

May 23, 2021
Worship 9:30 am

Our worship service is live-streamed:
Watch on [YouTube](#) at or on [Facebook](#)

Prelude: "O God Beyond All Praising"

Gathering

- *Gathering Song: "Holy Spirit"
- *Welcome and Call to Worship
- *Passing the Peace of Christ
- *Songs of Praise: "Confidence" and "Blessed Be Your Name"

Thanking God for His Faithfulness

Graduate Recognition
Gold's Will for Our Lives: Charge to Graduates
Song of Faith: "Build My Life"
Congregational Prayer
Children's Blessing *Children grades Pre K-4 are dismissed for Story Hour*

Receiving God's Word

- *Song of Preparation: "He Leadeth Me"
- Scripture Lesson: Exodus 14:29-15:24 page 68
- Message: "Singing Our Story"
- *Song of Response: "Blessed Assurance"

Departing as Witnesses

- *Blessing from God
- *Parting Hymn: "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"
- Postlude

**Rise in Body or in Spirit*

*Musicians: Wendy Kops, Jud Afman, Jon Mellema,
Lizzie Van Wyk, Steve Wagenmaker
Preaching: Seminarian Jodi VanWingerden
Liturgist: Zach Van Wyk*

WORSHIP

Sunday Worship, May 23

Seminarian Jodi VanWingerden will be leading us in worship. Her message, "Singing Our Story," is based on Exodus 14:29-15:24. We will recognize our 8th grade, high school, and college graduate's accomplishments during this service and pray over them. Please continue to social distance. Nursery and Story Hour are offered.

Advanced Notice for Worship, May 30

On Sunday, May 30, we will worship with other area churches for outdoor worship. The service will start at 10 am in the West Gerber Parking Lot (cross streets are Stone and Hemlock, with entrances on Hemlock.). We encourage you all to pack up the Lawn Chairs and blankets and join our community for worship. In case of inclement weather, we will be at First Reformed Church using an FM transmitter.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our sympathies go out to **Rick and Eileen Alderink** in the unexpected passing of Rick's brother, Randy Alderink, this past Tuesday.

Thank you to everyone at Second Church for all the prayers, cards, and emails during my ten-week recovery from leg fractures. We really appreciated all the love and concerns expressed by so many.

Alvera Kidder

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Update – Fiscal Year 2020-2021

As a reminder, our fiscal year ends June 30. At the end of April, our General Fund is behind our budget by almost \$30,000, and our Christian Education Fund is over \$20,000 behind. Over the next several weeks, please prayerfully consider what you can give to 2nd Church to help reduce this deficit.

The Outreach Committee is currently seeking two additional committee members. If you are interested in joining this committee or would like more information on the work being done by the Outreach Committee, please contact Tyler Cook (616) 443-2374.

Save the Date – June 12

Fremont Young Life is holding its annual Golf Outing Fundraiser on June 12 at Water's Edge Golf Course in Fremont. Join us for a great game of golf and to support a wonderful ministry. Email us at fremontyl@gmail.com to get registered to play or to become a sponsor.

Offerings

The Deacons welcome our offerings in support of our congregation's financial obligations. Donations can be mailed to the church or submitted online by [clicking here](#) or downloading the "GivePlus" app. The app allows you to give to funds other than the General Fund.

Special envelope offerings are:

May 23 – Christian Education Fund

June 6 – Bethany Christian Services

June 13 – Wellspring Adult Care Services

June 20 – World Renew

June 27 – Hope 101

Stock the Pantry: For May, the requested items are spaghetti sauce, rice, and noodles.

AVAILABLE ON THE LITERATURE LEDGE

- TODAY Devotional for May/June
- Council summary of the Pastor Church Resources consultation report

SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

Nurse Attendants

Today, May 23: Mary V. Folkema

Next Week, May 30: No Service at Second

Story Hour

Today, May 23: Sylvia DeKuiper, Chelsea Breuker

Next Week, May 30: No Story Hour: Community Worship

Sound and Video Operators

Today, May 23: Ben Mellema, Jason Snyder, Jason DeKuiper