

Praying for God's People

*We offer prayers of celebration along with **Bryan & Pam Boonstra** in the recent marriage of their son and his wife, **Andy & Brianna (Jackson) Boonstra**, on Friday, September 1, in Omaha, Nebraska. Pray that God will richly bless their marriage.

*Continue to pray for **Jeff De Haan**, son of **Stan & Phyllis De Haan**, who had a heart attack while traveling in Europe last week. Jeff is recovering in an Austrian hospital. Pray for strength and healing, and that Jeff would be able to return home to the states soon.

***Mary Abels**, in the death of her mother-in-law, **Lois Abels**, on Thursday, August 31st at the Orange City Health System.

*Continue to pray for **Russ Krull**, who is undergoing hyperbaric treatments in Sioux City for healing in his jaw. Pray for the treatments to be effective, for safety in travel, and for Barb as she cares for him.

*Continue to pray for **Amy Plagge**, who had surgery several weeks ago.

*Please pray for **Marilyn Jiskoot**, who will be having knee replacement surgery in Dakota Dunes, South Dakota on Tuesday, September 5. Pray for skill for the surgeons, and pray for a quick recovery for Marilyn.

Events for this Week

Monday, September 4 (Labor Day)
Church building and office closed for holiday.

Wednesday, September 6
2:00 PM Ruth Circle (Private Dining Room of Landsmeer Ridge)
Lesson: Mark 11
Leader: Sue Mulder
Hostess: Mabel Mantel

5:30-6:15 PM Family Meal Night in the Fellowship Hall
Menu: "Back to School Backwards Night"
Pancakes, sausage links, fresh fruit and beverages.
Note: All families with children in F3 or MSYG are welcome for family meal night in the ARC Fellowship Hall.
After MSYG students leave for youth group, there will be brief family activity for F3 until 6:30 PM

6:15-7:30 PM Middle School Youth Group (MS Youth Room)

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The ARC youth are looking for a DVD player.

Do you have one lying around that you would be willing to donate to the youth? Have you been wanting to clear it out of your house? If you have one and are willing to donate, please contact Rosalyn De Koster (arcyouthmin@gmail.com).



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: **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 Re- :
: lief 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-](https://www.rca.org/news/global-mission-seeks-help-hurricane-harvey-response) :
: [harvey-response](https://www.rca.org/news/global-mission-seeks-help-hurricane-harvey-response). Thank you for praying for and generously sup- :
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ACCEPTANCE + GRACE + WISDOM + LOVE



"Holy Ground" by Mike Moyers



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 "Blessed Be Your Name"

*GOD'S GREETING

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Adapted from Laura Jaquith Bartlett

God of mystery,
**we are constantly amazed
by the depth and breadth of your love.
Over and again, you turn our expectations
inside out and upside down.**

Still, we don't understand the radical nature of your grace.

**We play by our own rules of justice, even when it means
excluding those we are called to love and defend.**

**In our darkest moments, we doubt if we are worthy of your trust.
Have mercy upon us and forgive us, Lord.**

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

God of mercy,
**help us remember that you give us all the tools we need—
that through the solid foundation of your love—
we find the strength to follow your call as disciples of Jesus Christ.
Surprise us again, O God. Surprise us again. Amen.**

*SONG OF ASSURANCE "Gather Us In"

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All children will remain with us in worship today.

*SONG OF PREPARATION #2 "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

SCRIPTURE Exodus 3:1 -15

SERMON "Curiosity, Hesitancy, & the Call of God"

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord our Creator, almighty and everlasting God! You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being and preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you we praise and bless you, O God. With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name.

Sung a cappella:

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

**casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;**

**cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.**

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world. In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices. Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole Church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

COMMUNION

This morning we will remain seated for communion. All communion elements are gluten free. If you so desire, please come forward for prayers for healing and anointing of oil while the bread is being passed. Children are welcome to participate in communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians.

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.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Please pass the fellowship pad found at the end of the pew.)

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #809

*SONG OF RESPONSE #634 "Guide Me, O Thou"
vv. 1 & 2

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG #634 "Guide Me, O Thou"
v. 3

*POSTLUDE

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Participating in Worship

The Congregation	Serving the Lord in Worship
Pam De Haan	Organist
Doug De Zeeuw, Marlene De Zeeuw, Laura Jonker,	Praise Team
Teresa Sampson, and Mary Schram	
Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman	Leading in Worship
Laura Jonker, Director of Children's Ministry	Children's Message

*****Announcements*****

Mark you calendar!!!

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8:30 - 9:15 AM Kids Hope USA Volunteer Breakfast Fellowship Hall

Questions? Laura Jonker, arckidsmin@gmail.com

Children & Worship (during worship) after the children's message

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Parents of elementary students are invited downstairs to meet their child's teacher/s.

10:45-11:30 AM Sunday school (lower level)

6:30—8:30 PM HSYG. @ Lamberts

(1002 Seventh Street NW, Orange City)

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10:30-10:45 AM Children & Worship Music Time resumes in Room 111

4:40 PM Leaps of Faith Practice begins, in the sanctuary

Please bring socks or dance shoes and wear comfortable clothes

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Jesus is the Source of Living Water
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Jesus is the True Vine
Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life

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Facilitators: See below
Location: Fireside Room (202)

The diversity among ARC members is a gift from God. The purposes of this Adult Discipleship series are: To foster “mutual understanding and trust” by listening to one another’s diverse stories; To talk about differing ways in which we envision being agents for God’s redemptive purposes into the future based on our unique stories and gifts.

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