

## Announcements

### ◆ May 6, 2018 Congregational Meeting Results

At the congregational meeting held on Sunday, May 6, Greg Elliott and Sara Tolsma were elected to the office of elder, and Mark Beltman and Tom Truesdell were elected to the office of deacon. New consistory members begin their terms of service on July 1. Greg and Sara will be ordained and/or installed on Sunday, June 24. Mark and Tom will be ordained and/or installed on Sunday, July 15. Please pray for the 2018-2019 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.

### ◆ Director of Children's Ministry Search

ARC is currently seeking a Director of Children's Ministry who is creative, visionary, relational, and called by God to nurture children and their families into a more vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ. This is a part-time position (25 hours per week minimum), with the potential for full-time employment for candidates who possess additional ministry gifts that will enhance and grow the ministry of ARC. For more information, go to: [americanchurchoc.com](http://americanchurchoc.com). Candidates are strongly encouraged to submit their materials before May 15.

### ◆ Church Building & Office Hours May 14-20

Due to the Tulip Festival, the building and office hours for Monday, May 14 through Sunday, May 20 are modified as shown below. Thank you for understanding.

#### Monday-Wednesday, May 13-15

Building Hours 8:30AM—5:00PM\*

Office Hours 8:30AM—12 Noon and 1:00PM—3:00 PM

**\*From 3:00-5:00 PM, only upper level door open.**

#### Thursday-Saturday, May 17-19

Building & Office closed.

#### Sunday, May 20

Building & Office closed.

The Community Tulip Festival Worship Service will be held at 11:00 AM at Windmill Park or—in the case of inclement weather—First Reformed Church (420 Central Avenue NW).

### ◆ Tulip Festival Community Worship Service

There will be no regular worship service at ARC on Sunday, May 20. All ARC members and friends are invited to attend the Tulip Festival Community Worship Service at Windmill Park in downtown Orange City at 11:00 AM that day. Please bring your own blanket or lawn chair. Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church will be leading worship, and the Rev. Ryan Perz from Cornerstone Baptist Church will be preaching. 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.



Pentecost Sunday (Observed)

May 13, 2018



"Dry Bones" by Nathan Moskowitz, 2010



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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

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*SONG OF WORSHIP "See What a Morning"

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Adapted from Sharletta M. Green  
We have come, O God, broken, battered, and lifeless.  
**Our bones are dry and we have lost sight of who we are.  
We are dead, and we are unaware when our death occurred.  
Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive us.**

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

God of Pentecost power:  
**breathe new life into us that we might live,  
breathe new life into our homes,  
breathe new life into our neighborhoods,  
breathe new life into our relationships,  
breathe new life into your church.**

Like Ezekiel, we trust in your power to breathe new life  
into our dry bones and dead situations.

**We await your life-giving Spirit to fall upon us  
so we might be revived, restored, and renewed. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS "This I Believe"

# THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE  
*Children ages 3-1st grade will remain with us in worship today.  
Worship bags are by the elevator.*

\*SONG OF PREPARATION "Holy Spirit"

SCRIPTURE Ezekiel 37:1-14

SERMON "The Prophet to the Bones, the Breath, and the Buried"

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Simeon Henry De Koster

# 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.**

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

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

OFFERTORY "See This Wonder in the Making"

\*DOXOLOGY #809  
*The congregation may stand when the organ begins playing.*

\*SONG OF RESPONSE #289 "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"  
vv. 1 & 2

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING SONG #289 "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"  
v. 3

\*POSTLUDE

*All music & lyrics used by permission - CCLI #374890*

## Participating in Worship

The Congregation Serving the Lord in Worship  
Pam De Haan Organist  
Sharon Bartlett, Bethany Dykstra, Jacob Gabel, Praise Team  
Laura Jonker, Rebecca Koerselman, and Wanda Korthals  
Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman Leading in Worship  
Mass Hands of Praise: 2nd-12th Grade Students Assurance of Forgiveness  
Rosalyn De Koster & Laura Jonker, Directors  
Kim Van Es Children's Message  
Ryan Visser, Chair of ARC Deacons Stewardship Update  
Sanctuary Choir Offertory  
Philip De Koster, Director  
Pam De Haan, Accompanist  
Rebecca De Haan, Violinist

## Praying for God's People

ARC's pastors and elders welcome the opportunity to provide care and support in your time of need. You may contact the pastors at church during the day at 712.737.4430, extension 202 for Mike and extension 204 for Elizabeth. For urgent pastoral care needs outside of regular hours, please contact the pastors at home at 712.737.9050.

**\*Mary Fernow** who fell and both dislocated and fractured her ankle on Friday evening, May 4. Mary was transferred to Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, and underwent surgery on Saturday morning. She returned to Orange City, and is staying at her parents' home (Allen & Margaret Fernow). Please pray for Mary's healing. Pray for strength, endurance, and peace.

**\*Judy Wierda** who remains in skilled care at the Orange City Area Health System Hospital.

**\*Laura Jonker**, who will be resigning her position as Director of Children's Ministry around June 20, and will be moving to Holland, Michigan to continue her studies at Western Theological Seminary and to intern at All Saints Anglican Church, working primarily with the immigrant community. Pray for Laura, the children of ARC and our communities, and for the next person God might call to be our Director of Children's Ministry.

## For Today

**10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship** (gathering area behind the sanctuary)

**4:45 PM Amistad Cristiana Worship Service**

Members of ARC will again join in worship with Amistad Cristiana (130 3rd St NW, Sioux Center) at their 4:45 worship service. You don't speak Spanish? No problemo—translation via headsets is available. Questions can be addressed to Kim Van Es. Todos son bienvenidos! (All are welcome!)

## Events for the Week

**Monday, May 14**

**10:00-11:00 AM Women's Prayer Group**

(Prairie Ridge Care Center, Grandview Cottage Dining Room)

**May 16**

**11:45 AM The ARC Seniors will be meeting for lunch** at the OC Pizza Ranch. Everyone is welcome. Reservations are not necessary.