

Eighth Reformed Church

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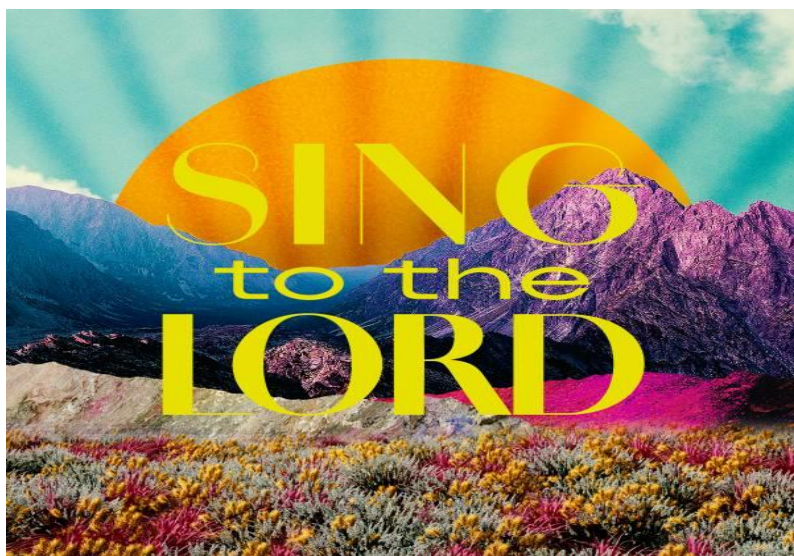
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Our worship service is Sunday morning at 9:30 am.

It is broadcast on WYGR Radio “Jethro FM” at 94.9 FM or 1530 AM. You can also listen to our service live on the web at Jethro.fm.

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August 2, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn # 128

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

*Opening Prayer

Special Music: Sue Kurtz

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Preparation # 599

Jesus Is Lord of All

Scripture: Judges 13 (page 359)

Message: “A Surprise Visit and New Hope”

*Hymn of Response # 551

O to Be like Thee!

Offering and Offertory

**Doxology* # 815, Offertory Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn # 605 (vs. 1)

Living for Jesus

Postlude

(*Please stand if you are able.)

Welcome!

Welcome to worship at Eighth Reformed Church on this first Sunday of August. We come with grateful hearts — thankful for summer's beauty, thankful for God's faithfulness, and thankful for the gift of worship. Our prayer is that your time here will be uplifting and joyful. If you are visiting with us, please sign our guest register in the Narthex, and if you are looking for a church home, we hope that you will return to worship with us again.

This Week's Events

Today:

9:30 a.m. Worship (nursery provided), followed by Coffee & Cookies in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

Opportunities for Worship and Service This Week

Pastor: Pastor Harry Koops

Organist: Paul Kerkstra

Pianist: Linda Wolfe

Song Leader: Beth Pastoor

Trumpet: David Ellis

Pre-Service Greeters: North door: Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Post-Service Greeters: East exit: Doug VanderMeer

West exit: Pete Rusticus

Organ exit: Pastor Harry

Valet/Lift: Danielle Wagenmaker *Parking Lot Guard:* Larry Roelofs

Ushers: Marsa Barclay, Larry Roelofs

Nursery: Deb Hoyle, Sharon Bowen

Radio: Scott Pastoor

Sound: Scott Diekman

YouTube: Dawn Blocher, Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

Praying with Pastor: Jeff VanMeekeren, Shannon Wagoner

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, Larry Roelofs

Coffee & Cookies: Marsa Barclay (donate & serve)

Joy Hendricks (donate & serve), Phyllis Schuitema (donate)

Opportunities for Worship and Service Next Week

Pastor: Pastor Harry Koops

Organist: Paul Kerkstra

Pianist: Marilee Takken

Song Leader: Beth Pastoor

Trumpet: David Ellis

Pre-Service Greeters: North door: Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Post-Service Greeters: East exit: Pastor Harry

West exit: Doug VanderMeer

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Valet/Lift: Rob Pols

Parking Lot Guard: Jodi Bultema

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Sundae Sunday: Fred & Willie Hiemstra

Church News and Future Events

Bulletin Announcements: Marilee Takken, the secretary, is in the office Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please have all announcements to her by 10 a.m. on Wednesday. If you leave a note for her, please put it in the black mailbox on the wall across from the Church Office. Thank you.

♪ **A Note of Thanks** to Sue Kurtz for sharing her special music with us and bringing a wonderful spirit of worship to our morning together.



