page and drop it in the offering plate. These pages are given to members of the ARC community unable to wor- **Year Round** during worship

- Worship Reflection Pages** All Children are welcome to grab a reflection page to work on in worship **Summer** during worship

### PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Congregation	Serving the Lord in Worship
Sharon Bartlett	Worship Accompanist
Sharon Bartlett, Michael Howe, John Hubers, Rebecca Koerselman, Kevin McMahan, Pete Van Kley	Praise Team
Pastor Mike & Pastor Elizabeth	Worship Leaders
Pastor Elizabeth	Children's Message

### PARTICIPATING IN MINISTRY TODAY

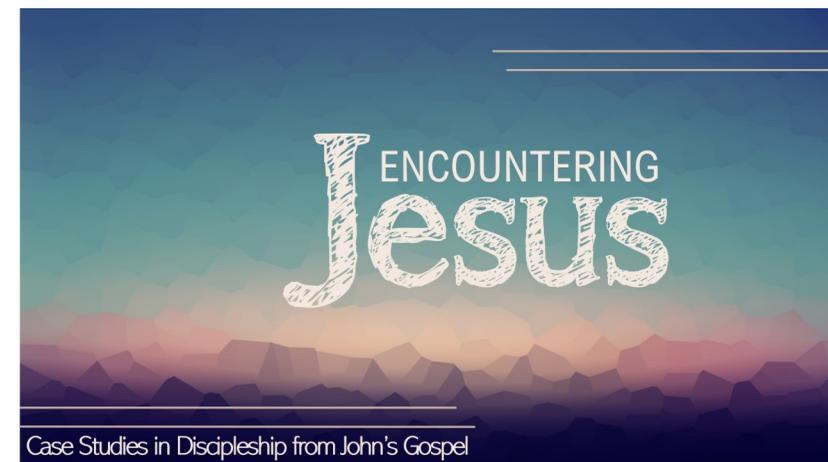
Doug & Marlene De Zeeuw	Greeters
Doug De Zeeuw, Lynn Sneller	Sound & Video
Don & Mary Lou Vander Wel, Dan & Mary Schram	Serving Refreshments
Steve & Emily Mahr, Natalie Sampson	Nursery

### NEXT WEEK SUNDAY, MAY 19

**NO REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICE AT ARC**  
**11:00 AM Tulip Festival Worship in Downtown OC Windmill Park**  
 All ARC members and friends are invited to attend. Please bring your own blanket or lawn chair. An offering will be received for various ministries in Orange City. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at First Reformed Church, located at 420 Central Avenue NW.



The Season of Easter—Week 4  
 May 12, 2019



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## THE APPROACH TO GOD

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

PRELUDE "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" arr. Tornquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*SONG OF WORSHIP "In Christ Alone"

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION #445 vs. 1-4 "Just As I Am"

*We use the words of this song as our confession. Following verse 4 there will be a brief period of instrumental music for personal confession. Please join in singing verse 5 when invited by the praise team to do so.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS #445 v. 5 "Just As I Am"

## THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Worship activity bags, ARC Kids Care coloring pages, and worship reflection sheets for children to use during worship may be picked up across from the elevator.  
Nursery is available for children 3YO and under.  
Children & Worship (3YO—1st grade) resumes in September.*

\*SONG OF PREPARATION "What the Lord Has Done in Me"

SCRIPTURE John 20:24-31

SERMON "Encountering Jesus: A Case of Doubt"

## 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.**

LENTEN GENEROSITY STORY

Daniel Den Boer

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" arr. Mier

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

\*SONG OF RESPONSE "Will You Come and Follow Me"  
vs. 1-4

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING SONG "Will You Come and Follow Me"  
v. 5

\*POSTLUDE "Blessed Assurance" arr. Sanborn  
*All music & lyrics used by permission - CCLI #374890*

## PRAYING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

\*We offer prayers of celebration and thanksgiving to God for **Rosalyn De Koster**, who will be receiving her Master of Divinity Degree from Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan on Monday, May 13. ARC will be publicly acknowledging and celebrating this milestone for Rosalyn in worship on Sunday, May 26. We bless God for Rosalyn's life, witness, and call to ministry!

\*Please pray for **Mitch & Sandie Kinsinger** as they continue treatments for lymphoma (Mitch) and myelodysplastic syndrome (Sandie). Mitch has been hospitalized at Sanford Health in Sioux Falls for the majority of this week as his counts remain low from his last intensive round of chemotherapy. Pray for patience, strength, and comfort. Pray for Sandie, too, as she continues to prepare for a bone marrow transplant.

\*Please pray for **Patricia Vande Zandschulp** (mother of **Amber Altena**) and **Jerry Brown** (father of **Elizabeth Brown Hardeman**) as they undergo treatments for cancer. Pray that their treatments will be effective, and pray for comfort and peace throughout.

## IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP TODAY...

♦ **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** in the area outside of the fellowship hall.

♦ **LEAVE YOUR MARK: MEANINGFUL SCRIPTURES & PRAYERS OF BLESSING**

Following worship today, we would like to invite you to "leave your mark" on the worship platform in the sanctuary (in the upper level). Within the next two weeks, the platform will be covered with vinyl flooring. Before that happens, however, we want to offer an opportunity for you to write meaningful scriptures and prayers of blessing on the worship platform. There will be several markers available on the platform after worship. Please make your way to the front of the sanctuary (in the upper level) after worship this Sunday, May 12 and write your scripture or prayer using the markers provided. Parents: please provide appropriate supervision by accompanying your children who wish to do this. **This is the final Sunday you will have an opportunity to do this, so please make sure you make your mark today!** Thank you for offering your meaningful scriptures and prayers of blessing for this project!

## EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, May 13**

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

**6:30-9:30 PM Deacons, Elders and Consistory Meetings**

**Wednesday, May 15**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENT

♦ **NEWLY ELECTED CONSISTORY MEMBERS**

At the May 5 ARC Congregational Meeting, Beau Koerselman and Diane Van Kley were elected to serve three-year terms as elders and Jill Haarsma and Angela Kroeze Visser were elected to serve three-year terms as deacons. All will be ordained and installed on Sunday, June 23, with their terms beginning on July 1, 2019.

## Who belongs at American Reformed Church?

Everyone is welcome here. Everyone belongs. Whether you walked in the doors for the first time or the 321<sup>st</sup> 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.**

