

# Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship  
our Lord and King

4 July 2021

Welcome! If you are visiting this morning, we're glad to have you with us today.

Today we begin looking at the prophetic words of Ezekiel, who addresses the exiles living in Babylon. Through our text today we'll see God's promise to give His people the thing they needed the most, a new heart.

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## Order of worship

Prelude *Man of Sorrows*  
*Worship Team*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Singing *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*  
*It Is Well with My Soul*  
*Living Hope*

Kingdom Prayers

Message **THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO THE PROPHETS –  
A NEW HEART AND SPIRIT**  
*Rev. Eric Schalk* Ezekiel 36:22-28 (p. 839)

Singing *We Are One in the Spirit*

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received  
following our worship service

This week at **Fourth**

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<b>Today</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	Dave & Richanda Bolt Next week: Kevin & Kandi Zeller
	<b>Nursery</b>	Nancy Aukeman, Betsy Coutchie Next week: Becky Berrevoets, Kate Schalk
	<b>Coffee</b>	Tom & Norma Boehm Next week: Branson & Sarah Parler

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<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 AM	<b>Women's Bible Study</b> <i>in the Fireside room</i>
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<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM	<b>Dude's Group</b> <i>meets at New Beginnings on Michigan Street, or join us via Zoom by contacting Aaron Wetzel for the link</i>
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<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 AM	<b>Knitting Group</b> <i>in the Fireside room</i>
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<b>Friday</b>	6:00 PM	<b>Fourth Forward Retreat Begins</b>
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<b>Saturday</b>	8:30 AM	<b>Fourth Forward Retreat</b>
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## Praise & Prayer

**Marge Bolthuis** and **Nancy Brinks** continue their cancer treatments. Pray for strength, encouragement, and good health for them throughout these treatments.

Pray for **James Brinks** as he was deployed this past week. Pray that God will be with him as he adjusts to his new surroundings.

Pray for **Luke Bills** who's currently in Navy Boot Camp. Luke was recently diagnosed with COVID (his second time having it), and is currently in quarantine. Pray he feels better quickly, and can continue on with his training.

## Announcements

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### Communion

Our communion celebration, originally planned for this morning, has been postponed until July 11. There are a couple reasons for this, but the main reason we are waiting a week is so that we can celebrate the Lord's Supper together as the capstone of our weekend seeking God's vision for Fourth Church.

### Fourth Forward

This coming Friday the consistory, staff, and Fourth Forward team will meet together to seek the leading of the Spirit for Fourth Church. As we gather July 9 and 10, pray for the Spirit's leading. Pray for Mike Gafa who is leading the retreat. Spend time this week praying at home, praying at church, and also fasting in some way, as we seek the will of God for our church and community.

### Missionaries of the Month

Our Mission of the Month is **Words of Hope** and we are concerned particularly for their work today in India. While the United States is making progress with Covid-19, countries like India are still facing many challenges; the Words of Hope India team is faced with many new challenges. One of the largest issues that India is facing is their healthcare system. The pandemic has left hospitals short staffed and scrambling to help those in need. Because of this, many people in the country are left without hope. This has caused many Christian leaders to try to negate some of these needs by coming alongside families who are struggling with sickness, poverty, and many mental health issues as people continue to become sick, children continue to do virtual learning, and parents struggle to work due to all of these circumstances. The Words of Hope India team is sharing on the radio about the Comforter, Counselor, and Keeper, who alone can heal the hearts of those left reeling by the devastating events of this past year. This team is working overtime to meet the needs of those in rural areas who are impacted by Covid-19 and are some of India's poorest. They are providing education about Covid-19 as well as helping children who have fallen behind in school so parents can try to continue to work. Any support for Words of Hope India will help our ministry team continue to help those who need it the most. Offerings for Words of Hope may be given anytime during the month of July.

### Men's Event

Men save Saturday, July 31 for a father son event from 5-7pm at church. If your father is unavailable pair up with another guy, if your son can't make it, pair up with another guy. More details later; you'll decide how young is too young to come. Questions? Ask the men's ministry team (Brian, Beau, Justin, Mike Bolt, Tom).

### Sermon Notes:

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

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