

Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

9:30 AM

The Congregation Gathers:

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements – *Derek Winterboer*

For Praise:

✠Songs of Praise #354 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

#357 “Jesus Loves Even Me”

✠Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you have made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

Amen.

✠Words of Assurance

✠Ascription of Praise #623 “Gloria Patri”

✠Passing of the Peace

Ministry in Music – *Randy Smit*

For Reflection:

Children’s Message

Old Testament Lesson – Hosea 2:14-20 (page 1397) – *Sandy Zwart*

New Testament Lesson – John 11:38-44 (pages 1669-1670)

Introduction to Message – *Video*

Message: **“A Door of Hope”**

Prayer of Commitment

✠Affirmation of Faith #717 “The Nicene Creed”

✠Hymn #461 “He Leadeth Me”

For Response:

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

✠Offertory Response #625 “Doxology”

We bring our gifts to you, Lord God, with cheerfulness and a joyful heart. Grant that with our gifts we may also offer a ready mind and a willing spirit, to show forth in our lives the truth of the gospel, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Church Family Ties – *Robert White*

Congregational Prayer and “*The Lord’s Prayer*”

✠Benediction

✠Closing Song #355 “Trusting Jesus”

Postlude

✠*Please stand during these acts of worship.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The scripture and message will be posted on Facebook. You may view the worship service live in the kitchen, the Family Life Center, and the nursery.

Tithes and offerings may be designated for technology, helping hand, mission, memorial, or building funds. Undesignated gifts go to general fund.

Quilts and bags made by the “Sewing for Others” group are displayed in the sanctuary. They will be blessed this morning and then given to various organizations.

Children in preschool-4th grade may go to the Family Life Center for “Little Lambs” Choir and Sunday School during the closing song. Sunday School for 5th-8th grades/youth meets upstairs at 10:45 AM. All classes end at 11:15 AM.

The Philathea Guild will meet in the narthex following worship today.

Adam Hofer from the Center of Hope will provide pulpit supply next Sunday, May 4. Please keep Pastor Harlan & Verlaine in your prayers this week as Verlaine has surgery scheduled tomorrow morning at Mayo Clinic.

Sunday School classes will finish for the season next Sunday, May 4. Teachers will be recognized during the worship service.

We will recognize 8th grade and high school graduates on Sunday, May 4. If there are any college/tech school graduates, please leave a note in the office so that we may also recognize them.

A Sunday School teachers and education committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 7, at 6:30 PM to review and turn in materials, to discuss the needs of the program, and to make plans for the fall. All are welcome.

Vacation Bible School will be held on Tues-Friday mornings, May 27-30. Please volunteer to help by signing-up in the fellowship hall. Register children age 4 – current 4th grade online at secondreformed.com or with a paper form.

Volunteers are needed to mow the church lawn. There is a sign-up sheet on the office door for those who would like to volunteer.

Greeting cards have been restocked in the church library, with a limited supply of graduation cards. Two new series of books will be coming soon!

May newsletters have been sent by email. Printed newsletters are available by the mailboxes.

There will be a graduation open house for Dane Winterboer in the fellowship hall on Sunday, May 4, from 4:00-7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Brave Little One Foundation is looking for volunteers to make an impact through Pruitt’s Closet, a project dedicated to modifying/ sewing clothing to be accessible for children with feeding tubes. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please reach out to Jordan Kruse via email at bravelittleonefoundation@gmail.com or via text at 605-799-6479. Thank you for considering this opportunity. We hope to hear from you!

A volunteer work day will be held at Inspiration Hills on Saturday, May 3, from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Lunch will be provided. Volunteer tasks include chopping wood, moving picnic tables, picking-up, and cleaning. To register or learn more, visit inspirationhills.org/volunteerday or call 712-986-5193.

Inspiration Hills offers camps for kids from 1st-12th grades. In celebration of 50 years of ministry, the camp theme is based on Hebrews 13:8 "Christ is the Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever." Register online at inspirationhills.org. Blue fee assistance forms are available by our mailboxes. Visit the website for paid staff and volunteer opportunities.

Go to www.secondreformed.com to join our email prayer chain group. Click "services" at the top of the page, scroll down and click the "join" button in the prayer chain section. Contact Jerod Zimmer or Kristi Rops for assistance. **You may also participate in a phone prayer chain group.** Contact Kristi Rops or Joann Muller to be added to a phone group.

Last week we received \$2,873 for general fund (\$3,307 needed weekly to meet the general fund budget) and \$100 for mission fund.

Contact Kent DeJong, Jerod Zimmer, or Shellene Smidt if you would like to give offerings by automatic bank withdrawals.

TODAY:

Welcome to Second Reformed Church! We invite all visitors to sign the guest book. Thank you for joining us in worship of our risen Savior.

Music: Diana Smit

Greeters: Steve & Jenny Folkens and Ellen Peters

Coffee: Dan & Jill DeVries

8:55-9:25 AM – Koffee Kiosk (bring your own covered mug)

9:30 AM – Worship Service

10:25 AM – "Little Lambs" Choir and Preschool-4th Grade Sunday School

10:30 AM – Coffee/Fellowship time

Guild meeting in the narthex

10:45 AM – 5th-8th Grade/Youth Sunday School

11:15 AM – Sunday School classes dismiss

THIS WEEK:

Wednesday – 6th-8th Grade Youth at 6:30 PM

High School Youth at 7:40 PM (last meetings for the season)

Friday – Bulletin information due by 9:00 AM

NEXT SUNDAY:

Koffee Kiosk from 8:55-9:25 AM; Worship Service at 9:30 AM with guest speaker Adam Hofer and Recognition of Teachers and Graduates; Music – Helen Groen; Greeters & Special Music Coordinators – Bob & Karla Smit; Coffee/Cookie Servers – Jerry & Mary Schilling and Brad & Teresa Smidt; Little Lambs Choir and Preschool-4th Grade Sunday School at 10:25 AM; Fellowship/Coffee at 10:30 AM; 5th-8th Grade/Youth Sunday School at 10:45 AM; Classes dismiss at 11:15 AM (last classes for the season)

PRAYERS:

Pray for Verlaine Hayunga as she undergoes surgery at Mayo Clinic.

Pray for Janice Boomgarden who is now a resident at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Viborg.

Glorify God

Renew Through Christ's Resurrection

Affirm the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Commit to Compassion

Evangelize All the Earth

*I will make
the Valley
of Trouble
a door of hope.*

Hosea 2:15



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