

Dates to Know

TODAY, October 7

During Worship Children & Worship
 10:45–11:30AM Sunday School
 4:40–5:45PM Leaps of Faith Practice (Sanctuary)
 6:30–8:30PM High School Youth Group (HSY Room)

Wednesday, October 10

6:15–7:30PM F3 (1st to 4th Grade)
 6:15–7:30PM MGYC (5th to 8th Grade)

*Bring your Sparkhouse Bible if you have one at home.
 If you don't remember, NO BIG DEAL! We'll share!

Sunday, October 14

During Worship Children & Worship
 10:45–11:30AM Sunday School
 4:40–5:45PM Leaps of Faith Practice (Sanctuary)
 6:30–8:30PM High School Youth Group

Where does my kid go?

LL=Lower Level; UL=Upper Level

Primary Grade Sunday School

PreK to Kinder LL Room 112
 1st & 2nd LL Room 101
 3rd & 4th LL Room 105

Mid-Grade Sunday School

5th & 6th UL Room 201
 7th & 8th LL Room 109

High School Sunday School

9th–12th LL Room 107

**Did You Know?
 ARC KIDS CARE**

There are coloring pages on the table by the elevator for kids to color in worship and put into the offering plate as an act of worship. These pages will be given to people who are unable to worship with us regularly as a sign of love and care!

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

All Children

Year Round

pick up & drop off by elevator

Nursery

Birth–3YO

Upper Level: #203

Year Round

9:15–11:30 AM

Children & Worship

3YO–1st Grade

Lower Level: #103 Upper Level: #201

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after children's message*

*Leaders take children to their Sunday school room after C&W music time. They may be picked up @ 11:30AM from their Sunday school room. Children may also be picked up earlier when C&W music time ends @ 10:50AM (LL Room 111).

Participating in Worship

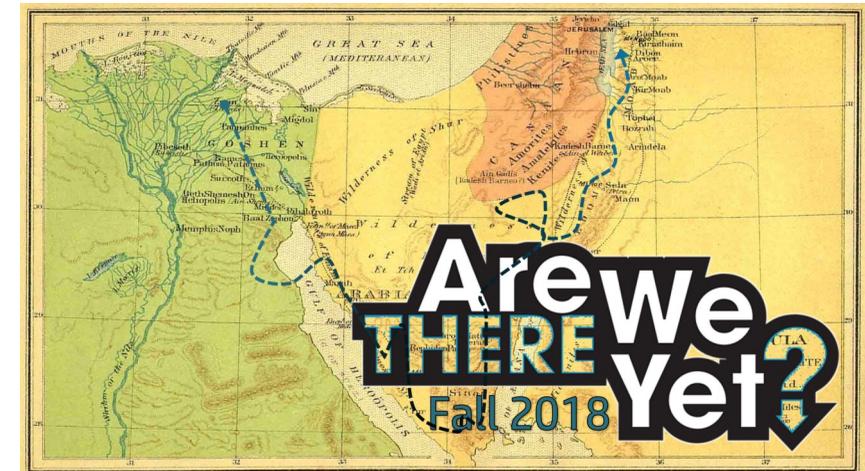
The Congregation	Serving the Lord in Worship
Sharon Bartlett	Organist
Sanctuary Choir	Call to Worship
Philip De Koster, Director	
Alyssa Daun, Accompanist	
Rosalyn De Koster, Kevin McMahan, Teresa Sampson,	Praise Team
Mary Schram, and Tom Truesdell	
Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman	Leading in Worship
Beau Koerselman	Children's Message
Rosalyn & Philip De Koster	Communion Music Leaders

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.



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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 “Jesus Shall Reign Where ‘er the Sun” - arr. Johnson

CALL TO WOSHIP “Miren qué Bueno/Oh, Look and Wonder”

CALL TO UNITY
Psalm 133 reminds us of our call to unity:
“It is good and pleasant when God’s people live together in peace!”
On this World Communion Sunday,
we gather to worship, called to this place by God,
the One who has created everyone on the planet in God’s image.
We gather to worship, called to this place by Jesus,
the One who holds all things and all people together.
We gather to worship, called to this place by the Holy Spirit,
the One who empowers worship from every tribe and tongue.

