

March 31, 2019

Worship 9:30 AM

Gathering

Prelude

*Gathering Song: "Here I Am To Worship"

*Welcome and Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Songs of Praise: "Man of Sorrows – What a Name" and "Jesus Messiah"

Depending on God

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

Thanking God For His Grace

*Song of Gratitude: "Christ, the Life of All the Living"

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: The General Fund and Special envelope – Crossroads Bible Institute

Offertory Solo: "Gethsemane Hymn" Annelise Folkema

Children's Blessing

Children ages 3-5 are dismissed for Children's Worship

Receiving God's Word

*Song of Preparation: "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

*Scripture Lesson: Mark 14:32-42

Message: "Difficulty in Discipleship"

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Departing as Witnesses

*Song of Response: "Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone"

*Blessing from God

*Parting Hymn: "In This Dry Land"

*Postlude

*Stand if able

Piano: Karen Admiraal

Violin: Amy Brasser

Cajon: Ben Vandenberg

Vocalist: Annelise Folkema, Joseph Fox, Ben Mellema

Preacher: Pastor Doug MacLeod

WORSHIP

WORSHIP TODAY, The Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 31. The story in Mark 14:32-42 tells of "Difficulty in Discipleship" as Jesus' disciples fail him and he will travel the path from Gethsemane to Golgotha alone. Our offerings are for the General Fund and for the Crossroads Bible Institute.

WORSHIP SYMBOLISM FOR LENT: The banner and pulpit parament depict the crosses of Calvary with a mosaic of fabrics representing the variety of those for whom Christ died. The candles, for each of the six weeks of Lent, grow increasingly dark as we journey to the darkness of Good Friday. The purple cloth is the traditional liturgical color for repentance and it is draped on the cross representing why Jesus journeyed to the cross. In front of the pulpit is the beam we used to bear the candles of Advent and which will be affixed to the cross to bear Jesus. Each week an object is included as a symbol from the text for each Sunday in Lent. This week we have an hourglass as Jesus instructed his disciples to keep watch and afterwards declared that "the hour has come." (Mark 14:32-42).

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, The Fifth Sunday in Lent, April 7. The next story in Mark 14:43-52 tells of the failure of the disciples. Our failures, as grievous as they are, are all fully met by Christ in his death and resurrection. That reassuring truth will be our invitation to share in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Our Youth Praise Team will sing during the offering of our gifts for the General Fund and GEMS main office.

PLAN AHEAD: Maundy Thursday, April 18, and Good Friday, April 19, at 7 PM there will be combined evening community worship services hosted by the Reeman CRC (Maundy Thursday) and First CRC (Good Friday). Everyone is invited.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KIDSOWN, SUNDAY SCHOOL, CHILDREN'S CHOIR, and **FYSH** do not meet today and April 7 due to spring break.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, April 14, following the morning worship service in the sanctuary. This will be an informational and discussion meeting regarding our congregational finances. This will be in preparation for the annual congregational meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 15.

THE MOBILE FOOD TRUCK will be at Second Church on Wednesday, April 17. Volunteers are needed from 4:15 to 5:30 PM. Please sign up on the sheet on the literature ledge.

FROM OUR DEACONS: World Renew Disaster Response Services along with the Newaygo County Emergency Operations Center have begun efforts locally in Newaygo County to assist in the cleanup of some of the homes affected by the recent flooding. They are looking for volunteers to help out with this ongoing situation. The work will be exclusively cleanup and "muck-out" work...tearing out wet drywall, carpet, and other materials from flooded homes and hauling that material to dumpsters which are already on site near the affected area. DRS has trained volunteer leaders assisting with the work in this area. The cleanup dates will be Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from March 29 through April 12. Thank you for considering helping in these efforts to serve right here in our

own backyard! Click the following link to register for the dates you are available to help <https://worldrenew.net/spring-storms-2019> *Please note that some of these homes will already be affected by mold, so this may not be a good job for people with respiratory issues.

EVENTS

MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFAST continues this week, 7 am, Friday, April 5 at First Reformed Church, 348 E Main St. There is a suggested donation of \$3.00. All men of the community are encouraged to attend.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 – Second Church will be hosting the Men's Lenten breakfast. If you would like to help out, contact Pastor Doug.

EASTER PLANT SALE: Please check your church mail box or the literature ledge for the FYSH Easter Plant Sale order forms! The Easter lilies, hyacinths, and tulips which you order can be used either as decoration in the church or may be taken home on Good Friday (April 19). The money and orders forms must be in by April 9 for guaranteed pick up on April 19, but late orders will be accepted. Proceeds from the sale of Easter lilies, hyacinths, and tulips will go towards student mission trip accounts. Any questions? Contact Zach by calling or emailing the church office.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Eileen Alderink and Mary Folkema each had rotator cuff (shoulder) surgery a week ago. The healing and physical therapy for this kind of surgery takes up to six months.

Marv and Donna Folkema have moved for the time-being to the Transitional Health facility.

Pray for **Hope Okeny** in Uganda

FYSH

➤ March 31 and April 7 – No FYSH – Spring Break

Young Life

➤ April 10, 7:56 PM – YL Club at Fremont Rec Center

STOCK THE PANTRY: For March our Deacons welcome donations to the TrueNorth food pantry of peanut butter and jelly.

SECOND CHURCH CALENDAR

Today

9:30 AM Morning Worship Service
10-10:45 Children's Worship for ages 3-5

AVAILABLE ON THE LITERATURE LEDGE

- TODAY Devotional for March/April
- March 27 edition of *2nd's Matters*

SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

Ushers (Call Bob Hayward if you cannot find your own substitute)

Today: Brad Gilliland, Joe Jiran, Matt Mellema, David Brassier

Next Week: Ryan Boven, Jon Volz, Gabriel Brassier

Nursery Attendants

(Call Mary V. Folkema if you cannot find your own substitute)

Today: Infant: Ann Pell, Mary Boven
Toddler: Jane Wolffis, Abby VandenBerg, Ben Mellema

Next Week: Infant: Jane VanOstenberg, Chelsea Breuker
Toddler: Marique Buchanan, Ella Westbrook, Gabi Folkema

Greeters

Today: Kyle and Jessica Folkema

Next Week: Jon and Valerie Volz

Newaygo Medical Care Facility Visitors Service begins at 2 PM

Today: No Service due to influenza

Next Week: Speaker Fred Bultman, Phil and Judy Deur, Mike and Carol DeWeerd, Graydon and Jennie Dimkoff

Drivers for Deerfield Residents

Today: Chris Boven

Next Week: Karen Admiraal

Sound and Video Operators

Today: Phil Deur, Mahlon Volz

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Children's Worship

Today: Gail Wagenmaker, helper Kyler DeKuiper

Next Week: Sandy Smith, helper Alex Wagenmaker

Kids' Own

Today: No Class – Spring Break

Next Week: No Class – Spring Break

Kids' Own Jr

Today: No Class – Spring Break

Next Week: No Class – Spring Break

Cookies (6 dozen each to be at church by 9:15 am)

Today: Valerie Volz, Ann Pell

Next Week: Sara Krohn, Elizabeth Wolffis