



Covenant Reformed Church

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Worship Times: 9:30 am and 6:30 pm

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Covenant's Media Ministry

In addition to our downloadable internet sermons,
Covenant Radio Ministry can be heard on KCWN 99.9 FM

Our worship services are broadcast live every Sunday at
9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

We also sponsor the Reformed Pulpit heard every weeknight
on KCWN at 8:05 p.m.

The congregation is requested to be seated at 9:25 am and 6:25 pm
so that they can enjoy the prelude and adopt a
worshipful attitude in preparation for the service.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Covenant Reformed Church
or for more information about our church or its ministries,
please contact the pastor or the elder at the door.

Easter Morning Worship
April 24, 2011 AM

The LORD *liveth...*



let the God of my salvation be exalted.

EASTER MORNING WORSHIP

April 24, 2011

Order of Worship

Prelude *Accompanists, Ruth De Vries*
"Triumphant Gladness"

Call to Worship
Pastor: Christ is risen
People: **The Lord is risen indeed**
Pastor: Glory and honor, dominion and power be unto our God for ever and ever!
People: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Praise #362 *"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"*

*God's Greeting

*Hymn of Praise #358:1-4 *"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"*

Recalling the Easter Story: Page 1249 *John 20*

Hymn #357 *"Low in the Grave He Lay"*

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation #360 *"Alleluia! Alleluia!"*

Scripture Reading & Text: Page 1150 *Matthew 28:1-10*

Sermon *"The Resurrection Changes Lives" page 4*

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Dedication #356 *"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"*

Offertory *The offering is for Christian Education Assistance Fund*
Choir Anthem - "Resurrection Alleluias" arranged by Stan Pethel

*Doxology #367:3 *"Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices"*
(unannounced)

*Benediction

*Postlude *Easter Fantasy on "Palestrina"*
**Please stand if you are able.*

Dear Visitor,

We heartily welcome you to our worship service today. It is our prayer that the Lord will richly bless us as we worship Him. In our attempt to get to know you, and avail ourselves of your spiritual needs, we have designed this form to make us more aware of your presence, and if desired to establish contact with you. Please take a moment to fill it out, and drop it in the offering plate.

Name

Mr.

Mrs.

Ms.

_____ (Last)

_____ (First)

Address: _____ Apt. # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone number: () _____

I am currently a member of:

Future Contact

I live in the area, and do not belong to any church.

I live in the area and belong to a local church.

I am just passing through town on a visit, business, or vacation.

I just moved here and am looking for a church to affiliate with.

I would like a visit from the deacons.

I would like a visit from an elder or the pastor.

I would like to obtain literature about your church.

Please let us know in what way we may be of service to you:

Comments:

Explanation of Our Worship

This brief explanation is intended to help explain the rationale for our mode of worship. In our day, it is customary to classify worship as “traditional” or “contemporary.” Since the God we are worshipping is timeless, we avoid such time-bound references to characterize His worship. We prefer to call our worship “biblical.”

While worship is the highlight of our week, indeed of our lives, and while it reunites us with our church family, the focus of worship is not on ourselves, but on God. There are two fundamental principles involved in biblical worship: (1) Worship is governed by what God has revealed about Himself in His Word. A corollary is that worship is to be in accord with what He has prescribed as acceptable worship. (2) Worship is a dialogue between God and His covenant people. So defined, worship is a communication. In this communication God speaks to us through His Word and we respond to Him either in prayer or in singing. Every aspect of worship must have a biblical reason and a biblical defense. It is of utmost importance that we assume a reverential posture in the presence of God.

The Consistory supervises and is responsible for every aspect of our worship service. The pastor, or guest pastor, leads us in worship, under the authority of the Consistory.

The songs we sing are chosen primarily for their theology or biblical accuracy. Biblical worship is aware of the importance of music to God, and has always appreciated melody, harmony, and rhythm. But all of that is secondary to a higher, primary concern: faithfulness to Scripture. Our songs are intended to complement, support, and apply the theme of the message.

