

## 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.

\***Judy Wierda** who is hospitalized at the Orange City 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.

## Events for Today

10:30-10:45 AM

Coffee Fellowship in the gathering area behind the sanctuary.  
Children & Worship Music Time (ages 3-1st grade) in Rm 111  
Hands of Praise (Grade 2-5) in the fellowship hall.

10:45 AM Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)

All ARC confessing members are invited to attend a congregational meeting today at 10:45 AM. The purpose of the meeting is to elect consistory members. Nominees for the office of elder are Greg Elliott and Sara Tolsma. Nominees for the office of deacon are Mark Beltman and Tom Truesdell.

10:45-11:30 AM

Discipleship Classes for Ages 3-12th Grades (Lower Level)

5:00 PM High School Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)

Please note time and location!

## Events for the Week

◆ Monday, May 7

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

(Prairie Ridge Care Center, Grandview Cottage Dining Room)

## Announcements

•**Director of Children's Ministry Search**

ARC is currently seeking a Director of Children's Ministry who is creative, visionary, relation, 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.

•**NEXT Sunday, May 13**

**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!)

•**Sunday, May 20**

**11:00 AM Everyone is invited to a Community Worship Service** to be held on at Windmill Park in downtown OC. Please take a blanket or a lawn chair for seating.

*(Rain location is OC First Reformed Church on Central Avenue).*

Worship will be led by Grace Reformed Church and Rev. Ryan Perz from Cornerstone Baptist will bring the message. An offering will be received for various ministries in Orange City.

## Participating in Worship

The Congregation  
Julia Huisman  
Doug De Zeeuw, Marlene De Zeeuw,  
Tamara Fynaardt, Teresa Sampson,  
Tom Truesdell, Angela Kroeze Visser  
Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman  
Gail Marincovich

Serving the Lord in Worship  
Organist  
Praise Team

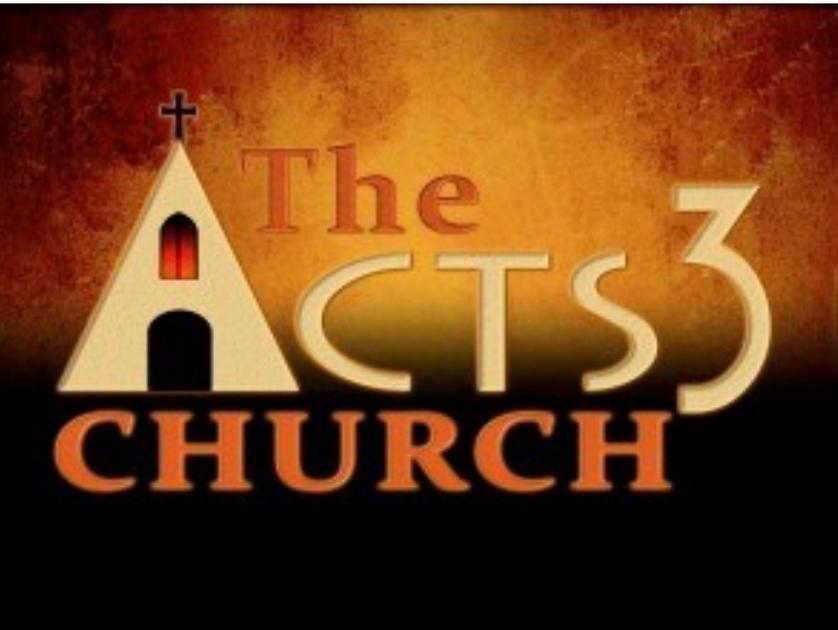
Leading in Worship  
Children's Message



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ACCEPTANCE + GRACE + WISDOM + LOVE



# THE APPROACH TO GOD

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

PRELUDE "Blessed Jesus, We Are Here" Johnson  
"Joyful, Joyful" Hobby

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*SONG OF WORSHIP "Across the Lands"

\*GOD'S GREETING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Redeeming God, you have called us to be a people who gather together to be transformed.  
**Yet, we confess that sometimes when we gather together, our own transformation is the furthest thing from our minds. Some of us enter this place disengaged. Some of us enter this place disgruntled. Some of us enter this place distracted.**  
Like the long-ago crowd with front-row seats to the transformation of a man lame from birth,  
**we enter into your presence resistant to our own need for transformation.**

You have called us to be a people who go out to transform the world in your name.  
**Yet, we confess that sometimes when we go into the world, your transforming work is the furthest thing from our minds. We go out with our own agendas in mind. We go out seeking our own interests. We go out with busy calendars and long to-do lists.**  
Peter and John saw the same potential for transformation in the man by the gate and the crowd in the temple.  
**May we live out our own transformation as partners in your restorative work in the world.**

In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth and through the power of your Holy Spirit,  
**empower us to be the people you have called us to be, with acceptance, grace, wisdom, and love.**  
And all God's people said . . . **amen.**

\*SONG OF FORGIVENESS "Behold the Lamb"  
*Please stand and sing when invited.*

# THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children ages 3–1st grade may exit out the sanctuary doors to meet Children & Worship leaders. Leaders will take the children directly to their Sunday school classrooms following the service. Children who do not attend C & W may use the worship bags by the elevator during the service.*

\*SONG OF PREPARATION #537 "Lord, Be Glorified"

SCRIPTURE Acts 3:17-26

SERMON "The Acts 3 Church:  
The transformation of one through the One **for everyone.**"

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT & INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

Our Creator God is with us to bless us.  
**The Risen Lord is with us to bless us.**  
The Transforming Spirit is with us to bless us.  
**Creator God, Risen Lord, Transforming Spirit, we lift our hearts to you in thanks.**

You have called us from our work in the world to gather together in worship. We share this feast mindful of our connection with your covenant people of every time and every place, singing:  
*Sung a cappella, first in Spanish, then in English*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you!  
San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te g - do - ra!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly, Lord!  
Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res, Se - ñor!

You entered the world and emptied yourself completely. Naked, utterly stripped, you give yourself to us as bread which sustains us and wine that consoles us. Your great love leads us to offer ourselves as living sacrifices. This is the true worship we offer:

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

As this bread is broken and this wine poured out, O Seeker and Savior, we remember again the poor and oppressed of the earth. We recall that your body was broken that the hungry might be nourished and the oppressed set free with the bread of new hope and new life.

**You are the source of all creation,  
the source of all reconciliation,  
the source of all transformation.**

As people united by your covenant, we pray . . . **amen.**

COMMUNION

*This morning we will remain seated to receive communion. Our communion celebration is gluten free. Children are welcome to share in communion at the discretion of parents/guardians. As the bread is served, you are also welcome to come forward for anointing of oil and prayer.*

# THE RESPONSE TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 & OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY "Praeludium" J. Seger

\*DOXOLOGY #809  
*Please stand when the organ begins playing.*

\*SONG OF RESPONSE #426 "Lord, Whose Love..."  
Tune #578

\*BENEDICTION

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE "O, for a Thousand Tongues" Page

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