*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

Almighty God:
**we confess that—like the ancient Israelites—
we often long to return to the past
when we face the challenges of the present.**
**We long for slavery in Egypt or some other bygone era,
times when we knew what to expect and felt in control.**
**Often, our longings for the past
lead us do as the Israelites did: we complain.**
**Sometimes, when we complain our vision is clouded by yesterday,
and we are unable to see the opportunities of today and tomorrow.**
**Forgive us, O God, for the times when our complaining
stunts our vision to see what you are doing
and what you are calling us to join you in doing.**

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

Gracious God:
**by your Spirit set us free from the shackles of the past
so that we are empowered for your mission
in the present and future. Amen.**

*SONG OF ASSURANCE “The Compassion Hymn”

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*Children ages 3–1st grade may exit the sanctuary doors
to meet Children & Worship leaders. Children are also welcome to
remain with their families in worship.
Worship bags are by the elevator.*

*SONG OF PREPARATION “Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón”

SCRIPTURE Numbers 11

SERMON “Are we there yet? The Leaders’ Burdens”

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER Adapted from Guatemala

Our creator God is with us to bless us.
The redeeming Savior 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 labor in the world to worship. Around
your gifts of grace we gather with our human family and all the
saints who stand in your presence singing together:

Sung a cappella, first in Spanish, then in English

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

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co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart pours out my praise to you; you are ho - ly, Lord.

You emptied yourself completely keeping nothing for yourself.
Naked, utterly stripped, you gave yourself to us as bread which
sustains us and wine that consoles us. Your great love leads us
to offer ourselves as living sacrifices. We offer our lives to you in
worship.

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come in glory!

As this bread is broken and this cup poured out, O Seeker and
Savior, we remember that your body was broken that the hungry
might be nourished.
We are united together as one body by your body given for us.

And we eat and drink with the hope that one day the oppressed
will be set free and all wrongs will be made right.
Come, Lord Jesus!

COMMUNION “All Things Are Ready”

*Please exit to your left out of the pew and 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 at the center station. 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. All communion elements are
gluten free.*

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

OFFERTORY “In Christ There is No East or West” - arr. Pethel

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

*SONG OF RESPONSE #747 “Lead On, O King Eternal”
vv. 1, 2, & 3

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG #60 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
Refrain only

*POSTLUDE “Lead On, O King Eternal” - arr. Hildebrand

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PRAYING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

*Please pray for **Twila Netten** who will be having hip replacement surgery tomorrow, October 8.

*We offer prayers of gratitude to God for a successful surgery for **Marilyn Jiskoot**, who underwent thyroid surgery in Omaha on Tuesday, October 2. Please pray for healing for Marilyn as she recovers.

*Please pray for **Ron Kolenbrander**, beloved uncle of **Sara & Kevin Huyser**, who was recently diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer and is in hospice care at the Orange City Area Health System Hospital. Ron is a retired education professor who moved to Orange City from Radford, Virginia this past summer. He was able to attend worship at American Reformed Church a few times before health issues and hospitalizations prevented him from continuing to do so. Please pray for peace and comfort for Ron, and pray for the entire Kolenbrander family as they surround him and support him at this difficult time.

*Please continue to remember the **Kraai family** as they grieve the passing of Kathy's mother, **Shirley Hajek**.

*Pray for military service personnel **Dwaine Tiedeman**, son-in-law of **Al & Sandy Nibbelink**, deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

"I would like to thank everyone for all your thoughts and prayers as I went through my surgery in September. My family and I would also like to thank those of you who brought us meals and gift cards! We were overwhelmed by your kindness and thoughtfulness! We feel very blessed to be a part of such a loving and caring church family."

...Love, Lisa Schwarz and Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DO YOU HAVE THE GIFT OF TECHNOLOGY? Then perhaps you'd like to learn about and serve on the Sunday morning Sound Team on a rotating basis. For further information please contact Tony Altena (441-5749).

EVENTS FOR TODAY

10:30-10:45 Coffee Fellowship in the gathering area directly behind the sanctuary.

10:45-11:30 AM Discipleship Classes for All Ages

Adult Classes include:

◆ **SURPRISED BY HOPE - Video Series** (UL Room #202)

Facilitator: Julie Elliott

Many Christians believe our future in heaven is all that really matter. But that's not what the Bible teaches. This is a six-session small group DVD study, by premier Bible scholar N. T. Wright.

◆ **BIBLE STUDY: 1 THESSALONIANS** (UL Room #204)

Facilitator: Paul Bartlett

This letter to the Thessalonians is one of the Apostle Paul's earliest letters. Paul spent a short period of time in Thessalonica during his second mission trip.

Note: Not always available Sunday morning? Then consider the Flexible Book Study Options! The facilitator of each discussion group will contact those who sign up to determine the best time to meet, number of sessions, and location. These groups are a great engage deeper conversations and relationships with others. Stop by the Welcome Center to sign up!

4:40-5:45 PM Leaps Rehearsal in the sanctuary.

6:30-8:30 PM High School Youth Group will MEET at church.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 8

10:00-11:00 AM Women's Prayer at Prairie Ridge Care Center (Grandview Cottage Dining Room) Questions? Contact Arlene Punt (707-4600).

6:30 PM Deacons, Elders, Consistory Meetings (Rooms 201 & 204)

Wednesday, October 10

For information on Kids & Youth Ministries, see back of bulletin!