

*Sunday October 18, 2020*

*~We welcome all who worship with us today~*

**Prayer Needs:**

- For the Holy Spirit's blessing on the preached Word today.
- 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.
- Repentance and full restoration of the member who is under the first step of church discipline.
- For the HRC students as they also bring God's word to the congregations.
- For much needed rain.
- Pray for godly wisdom for President Trump and all of our leaders.
- Pray that God would send revival to bring a spiritual and enduring transformation of our nation.
- All those who are ill with COVID in our own community and beyond. And for mourning families who have lost loved ones.
- Safety for our farmers during the busy harvest season.
- Godly wisdom and His blessing on the *HRC Synod* meetings being held this week in Grand Rapids.
- For Karlin Bleeker who is undergoing additional medical testing and consultations regarding multiple abdominal issues.
- John and Barb Groeneweg and family with the passing away of John's brother Bert at 78 years. Funeral service information is at [www.georgeboom.com](http://www.georgeboom.com) May the Lord graciously uphold the sorrowing family.

**Members and friends with ongoing needs:**

Wilma Koedam    George & Chris Vonk    Nellie Fintelman    Joan Maassen

**Announcements:**

**Today:** Pastor Elshout\* serves @ 9:30am and 6:00pm

**Meeting:** Please gather in the sanctuary for a short discussion meeting following this morning's worship service.

**1st Offering:** General Fund    **2nd Offering:** Facilities Fund

\*Due to Covid Dr. DeVries has cancelled his trip here to preach for us

**Next Lord's Day:** Pastor Elshout serves at 9:30am and 6:00pm

**2nd offering:** Inheritance Publishers

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*"If there were infinite worlds made of creatures loving, they would not have so much love in them as was in the heart of that man Christ Jesus."*

Thomas Goodwin

**October:**

**October 21 & 22:** HRC Synod in Grand Rapids

**Wednesday 28th:** *Ladies' Bible Study*, same time and location (discuss chapter 3)

**November:**

**Sunday 1st:** Commemorative service for *Reformation Day*

**Tuesday 3rd:** Consistory Meeting

**Wednesday 4th:** *Church Family Night*, Hope Haven at 6:50 pm

**Wednesday 11th:** *Ladies' Bible Study*, same time and location

**Thursday 26th:** Thanksgiving Day, worship service at 9:30 am

**Sunday 29th:** Pastor Vander Zwaag serves

**December:**

**Wednesday 2nd:** *Ladies' Bible Study*, same time and location

**Thursday 3rd:** Christmas Soup Supper and Singalong (more details to follow)

**Friday 25th:** Christmas Day, worship service at 9:30 am

**Birthdays:**

**October 19:** Stacy Zomer

**October 20:** Brynlie Zomer

**October 20:** Mylie Zomer

**Save the Date:** Please save the date for the *Word & Deed Fundraising Dinner*.

This event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 21, at the Vander Haag Event Center (106 Eastern St., Sanborn). Doors open at 4:30 (to tour the auto museum) and dinner will be served at 5:30. This year, we are pleased to welcome Rev. Anup Hiwale of MPM Ministries and The Evangelical Reformed Churches of India as our keynote speaker. MPM has a Theological Institute, sewing program for untouchable woman (Dalit), after-school programs, and more. We look forward to having you join us! See poster in the narthex for additional information.

**Grateful acknowledgement is given for the following September collections:**

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General - \$4,372.00

PRTS - \$1,149.00

*~All the Lord willing~*

*"I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy."  
Hosea 2:23*

"I will not have mercy" are the most terrifying words a sinner can hear from the mouth of the Lord. These words will destroy the souls of the unrepentant sinner on the Day of Judgment. These words will echo round the chambers of hell forever: "I will not have mercy." And who, can argue with them? Those who spend their earthly days saying, "I don't want mercy," can hardly complain when at the end of their days God grants them their request eternally, "You didn't want mercy, and so you will not have mercy." These words dash every dream and quash every hope, "I will not have mercy." Oh, mercy-spurning sinner, will this be your death-sentence? Will you ever hear these "No Outlet" words?

Oh, my soul, woe is me! Have I rejected God's offered mercy time and again? How many times I have whispered in my soul, "I will not have mercy." How many times I have stubbornly insisted, "I want merit, not mercy. I want to be a creditor who is owed, not a debtor who can never repay." And now, here I am hastening to judgment and eternity with neither merit nor mercy. Oh woe, woe is me!

But here is hope, despairing soul. Israel was just like you; she refused mercy time after time. She was judged by the removal of mercy in foreign exile (Hos. 1:6). But God looks down in pity on her merciless condition and says, "I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy." What a turning point! What tear-drying, heart-rejoicing, dream-fulfilling words of hope!

Go to the Lord and say, "I have not obtained mercy because I did not need nor want mercy. But now I desperately need it and earnestly want it. I abandon all my imagined merit. Oh Lord, be merciful to me, the sinner." And wait, what do you hear? Can it be, "I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy"?

And dear Christian of many years, recall what turned your life around. It wasn't your merit or your will; it was God's mercy and God's will. It was when He said- oh, blessed moment- *"I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy."* ~David P. Murray

# Heritage Reformed Congregation

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*"This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and  
be glad in it." Psalm 118:24*



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