

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

23 August 2020

Welcome! If you are visiting this morning, we're glad to have you with us today. Due to COVID, we are asking that everyone sits only in the pews with cushions, and does their best to maintain social distancing in the rows. As well, we're asking everyone to wear their masks throughout the service, if you are able. We're eager to worship the Lord, but we want to do so wisely!

This morning we will see as Paul concludes his letter to the Philippians, he emphasizes his gratitude for how God has worked in their hearts so that they support him financially. This again highlights the way that the story of Jesus must translate into our everyday lives: we are willing to share financially with other believers and support the work of the gospel.

Order of worship

Prelude *O Come to the Altar*
Worship Team

Welcome

Call to Worship

Singing *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*
This Is Amazing Grace
Resurrecting

Kingdom Prayers

Message **"GIVE"**
Dr. Branson Parler *Philippians 4:14-23*

Singing *We Are One in the Spirit*

Closing Blessing

Announcements

Offering

Our offering this morning will be received following our worship service.

Mission of the Month – Mission India

How did Mission India begin? Pastor John DeVries went on his first trip to India in 1971. He was overwhelmed with the heat, the crowds of people, the stench, the beggars..... it was a lot to process. On his flight back to Michigan he prayed: "anywhere but India Lord." But John witnessed an incredible need on his visit to India. And he discovered passionate Christians in India, even though small in number, they were motivated to reach their own nation with the love of Christ. John could not ignore the calling God placed in his heart, so eventually a partnership was born. In 1984 the first Bible-based Adult Literacy Class met, a year later Church Planter Training was added and in 1990 Children's Bible Clubs were introduced. These three programs continue to fulfill their vision: To see India transformed by the love of Christ. Your financial gifts for this ministry can be given at any time during the month of August.

Congregational Survey

This past week we sent an email to the congregation that included a congregational survey for the fall. If you didn't receive that email, and would like to participate in the survey, please call the office in the next week to do so.

Congregational Meeting

This coming Sunday, August 30, we will be having a congregational meeting after the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to bring everyone up to speed regarding our relationship with New City Neighbors, and address a few other things. If you have questions regarding NCN that you would like addressed, please write them down and drop them in the wooden box on the welcome table. You can also email your questions to pastorschalk@icloud.com.

Wednesday Prayer Gathering

Since COVID restrictions began, a number of us have been gathering every Wednesday evening for prayer at 7:00pm on Zoom. This week Wednesday we're going to experiment with a new format. We will still have Zoom available for people to participate, but we will also make space to gather in the fellowship hall at church. If you are planning to come in person, please wear a mask and enter through the handicap entrance, or the double glass doors under the church tower.

Rest Haven Knitters

Just a reminder that our next Zoom meeting with Rest Haven Knitters will be Thursday, August 27 at 11:30am. Contact Sandy or Dianne if you need the ID # and password.

Sermon Notes:

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Empowered by the Spirit
to **follow** Jesus together, **serve** others,
and **share** God's love.
