

## Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

9:30 AM

### The Congregation Gathers:

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements – *Jerod Zimmer*

### For Praise:

✠ Song of Praise #295 “Revive Us Again”

✠ Prayer of Confession

**Lord, you said, “If you love me, you will obey what I command.” Forgive us our lukewarm love and our disobedience. Lord, you said, “You may ask for anything in my name.” Forgive us when we think we need to solve our own problems. Lord, you said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety. Lord, you said, “If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.” Forgive us our barren lives, Lord. Lord, you said, “You must testify, for you have been with me.” We confess, Lord, that we have been too often silent. Lord, you said, “Love each other as I have loved you.” In this and in so many other ways, we confess our failures and shortcomings. Amen.**

✠ Words of Assurance

✠ Ascription of Praise #623 “Gloria Patri”

✠ Passing of the Peace

Ministry in Music – *Brenda Sinning*

### For Reflection:

Children’s Message

Scripture Lesson – Haggai 1 (pages 1468-1469)

Message: **“Consider Your Ways”**

Prayer of Commitment

✠ Hymn #293 “Rise Up, O Church of God”

### For Response:

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

✠ Offertory Response #625 “Doxology”

**Giver of every good and perfect gift, we marvel at your love and care for us and for all that you have made. Help us by your Holy Spirit to lift our hearts to you, to taste and see that you are good, and to live lives of abundant generosity, full of gratitude and grace, through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**

Sunday School Teacher Recognition

Graduate Recognition

Church Family Ties

Congregational Prayer and “*The Lord’s Prayer*”

✠ Benediction

✠ Closing Song #310 “So Send I You” (verses 1,2,4,5)

Postlude

✠ *Please stand during these acts of worship.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The scripture and message will be posted on Facebook. You may view the worship service live in the kitchen, the Family Life Center, and the nursery.

Tithes and offerings may be designated for technology, helping hand, mission, memorial, or building funds. Undesignated gifts go to general fund.

Thank you to Adam Hofer from the Center of Hope for leading us in worship this morning.

Congratulations to our graduates. High School graduates are Ben DeJong and Dane Winterboer. Eighth grade graduates are Aiden Schieck, Micha Townsend, Sullivan Weeldreyer, and Grayson Zwart. Graduating from SDSU is Aiden Zimmer.

Children in preschool-4<sup>th</sup> grade may go to the Family Life Center for “Little Lambs” Choir and Sunday School during the closing song. Sunday School for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades/youth meets upstairs at 10:45 AM. All classes end at 11:15 AM. Today is the last day of classes for the season. Thank you to all who lead and participate in our Sunday School and Christian education programs.

A Sunday School teachers and education committee meeting will be held this Wednesday, May 7, at 6:30 PM to review and turn in materials, to discuss the needs of the program, and to make plans for the fall. All are welcome.

Vacation Bible School will be held on Tues-Friday mornings, May 27-30. Please volunteer to help by signing-up in the fellowship hall. Register children age 4 – current 4<sup>th</sup> grade online at [secondreformed.com](http://secondreformed.com) or with a paper form.

There will be a graduation open house for Dane Winterboer in the fellowship hall on Sunday, May 4, from 4:00-7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

Volunteers are needed to mow the church lawn. There is a sign-up sheet on the office door for those who would like to volunteer.

Greeting cards have been restocked in the church library, with a limited supply of graduation cards. A new series will be ready soon.

May newsletters have been sent by email. Printed newsletters are available by the mailboxes.

There will be a graduation open house for Benjamin DeJong in the fellowship hall on Saturday, May 17, from 1:00-4:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Union Gospel Mission Lamplighters will meet May 16 at 2:00 PM at Grandview Covenant, 1114 140th St, Larchwood, IA. The Love Gift is socks and underwear of all sizes for children, women, and men.

Inspiration Hills offers camps for kids from 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. In celebration of 50 years of ministry, the camp theme is based on Hebrews 13:8 “Christ is the Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever.” Register online at [inspirationhills.org](http://inspirationhills.org). Blue fee assistance forms are available by our mailboxes. Visit the website for paid staff and volunteer opportunities.

