

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026

9:30 AM

The Congregation Gathers:

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements – *Dennis Ebright*

For Praise:

✠Songs of Praise “Here I Am, Lord”
“This Is My Prayer”

✠Prayer of Confession (read in unison)

Gracious God, you have given us the law of Moses and the teachings of Jesus to direct us in the way of life. You offer us your Holy Spirit so that we can be born to new life as your children. Yet, O God, we confess that the ways of death have a strong attraction and that we often succumb to their lure. Give us the vision and courage to choose and nurture life, that we may receive your blessing. Amen.

✠Words of Assurance

✠Ascription of Praise #623 “Gloria Patri”

✠Passing of the Peace

Ministry in Music – *Jerod and Kyle Zimmer*

For Reflection:

Children’s Message

Old Testament Lesson – Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (page 284)

Response Psalm – Psalm 119:1-8 (page 957)

New Testament Lesson – Matthew 15:10-20 (pages 1521-1522)

Message: **“In and Out”**

Prayer of Commitment

✠Hymn #373 “Where He Leads Me”

For Response:

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

✠Offertory Response #625 “Doxology”

✠Presentation of our Gifts to God (read in unison)

All good things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you. And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves, and all that we have, in union with Christ’s offering for us. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Church Family Ties

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

✠Benediction

✠Closing Song “How You Love Me” video

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.

Nominations will be received today for two elders and for two deacons to serve 3-year terms. The list of those eligible for nomination is in your mailbox. Extra copies are available by the bulletins.

Preschool-5th Grade students may leave during the closing song for “Little Lambs” choir and their Sunday School class.

A Sunday School class for youth in grades 6-12 meets at 10:45 AM for a video/discussion series on “The Lord’s Prayer.”

Adults are invited to a video/discussion series at 10:45 AM in the Family Life Center. Pastor Harlan is leading “Christianity, Cults, and Religions.” Topics include Essential Christian Doctrine, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Mormonism, Eastern Spirituality, and Islam.

Next Sunday, October 4, is World Communion Sunday. We will join Christian churches around the world in celebrating the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.

Kristi Rops has returned to her office hours of Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM.

Our internet service is working now, but the church phones are still not working. Thank you for being patient with this issue.

October newsletters have been sent by email. Printed newsletters are available by our mailboxes.

On Sunday, October 11, we have an opportunity to share God’s love by serving the evening meal at Freedom’s Gate in Sioux Falls. Please take some time to look at the sign-up sheets in the fellowship hall and help us provide the food. If you are available, we will need people to help serve the meal. You may contact Beverly Winterboer, Kim Geiken, or Mary Schilling with questions.

We will be assembling a gift basket for the Center of Hope fall benefit on November 7 at Celebrate Church in Sioux Falls. Place monetary gifts in the baskets in our kitchen serving window by October 25. Thank you.

If you would like to be a Caring Cook, contact Patty Sinning or Susan Bultena.

Thank you for your continued support of RCA Global Mission. Your faithful generosity helps strengthen and grow the global church. We are grateful for your partnership and faithful engagement in this work. *RCA Global Mission*

Remember to gather discarded clothing/rags for the “Rags to Roofing” project at the Union Gospel Mission. Donations may be brought to our church at any time.

“Words of Hope” devotionals are available by the mailboxes in the fellowship hall or online at **woh.org**. Please share them with others.

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.

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

Last Sunday we received \$2,082 for the general fund (\$3,457 needed weekly to meet the general fund budget).

TODAY:

Welcome to Second Reformed Church! We invite all visitors to sign the guest book and to join us for fellowship following worship.

Music: Judy Schlunsen and Diana Smit

Greeters: Steve & Jenny Folkens and Ellen Peters

Coffee: Hadley & Lynn Plucker and Gary & Kim Geiken

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

9:30 AM – Worship Service

10:25 AM – Preschool-5th Grade "Little Lambs" Choir and Sunday School

10:30 AM – Coffee/Fellowship Time

10:45 AM – 6th-12th Grade Video Series on "The Lord's Prayer"

Adult Video Series on "Christianity, Cults, and Religions"

11:15 AM – Classes Dismiss

THIS WEEK:

Wednesday – 6th-8th Grade Youth at 6:30 PM

High School Youth at 7:40 PM

Friday – Bulletin information due by 9:00 AM

NEXT SUNDAY:

World Communion Sunday; Koffee Kiosk from 8:55-9:25 AM; Worship Service at 9:30 AM with the Lord's Supper; Music – Acoustic; Greeters & Special Music Coordinators – Gary & Kim Geiken; Coffee/Cookie Servers – Paul & Laurie Kruse and Chris & Jordan Kruse; Preschool-5th Grade Choir and Sunday School at 10:25 AM; Fellowship/Coffee at 10:30 AM; 6th-12th Grade Sunday School and Adult Video/Discussion series at 10:45 AM; Classes dismiss at 11:15 AM

PRAYERS:

Pray for our nomination process as we consider those who might serve as elders and deacons for our congregation.

Pray for the mission family we support in Europe, for the core members to solidify, and for newcomers to find a place where they can hear the message of Jesus, join, and contribute. Pray for their family to grow in pursuing Jesus in both planned and spontaneous moments. Praise for the joyful regathering of community after eight weeks apart. A letter is available by our mailboxes.

Glorify God

Renew Through Christ's Resurrection

Affirm the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Commit to Compassion

Evangelize All the Earth

LOVE the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your might.
Deuteronomy 6:5

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