1. *Call to Worship*: The Lord officially summons us to worship Him. This is usually done with the reading of an appropriate Scripture passage.
2. *Prayer of Invocation*: We call upon the Lord to assist and prepare us for the solemn task of worshipping Him; that our worship would be acceptable to Him.
3. *Hymn of Praise*: We extol the Lord in singing.
4. *God's greeting*: God welcomes us in His house of worship, and greets with His “Grace, Peace, and Mercy.”
5. *Reading of the Law*: Here we hear God's law proclaimed to us. The Law is normative for our lives and reveals God's will for Christian living.
6. *Hymn of Confession*: In acknowledgement of our failure to keep the Law, we implore the Lord's mercy, or sing of His mercy. In some cases, a song of gratitude may also be sung at this point.
7. *Assurance of Pardon*: In response to our song of penitence, the Lord responds with the assurance that our sins are forgiven in Christ, wholly by grace.
8. *Congregational Prayer*: Here, the worship leader addresses the Lord with the petitions of the congregation. Prayer is often composed of Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication, or ACTS.
9. *Hymn of Preparation*: This song prepares us to hear the word of God, often anticipating the theme of the sermon.
10. *Sermon*: This is the center of the worship service. It is not because we place a premium on oration or human eloquence. It is because at this point the Lord speaks to His people, through His word and servant. The purpose of a sermon is to focus on Christ and His finished work. The desired response is *never* “what a preacher,” but *always* “what a Savior!”
11. *Hymn of Response*: We respond with appropriate singing, again emphasizing the theme of the sermon.
12. *Offerings*: This is an offering to the Lord, usually for a cause we support.
13. *Doxology*: This is a song in which we celebrate the glory and supreme majesty of God, while accentuating our complete dependence on Him and His goodness to us.
14. *Benediction*: The worship service is officially over. The Lord dismisses us with His blessing.

If you have any further questions about our church or ministries, please do not hesitate to contact one of our elders or the Pastor.

“But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.”

Matthew 28:5-6

Welcome to all who worship our risen Lord with us this morning!

Our services will be led today by Rev. Andrew Cammenga.

Prayer Matters

Illness

Gary Van Rees (Parish 2) underwent paraesophageal hernia repair surgery at the University of Iowa Hospitals on Tuesday. The surgery was successful and he was anticipated to return home this past Friday.

John Sturmsma (Parish 1) returned home on Tuesday and is doing well.

Gerald Bogaards (Parish 1) had a successful surgery and is in the Oskaloosa hospital.

Sympathy

We express Christian sympathy to Cornelius and Leola Wolterstorff (Parish 16) in the death of Leola's sister, Helen Van Hulzen of Luverne, Minnesota. She died on Tuesday, April 19. Funeral services were held on Friday, April 22, in Luverne.

Council News

A Congregational Meeting is scheduled for May 18 for the election of an elder and a deacon. Nominees for elder are Bill Verhoef, Jr. and Bruce Schiebout. Nominees for deacon are Calvin Meinders and Reuben Schiebout.

Profession of Faith

Profession of faith classes will soon be offered for students who have completed grade 10 level catechism and desire to profess their faith. The classes will meet starting May 1. Students are urged to discuss the prospect of professing their faith with their parents.

Baptism

Next Sunday morning, D.V., we will witness the baptism of Daniel Jacob, infant son of Brian and Denise Ver Meer (Parish 14) and Elijah James, infant son of Jim and Melissa Van Donselaar (Parish 5).

K-2nd Singing

K-2nd grade will be practicing a few songs after the morning service on May 1. They will be singing during the song service on Sunday evening, May 1.

The Resurrection Changes Lives

Scripture Reading & Text: *Matthew 28:1-10, Page 1150*

I. THE GUARDS

A. Begin fearless

B. End fearful

II. THE WOMEN

A. Begin fearful

B. End filled with joy

III. WHAT THIS MEANS

A. About Jesus

B. About God

What did God specifically say to me in this sermon?

Whom can I help by sharing the truths of this passage?

Today at Covenant...

Morning Worship Service

9:30 am

Evening Worship Service

6:30 pm

Sermon: Jesus' Easter Sermon

Scripture: Luke 24:13ff

Offerings

(am) Christian Education Assistance Fund (CEAF)

(pm) Pella Pregnancy Care Center

Infant Nursery

(am) Deanne Breems, Lori Lunsford

(pm) Tara Fransman, Mary De Zwarte

Toddler Nursery

(am) Rachel De Jong, Carolyn Ver Meer, Roberto Worthington

(pm) Kristin Reimer, Jared De Vries

Floater: (am) Kyndal Reimer (pm) Moriah Worthington

Enfolding

Sy & Judy De Vries

Greeters

Carroll & Judy Hol

Impromptu Hospitality Hosts

Sy & Judy De Vries

Librarians

(am) Vicki Van Mersbergen, Mary Van Steenis, Marilyn Van Gorp

(pm) Mary Vander Wilt, Bill & Marilyn Ver Meer