The Brave Little One Foundation is looking for volunteers to make an impact through Pruitt's Closet, a project dedicated to modifying/ sewing clothing to be accessible for children with feeding tubes. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please reach out to Jordan Kruse via email at [bravelittleonefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:bravelittleonefoundation@gmail.com) or via text at 605-799-6479. Thank you for considering this opportunity. We hope to hear from you!

Go to [www.secondreformed.com](http://www.secondreformed.com) to join our email prayer chain group. Click "services" at the top of the page, scroll down and click the "join" button in the prayer chain section. Contact Jerod Zimmer or Kristi Rops for assistance. **You may also participate in a phone prayer chain group.** Contact Kristi Rops or Joann Muller to be added to a phone group.

Last week we received \$2,981 for general fund (\$3,307 needed weekly to meet the general fund budget) and \$100 for building fund.

Contact Kent DeJong, Jerod Zimmer, or Shellene Smidt if you would like to give offerings by automatic bank withdrawals.

#### **TODAY:**

Welcome to Second Reformed Church! We invite all visitors to sign the guest book. Thank you for joining us in worship of our risen Savior.

Music: Helen Groen

Greeters: Bob & Karla Smit

Coffee: Brad & Teresa Smidt and Jerry & Mary Schilling

8:55-9:25 AM – Koffee Kiosk (bring your own covered mug)

9:30 AM – Worship Service

10:25 AM – "Little Lambs" Choir and Preschool-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School

10:30 AM – Coffee/Fellowship time

10:45 AM – 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade/Youth Sunday School

11:15 AM – Sunday School classes dismiss

#### **THIS WEEK:**

Wednesday – Teachers/Christian Education meeting at 6:30 PM

Elder and Deacon Meetings at 7:00 PM

Consistory meeting at 7:30 PM; Lunch – Jerod Zimmer

Friday – Bulletin information due by 9:00 AM

#### **NEXT SUNDAY:**

Koffee Kiosk from 8:55-9:25 AM; Worship Service at 9:30 AM; Music – Diana Smit; Greeters & Special Music Coordinators – Randy & Diana Smit  
Coffee/Cookie Servers – Bob & Karla Smit and Hadley & Lynn Plucker;  
Fellowship/Coffee at 10:30 AM

#### **PRAYERS:**

Pray for the Center of Hope as they minister in the Sioux Falls area.

Pray for our local Love INC (In the Name of Christ) affiliate which has received national licensure and will expand service in our area.

Pray for our graduates as they move on to next steps.

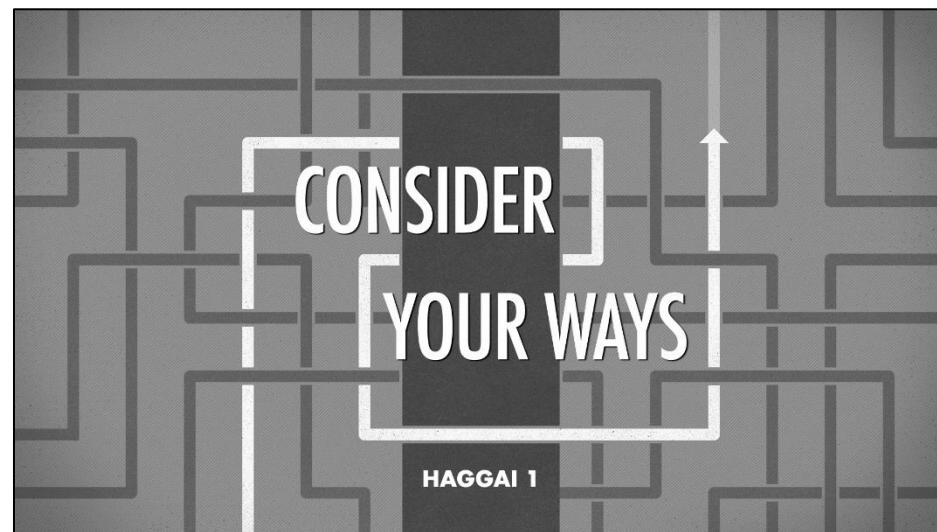
*Glorify God*

*Renew Through Christ's Resurrection*

*Affirm the Gifts of the Holy Spirit*

*Commit to Compassion*

*Evangelize All the Earth*



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