

**\*\*\*Announcements\*\*\***

**◊Are you fluent in a language other than English?**

On October 1 we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. We would like to incorporate 2 to 4 other languages in the service. If you are fluent in a language other than English and willing to participate in the service, please contact Pastor Elizabeth for more information. You can contact her by sending an email to [elizabetharcoc@gmail.com](mailto:elizabetharcoc@gmail.com) or calling 712-737-4430. Or just grab her after worship to express interest.

**◊Local Service Opportunity at ATLAS in Orange City**

Service project on Saturday, September 30th from 9-11 AM. Light indoor cleaning and gardening. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center. For questions please contact Laura Genade ([lgenade@gmail.com](mailto:lgenade@gmail.com) or 712-441-6882).

**◊Dishing Out ARC Nostalgia**

Previously used stoneware dishes and tableware from the ARC kitchen are available for purchase-by-donation between now and Sunday, Sept. 24, on a first-come, first-served basis. Bread and butter dishes have an ARC monogram; please take no more of those than 4 per family. Make your freewill donation for the dishware to the church office (suggested donation at least \$1 per piece).

**◊Hurricane Relief Community Pancake Supper Fundraiser**

**Wednesday, September 20 from 5:30-7:30 PM**

Several local churches will be serving and hosted at Trinity Reformed Church in Orange City (201 St Paul Ave SE). A free-will donation will be received with all proceeds going towards hurricane relief. Please continue to pray for those who have been affected by the hurricanes Harvey and Irma. If you would like to volunteer to help cook and serve, please email Julie Andersen at: [juliekandersen87@gmail.com](mailto:juliekandersen87@gmail.com).

**◊Hurricane Harvey Relief—Special Offering**

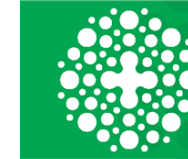
The ARC Serve Team and Deacons have collaborated to offer an opportunity for friends of ARC to give to the Hurricane Harvey Relief Effort through the Reformed Church in America throughout the month of September. If you would like to give—above and beyond your regular tithes and offerings—to this effort, please make your check payable to American Reformed Church and write, "Hurricane Harvey Relief" in the memo line of your check. You may place your check in the offering plate any Sunday during the month of September, drop off your check in the church office, or mail your check to the church. The deacons will combine these gifts and will send one check to the RCA for Hurricane Harvey Relief efforts at the end of September. If you'd like to read more about the RCA's efforts regarding this, please go to: <https://www.rca.org/news/global-mission-seeks-help-hurricane-harvey-response>. Thank you for praying for and generously supporting those in need!

**Participating in Worship**

The Congregation  
Sharon Bartlett  
Rosalyn De Koster, Doug De Zeeuw,  
Laura Jonker, Katie Kensak,  
and Teresa Sampson  
Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman  
Bethany Dykstra

Serving the Lord in Worship  
Organist  
Praise Team

Leading in Worship  
Children's Message



**Fifteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost**  
September 17, 2017

**ACCEPTANCE**

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**GRACE**

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**WISDOM**

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**LOVE**

**The Core Four**



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TRANSFORMED BY JESUS TO TRANSFORM THE WORLD

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 "Dundee" Scottish Psalter

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*SONG OF WORSHIP "Our God Is Here"

\*GOD'S GREETING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus,  
through your life, death, and resurrection  
you have welcomed us and accepted us.  
And as you have welcomed and accepted us,  
you call us to do the same for others.  
We confess that we have not lived up to your call.  
We have ignored those in need of your welcome and embrace.  
We have excluded those desperate for your grace.  
Have mercy upon us and forgive us, Lord.

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

Living Christ,  
empower us to embrace others as you have embraced us,  
to welcome others as you have welcomed us,  
to accept others as you have accepted us.  
By the power of your Holy Spirit,  
transform us so that we become  
agents of transformation in the world  
for your honor and glory. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS "Every Promise"

# THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

\*SONG OF PREPARATION #629 "Lord, Listen"  
Sung twice, second time a cappella

SCRIPTURE Romans 15:1-13

SERMON The Core Four: Acceptance"

# THE RESPONSE TO GOD

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

OFFERTORY "St. Flavian" John Day's Psalter

\*DOXOLOGY #809

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**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE "Dear Christ Uplifted From the Earth"  
vv. 1, 2, & 3  
Sung to "McKee," #695

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING SONG "Dear Christ Uplifted From the Earth"  
v. 4  
Sung to "McKee," #695

\*POSTLUDE "Old 124th" Genevan Psalter

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## Praying for God's People

### Home from the hospital:

\*We give thanks and praise that **Phyllis De Haan** was able to return home from the hospital on Wednesday, September 13. Pray for Phyllis as her body continues to heal, and pray for Stan as he cares for her in this time of recovery.

\*We also give thanks and praise that **Marilyn Jiskoot** returned to her home following knee replacement surgery and a shoulder injury. Pray for Marilyn as she continues to heal, and pray for those who care for her during her recovery.

### Upcoming surgery:

\*Please pray for **Renee Vogel**, who will be having knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, September 19, and pray for Jane as she supports her.

## \*\*\*Events for Today\*\*\*

10:30-10:45 AM

**Coffee Fellowship** in the gathering area behind the sanctuary.  
**Hands of Praise** (2nd-5th grade) in Fellowship Hall  
**Children & Worship Music Time** (ages 3-1st grade) in Room 111

10:45-11:30 AM

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

**Discipleship Classes for Adults:**

- 1) **Jesus is ... According to the Gospel of John** (Genesis Room #205)  
Facilitators: Paul Bartlett & Eric Elder
- 2) **ARC Diversity in Action: Age** (Fireside Room #202)  
Facilitator: Wanda Korthals

4:40 PM **Leaps of Faith Practice** in the sanctuary

*Please bring socks or dance shoes and wear comfortable clothes.*

6:30-8:30 PM **High School Youth Group** @ the Lamberts  
(1002 Seventh Street NW, Orange City)

## \*\*\*Events for this Week\*\*\*

Monday, September 18

**9:30-10:30 AM Young Family Nursery Play Dates**

Need a change of scenery? Tired of playing with the same toys every day? Come to the ARC Nursery on Monday mornings for an informal play-time and fellowship with parents and young children. Questions? Please contact Laura Genade, Coordinator ([lgenade@gmail.com](mailto:lgenade@gmail.com))

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

(Prairie Ridge Care Center, Grandview Cottage Dining Room, located in the southwest part of the building.) Questions? Contact Arlene Punt at 707-4600.

**7:00 PM Esther Circle** (Coffee Fellowship Area)

Lesson: Sept. 18 in "The Upper Room"

Discussion Leader: Pat Hansen

Lunch: Shirley Mouw, Muriel Powell

Wednesday, September 20

**11:30 AM ARC Seniors Lunch/Buffer** (OC Pizza Ranch)

Questions? Contact Iva Fylstra 1-859-550-3951.

**6:15-7:30 PM**

**F3** ("Fuel for Faith") for children in 1st-5th grades

Location: Fellowship Hall (Lower level)

**Middle School Youth Group**

Location: MS Youth Room (Lower Level)