Mailbox Card Distribution: The area near our church mailboxes can get a little congested on Sunday mornings, but for great reasons! With all that wonderful activity, it can sometimes be tricky to squeeze in and locate the boxes you're looking for. Beginning this morning, someone will be available to receive your cards and distribute them to the proper boxes for you, if you so desire. This small change should help ease the congestion while still keeping all the joy and connection flowing!

Reflections of Faith Project: Thank you to all who shared your inspiring thoughts for this booklet. The variety of testimonies, Scripture passages, songs, poems and prayers reflects the richness of our church family's faith. We also acknowledge the dedicated efforts of Sally Herrema, Mary Roelofs, Sandy Workman and especially Sue Tacoma, whose tireless work made this project possible. The booklet has been printed, and each household should have received a copy in their mailbox. We pray it will bless and uplift all who read it.

Eighth Reformed Website: If you haven't done so already, check out Eighth Reformed Church's website at 8thchurch.org. You can watch past services, listen to past sermons, read the bulletin each week, see what is happening, and much more!



Join us for Sundae Sunday during Fellowship Time next Sunday, August 9th! Everyone is invited to head downstairs and enjoy a build-your-own ice cream sundae. Choose your favorite toppings, spend time visiting with friends, and welcome new faces as we share fellowship together. There is no cost – just come and enjoy!

Diaper Dash: Our diaper collection for Alpha Grand Rapids is underway! For the month of August, we are collecting diapers to support parents in our community who are in need. All sizes are welcome, especially sizes 5 and larger. Please leave donations in the play pen in the lobby. Thank you for helping us care for little ones and show Christ's love in a practical way.

Hymn Requests: If you have a special song you would like sung during worship, please write down the name and number (preferably from our hymnal) and drop it in the black mailbox across from the church office.

Our Monthly Missionary: Please pray for Justin and Stephanie Meyers as he serves as Director of the Al Amana Centre in Oman and she serves as Manager of Data, Monitoring, and Evaluation. Together, they work to create a safe, hospitable space for both Christians and Muslims to share scripture, fellowship, meals, and friendship. By doing so, they can live in peace within their communities.

Important Information Regarding Church Cancellations: In the event that Eighth decides to cancel services and/or activities, please tune your TV to Channels 8 (WOOD) or 13 (WZZM), check your email for a Prayer Chain announcement, or go to Eighth Reformed's Facebook page. If you can't access any of this information, call either your elder or deacon on your Care Team and they will know. (To sign up for the Prayer Chain, please see the sign-up sheet in the hallway or call the church office.)

Prayer Concerns and Praises

- ❖ Marceille Martinez will have open heart surgery tomorrow, August 3rd, at the Fred & Lena Meijer Heart Center. She covets her church family's prayers.
- ❖ Linda Rusticus' hip replacement surgery went well and she is home recovering.
- ❖ Lorraine Strating is dealing with continual pain and discomfort. The family is very appreciative of your cards and prayers.
- ❖ Sue Tacoma's dad is under Hospice Care and rapidly declining.
- ❖ Betty Holmes continues to receive Hospice Care at home. This past week, she began experiencing a low heart rate.
- ❖ Those dealing with Chronic Conditions: This week we remember Ron Oostdyk and Arlene Wiseman.
- ❖ Those who are Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Ron Lankheet and Laura VanHeest.
- ❖ Those Dealing with Health Issues: Larry Rudnik, Dee Diekman, Julie Aman, Linda Rose, Brian Bruxvoort, Brett Roberts, Brian Cripps (Jeff & Patty VanMeekeren's son-in-law), Ron & Barb Engels, Darlene Cimochoicz, Jim VerStrate, Terry Pepper, Shane Sweeney, Ford Berghorst (friend of Larry & Mary Roelofs), and Mark Davis (Pastor Howard's son).



Notes of Appreciation

Thank you to my family at 8th Reformed for all the cards of condolence and birthday cards. A special thanks to Pastor Koops for his visits. Words cannot express the love I've experienced through all of this. ~Thank you, Connie VanderWest

Thank you so much for all the wonderful anniversary cards. We so enjoyed reading them all. ~Jake & Launi VanderHart

I want to thank the congregation for the abundance of lovely birthday cards and kind notes I received for my recent birthday! It was very special. ~Linda Wolfe

Thank you for the many cards and well wishes for my birthday. It's good to be a part of the Family of God at Eighth. ~Bernie Schuitema

Sermon Notes