

**Welcome to Worship with First Reformed Church**  
**May 7, 2023**  
**Rev. Luke Baehr, Senior Pastor**

*Risen Jesus, as spring blossoms around me, may your love blossom in me, that I might share its fragrance and brilliance with others.*

**Sunday Morning Worship – 9:00 a.m.**

**GOD GATHERS US**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

**\*Opening Praise**      *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above  
Our God Made Us One*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Welcome & Peace**

**Refrain of Thanks**

*I Know Whom I Have Believed*

**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Children's Message** (Kids Church – ages 3-4<sup>th</sup> grade meet downstairs)

**Scripture**      Philemon 1:1-25

**Sermon**      *"Forgiveness Story: How Can I Forgive?"*

**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**Announcements**

**Prayers of the Church**

**GOD SENDS US OUT**

**\*Sending Song**      *In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified*

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Doxology**      *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

**\*Postlude**

*\*Congregation please stand*

**Next Week's Scripture:** Matthew 12:46-50

**Those Serving Today**

**Organist:** Clarice Koopmans

**Nursery:** Patti Hiley

**Kids Church – Today**

**Leader:** Stacy Jahn

**Helper:** Violet Saeman

**Next Sunday – May 14**

**Leader:** Holly Pfeffer

**Sunday School**

Sunday School will be dismissed at 10:45 a.m.

**Today**

You are a royal, priesthood, God's own people. Welcome to worship, that we may proclaim the mighty acts of God, who called us into his marvelous light.

\*Please join us in the fellowship hall after worship for coffee time.

**This Week's Activities**

**Monday, May 8**

**6:30 p.m.** – Elder's Meeting – Anyone wishing to request baptism, make Profession of Faith or join our church by transfer of membership is invited to attend.

**7:00 p.m.** – Consistory Meeting

**Saturday, May 13**

**11:00 a.m.** – Spring Women's Salad Luncheon

**Sunday, May 14**

**9:00 a.m.** – Morning Worship

Pianist: Lois Wendlandt

**Nursery:** Kati Hiley

**Announcements**

**Sisters Keepers** – Sisters Keepers is looking for volunteers to help set up for their spring event on Friday, May 12 at 1:00 p.m. If you plan to attend, be sure to sign up for "Plant Seeds of Kindness" on the sheet on the bulletin shelf in the narthex or call Shirley Schueler at 920-344-0137.

**2023 Graduates** – Please let Jana know if you will be having a graduate this year from 8<sup>th</sup> grade, high school, or college.

**Special Mother's Day Offering** - Next Sunday, in honor of Mother's Day, there will be a special offering for the Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County which has the mission of serving moms and babies in Dodge County.

**Right to Life Sunday** – Next Sunday May 14 we will celebrate Right to Life Sunday. The Dodge County Chapter of Right to Life will be donating roses and the roses are available to all women. You do not have to give birth to value God's greatest gift of life and to have an impact on the lives of those around you. Look for Karen VanHerwaarden as she will be handing out the roses.

**Promotion Sunday** - Join us in two weeks on Sunday, May 21, as we celebrate the completion of another Sunday school year, including memory work from our classes, gratitude to this year's teachers, and acknowledgement and prayer for our high school graduates. Also join us for a reception after worship!

**Have A Van to Rent?** - This year's youth mission team is 16 members who will be traveling to Kansas City, MO for a week, June 25-July 1. The majority of the group will be traveling in two minivans. The team will either rent minivans through a rental service, *or* we can rent from you! If you are willing to rent a safe, dependable minivan that seats at least 7, the mission team is offering \$600 for a week of use. If you are considering or have questions, contact Pastor Luke by May 14.

**Randolph Christian School Annual Society Meeting** – Plan to attend the RCS Society Meeting on Monday May 8th at 6:30 PM in the music room. All society members are encouraged to attend. The meeting agenda will include election of new board members, review of 2023-2024 school budget and tuition schedule, and an amendment to the RCS constitution. To view the entire agenda please follow the link. [RCS 2023 Society Meeting Agenda](#) Hard copies of the agenda will be available upon request in the RCS office.

**RCA Restructuring Team Virtual Meeting** - You're invited! Join members of the RCA restructuring team and GSC staff leadership for a denomination-wide, virtual event on Thursday, May 11, at 8:00 p.m. Eastern. During this time, attendees will hear what the restructuring team has been working on and the outcomes around which they feel called to restructure, after much discernment. Attendees will have the ability to ask questions and provide feedback on what is presented in the Zoom chat. This invitation is for all RCA members, especially young people with a heart for the RCA's future. RSVP is required. To register, use this link: [www.rca.org/virtual-roundtable](http://www.rca.org/virtual-roundtable).

**New Generation Singers of CWC** - The first concert of the 2023 summer season will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 6 PM at the Peniel Welsh Chapel, W9644 Zoar Road Oshkosh, WI 54904. The New Generation Singers of the Central Wisconsin Christian School will be sharing their musical talents in an evening of fun under the direction of Craig Slings. A free will offering will be taken. Refreshments will be served following the concert.