

# Sunday March 22, 2020

4th week of the Passion Season

## Prayer Needs:

- God's indispensable blessing on the word today, drawing us all to the Lord Jesus Christ as lord and saviour.
- For the repentance and full restoration of those who have been placed under the first step of church discipline.
- For humbled hearts of thanksgiving to the Lord for all mercies given unto us.
- Those sorrowing the loss of loved ones, those with afflictions of the body, mind and spirit, the lonely, elderly, widowers and widows in our midst.
- All those undergoing medical testing, under doctor's care and treatment.
- Those afflicted with seasonal illnesses.
- For our nation, that we would be drawn back to God and biblical living. Pray for our president and leaders in the weighty task laid upon them.
- For all those affected by the Corona virus. Pray for those who are ill, for medical personal, for those working on treatment/prevention, and for our leaders to act with godly wisdom.

## Members and friends with ongoing needs:

Wilma Koedam    George & Chris Vonk    Nellie Fintelman    Mrs. Joan Maassen

## Announcements:

Today: Pastor Elshout serves. Our services will be live streamed services via

[www.sermonaudio.com](http://www.sermonaudio.com) at 10:30 am and 6:00 pm

1st Offering: General Fund    2nd Offering: Domestic Outreach Fund

Next Lord's Day: *Congregational Prayer* at 9:00 am (pending)

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Note: Due to the call from our government authorities for "social distancing" our worship services will be only online today. Our consistory will keep us informed in an ongoing way as to the plan each week, also regarding weekday activities. The schedule for greeters and church lunch is included in the bulletin, but pending if we go forward with regular services.

Conference: Please join us for an evening of fellowship, learning & growing together at this year's annual *Heritage Reformed Women's Conference*. We will be gaining insights from recorded lectures by Nancy Leigh DeMoss & Jen Wilkin as well as live applications from Roelie Faasse under the theme of "*Rise and Be Rooted*". We will be learning about and discussing the necessity, how-to, and benefits of rooting ourselves in God's word. Mark your calendars for Thursday April 23 @ 6:30PM. The conference will be held @ *Heritage Reformed Church*, Grand Rapids. Dinner will be served. Cost of the conference is \$20 USD. Please RSVP with your payment before April 1 by calling, texting or emailing Shirley Van Dalen at 616.734.9234 or [jandsvd@att.net](mailto:jandsvd@att.net). Checks should be written to *HRC Esther Guild*, send to Shirley at 3430 Bradford St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525. If you are coming from out of town & are in need accommodations, we will be happy to help!

## April:

Wednesday 1st: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

Wednesday 1st: Monthly *Church Family Night*, Hope Haven at 6:50 pm

Tuesday 7th: Consistory Meeting, at church at 7:00 pm

Friday 10th: Good Friday, evening worship at 7:00 pm

Sunday 12th: Easter Sunday

Thursday 16th: Singing at *Royale Meadows*, Sioux Center at 6:30 pm

Wednesday 15th: Ladies' Bible Study (last meeting for the season)

Conference: The conference on creation scheduled for March 28, sponsored by *Reformation Gospel Ministries*, has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later time. Go to [www.reformationgospelministries.org](http://www.reformationgospelministries.org) for more information.

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## Birthdays:

March 22: Preston Maassen

March 24: Ava Zomer

March 25: Jaden Post

March 26: Brent Bleyenbergh

## Greeters:

March 29: Lee and Kerri Rozeboom

April 5: Kip and Annette Maggert

## Lunch Schedule:

March 29: Julie P. and Heather VG

April 5: Misty D. and Linda VB

## Grateful acknowledgement is given for the following collections:

2/02 General - \$2,565.00

2/02 Construction - \$2,815.00

2/09 General - \$1,279.00

2/09 Banner of Truth Tract - \$1,183.00

2/16 General - \$777.00

2/16 Student Support - \$1,357.00

2/23 General - \$1,080.00

2/23 HRC Mission - \$1,539.00

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*What is thy only comfort in life and death?*

*That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who, with his precious blood, hath fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and make me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto him..*      ~ Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day I

## The Poetry of God

*"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."*  
*Ephesians 2:10*

The word "poem" is derived from the Greek *poiema*. Used only twice in the New Testament, it refers to two great works of God Himself. Thus, God is the divine poet who has created two great masterpieces—artistic creations of marvelous intricacy and surpassing beauty.

The first is the entire physical universe: "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse" ([Romans 1:20](#)). In this key verse, *poiema* is translated "things that are made." Everything in the universe, animate and inanimate, constitutes a marvelous product of God's creative forethought and inventive skill. If a beautiful poem requires a poet to create it, so much the more does the complex cosmic poem of the universe demand a great poet of consummate wisdom and infinite power. The rejection of the poet and the message of the poem not only leave one "without excuse" (v. 20), but facing "the wrath of God" (v. 18).

Yet an even more amazing poem is the work of transforming redemption accomplished in a lost soul saved by grace through faith ([Ephesians 2:8](#)). For then it is we, ourselves, who become His poem! This also is a great creative masterpiece, for "we are his workmanship [same word, Greek *poiema*], created in Christ Jesus unto good works." A life once dead in sin, now born again and walking in good works—this is God's greatest poetic masterpiece of all!

Both the mighty universe and the soul made new in Christ are special creations of God, and both manifest His greatness and His love. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" ([2 Corinthians 9:15](#)) of grace. *Dr. H. Morris*

## Heritage Reformed Congregation

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*"O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel  
before the LORD our maker." Psalm 95:6*



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Online services available on [hullhrc.com](http://hullhrc.com) or [sermonaudio.com/hullhrc](http://sermonaudio.com/hullhrc)

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