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**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.

Our services can also be heard on KCOB 95.9 FM or 1280 AM  
at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday Mornings.

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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.

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Although Covenant Reformed Church is equipped with ample nursery capacity for  
both infants and toddlers, parents who wish to take their young children to the  
sanctuary during worship are welcome to do so. However, if a child becomes  
disruptive at any time during the service, parents are urged to remove the child  
promptly in order that the congregation may worship undisturbed.

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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.

For the  
Word of God  
is living  
and powerful.

Hebrews 4:12a NKJV

Covenant Reformed Church

August 22, 2010 PM

# EVENING WORSHIP

August 22, 2010

## Order of Worship

- Prelude *Organist, Stephanie Van Mersbergen*
- Call to Worship *Romans 8:1-4*
- Prayer of Invocation
- \*Hymn of Praise #306 *"O Praise Ye the Lord"*
- \*God's Greeting
- \*Apostles' Creed - **PH, inside front cover**
- \*Gloria Patri #491 *"Glory Be to the Father"*  
*(unannounced)*
- The Lord's Supper Preparatory Form-**PH, Pages 155-156**
- Congregational Prayer
- \*Hymn of Preparation #206: 1, 2, 7, 8 *"My Soul, Bless the Lord!"*
- Scripture Reading *Romans 7:7-25*
- Text-**PH, Page 11** *Lord's Day 4*
- Sermon *"What's Wrong with the Human Race?" (Part 3) page 4*
- Prayer of Application
- \*Hymn of Dedication #192 *"Unto God Our Savior"*
- Offertory *The offering is for Creation Station Christian Preschool.*
- \*Doxology #51:4 *"Now unto Jehovah, Ye Sons of the Mighty"*  
*(unannounced)*
- \*Benediction
- \*Postlude
- \*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. 6

"Surely the righteous shall give thanks to Your name;  
The upright shall dwell in Your presence."

Psalm 140:13

## Welcome to all who worship with us this evening!

Our service will be led this evening by our pastor, Rev. Patrick Edouard.

This evening we will prepare our hearts for the celebration of the Lord's Supper which we hope to commemorate next Sunday morning, August 29, D.V.

A special welcome is extended to MARS seminary student Pablo Landázuri along with his wife and 3 children. Pablo is an international student from Ecuador whom we are supporting in his preparation for ministry as a church planter in Ecuador.

The Landázuri's will be worshipping with us as well as joining us for the fellowship coffee time following the evening service.

## Prayer Matters

### Sympathy

We express Christian sympathies to the family of Mike and Tara Fransman (Parish 7) in the loss of Mike's cousin Josh Nibbelink. The funeral was this past Thursday in Luverne CRC. He is survived by his wife Shelly, and daughters Emma (6) and Addison (2).

### Birthday

We wish birthday blessings to Frank Hettinga (Parish 12) who will be 83 years old on August 24. Frank's address is 1539 Westwood Drive, Pella.

### Membership

At their request, the memberships of Mr. and Mrs. Terry and Nicole Fopma and baptized children Meredith, Madison, Mitchell, and Morgan have been dismissed so that they can affiliate with the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We pray that Brother and Sister Fopma and their children will grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ in their new church home.

\*\* The Communiqué deadline is today

*What's Wrong with the Human Race?*  
*(Part 3)*

Scripture Reading: Romans 7: 7-25

Text: Lord's Day 4

The church vindicates the righteousness of God against the sinners:

I. The righteousness of His demands; and

II. The righteousness of His wrath.

*Tonight at Covenant...*

**Evening Worship Service**  
6:30 pm

**Fellowship Coffee Time**  
*Will be held following this evening's service.*  
Parish 12 is responsible for cookies.

**Fellowship Committee Meeting**  
*Will be held following coffee time.*

**Offerings**  
Creation Station Christian Preschool  
**Infant Nursery**  
Denise Ver Meer, Coretha Rozendaal  
**Toddler Nursery**  
Jill Van Soelen, Josh Posthuma  
**Floater:** Val Bandstra

**Enfolding**  
Terry & Nancy Robinson

**Greeters**  
Verlan & Marilyn Van Gorp

**Librarians**  
Bill & Marilyn Ver Meer, Sharon Fopma