

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

9:30 AM

The Congregation Gathers:

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements – *Jerod Zimmer*

For Praise:

✠ Song of Praise “In Christ Alone”

✠ Prayer of Confession

Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him. Grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ’s rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠ Words of Assurance

✠ Ascription of Praise #623 “Gloria Patri”

✠ Passing of the Peace

Ministry in Music – *Kim Geiken and Denise Snoozy*

For Reflection:

Children’s Message

New Testament Lesson – Acts 11:1-18 (page 1711)

Response Psalm – Psalm 148:1-6 (page 982)

New Testament Lesson – Revelation 5:6-10 (pages 1918-1919)

Message: “**A New Song**”

Prayer of Commitment

✠ Affirmation of Faith #716 “The Apostles’ Creed”

✠ Hymn “Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone”

For Response:

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

✠ Offertory Response #625 “Doxology”

O Christ, who lived to show what life is like, who died to show that sin is death, who rose to raise us up to life eternal, help us to follow you and love you forever. Amen.

Sacrament of The Lord’s Supper

Church Family Ties

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

✠ Benediction

✠ Closing Song “Forever”

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.

Vacation Bible School will be held on Tues-Friday mornings, May 27-30. Please volunteer to help by signing-up in the fellowship hall. **We still need group leaders and snack donations.** Register children age 4 – current 4th grade online at secondreformed.com or with a paper form. **Please register now so that we can make group assignments.**

Contact Charish Weeldreyer or Kristi Rops by tomorrow morning if you have special requests for when you serve coffee/cookies in July-December. Thank you to all who serve.

June newsletter information is due in the office by 9:00 AM on Monday, May 19.

The Deacons are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help keep landscape spaces beautiful! If you enjoy being outdoors and have a knack for tidying up, we'd love your help with general landscaping care. This includes tasks like weeding, light pruning, and ensuring our planted areas are looking their best. Your contribution, no matter how small, will make a big difference in maintaining vibrant and welcoming environments for everyone to enjoy. We have broken the landscaping down into 7 sections. If your family or a group is interested, please contact a Deacon to sign up for a section.

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.

A new book series is ready for check-out in the church library. The library also has greeting cards that you may purchase.

The “Loads of Love” gap ministry through Love INC offers an opportunity to wash up to 4 loads of clothes and linens per household at the SunnySide Laundromat in Lennox on Saturday, May 31, from 5:00-7:00 PM. Detergent, quarters, and light refreshments will be available. Walk-ins are welcome, or you may call Julie 712-348-4952 or Love INC 605-681-6550 to reserve a spot.

Inspiration Hills offers camps for kids from 1st-12th 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. 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 or via text at 605-799-6479. Thank you for considering this opportunity. We hope to hear from you!

Go to 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 \$2,108 for general fund (\$3,307 needed weekly to meet the general fund budget) and \$400 for mission 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 and to join us for fellowship following worship.

Music: Acoustic

Greeters: Tom & Denise Snoozy

Coffee: Hank & Judy Sinning, Steve & Jenny Folkens, Ellen Peters

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

9:30 AM – Worship Service

10:30 AM – Coffee/Fellowship time

THIS WEEK:

Monday – June newsletter information due in the office by 9:00 AM

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 – Judy Schlunsen; Greeters & Special Music Coordinators – Dustin & Steffy Thoms; Coffee/Cookie Servers – Steve & Patty Sinning and Alex & Elizabeth Sinning; Fellowship/Coffee at 10:30 AM

PRAYERS:

Pray for those who are making preparations for our Vacation Bible School.
Pray for willing volunteers and for the children and families who will attend.
Pray that seeds will be sown and that the Holy Spirit will be at work.

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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