

## Our Response

### Jesus did die and Jesus did rise, therefore...

- He is who he said he is, the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.
- He has the power to give you \_\_\_\_\_.

Give Jesus your \_\_\_\_\_ heart; he will give you a heart that \_\_\_\_\_ with hope and that \_\_\_\_\_ in rhythm with his heart.

Sermon audio and notes are available online at [www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/](http://www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/)

## Prayer Fellowship

### Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Rebecca Cruttenden** is recovering from surgery on March 18 to repair a torn tendon in her left ankle.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** is undergoing treatments.
- ~**Shirley Barth** is home but under Hospice Care.
- ~**Bill Boyd** continues dialysis and awaits a transplant.
- ~**Ray Dulyea** continued prayer his kidney "numbers" will not change.
- ~Be in prayer for **disaster victims**, and **people searching for jobs**.
- ~Pray for our military: **Phil Scholten, Nick Welch** and all military personnel.

### Extended Family:

- ~**Helen Heemstra** (Terri Katsma's mom) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~**Russ VerMerris** (Kevin's dad) continues chemo treatments.
- ~**Dawson Babiak** (nephew of VandenHeuvels) in maintenance phase of chemo.

### Praise & Thanksgiving:

**Luke & Amanda Morgan** found out they have been picked by a birth mother to adopt a little baby boy. Baby is due on April 24.

## Welcome!

We are glad you're here! We want your experience to be a good one, so we have put together a bit of info to help you know what to expect while you are here.

**Our worship service:** Thanks for joining us today! We will begin the service with singing. Feel free to stand, sing, or just listen as we express our worship to God. If you don't know the songs, don't worry, just follow along with the words on the screen!

**The message:** This is a time of practical teaching from the Bible. Often, multi-media presentations are incorporated to supplement the message. There is space in the bulletin to take notes if you wish.

**The offering:** This is a time to share with the church how God has blessed us financially. If you are visiting, don't feel you have to contribute. The only thing we'd like from you is your connections card (bulletin insert).

**Prayer time:** We will pray together a couple of times throughout the service.

**Refreshments:** Join us for coffee in the lobby after service! Visitors may pick up a complimentary gift mug and welcome packet. If you have any questions, this is the place to find answers!

**Childcare:** Your children are welcome to remain with you throughout the service! We love that our church is a welcoming place for families. We do have a nursery for children ages 0-3 years if you would prefer to use that. We also have a parent-infant room near the back of the sanctuary for fussy children and nursing mothers. Children ages 3-7 are invited to participate in Children's Worship, an age-appropriate worship and learning time. Children start service with their parents and will be dismissed part way through. If you are unfamiliar with this program, you are encouraged to accompany your kids the first time. They can be picked up after each service in Room 112 on the lower level. Children 8 and older are encouraged to remain in the service with their parents. Children's bulletins are available.

**Formality:** We have no dress code. Whether you are in jeans or a tux, we're just glad you're here! You are also welcome to sip your coffee or read along with scripture passages on your mobile devices. We just ask that you silence your phones as a courtesy to others.

To learn more about our ministries and beliefs, be sure to pick up a welcome packet in the lobby or visit our website: [rockfordreformedchurch.org](http://rockfordreformedchurch.org).

**Vision:** To always be a living reflection of Christ's hands, feet, and voice in the community.

**Mission:** To connect people to Jesus Christ and encourage them to grow in their relationship with Him through worship and fellowship, so they will reach out to serve and disciple others for the glory of God.

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Rockford Reformed Church  
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Sunday, March 27, 2016

Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP

OFFERING

(Children (ages 3-7) are invited to Children's Worship downstairs)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Karissa Baugh, Brian Ellis, Mike & Melissa Fisk  
Kathryn Jacobs, Tyler & Emily Meyerink

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-35 (p.808)

MESSAGE

"The Road to Faith"  
Pastor Paul Bradford

RESPONSE

CLOSING BLESSING

Song Titles are listed in the Sermon Notes on our website  
[rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/](http://rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/)

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Emillie Clayton, Kate Fleetham  
(11:00am) Melissa Vander Tuuk, Mika Albrecht

Today's Children's Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Melissa Cool, Cameron Cool  
(11:00am) Rachel De Kuiper, Sami De Kuiper

Next Sunday: "Life Together: Body Building"  
Ephesians 4:7-16 (p.891) • Pastor Paul Bradford

## What's Going On?

### Today:

**8:20am & 10:40am: Prayer** in Pastor Paul's office to pray over the services. All welcome!

**NOTE: NO Sunday School Classes on March 27 or April 3.**

**10:00am: Sunday School** for all ages.

**Ages 3, 4, & DK** meet in Classroom #122

**Grades K-5<sup>th</sup>** meet in Classroom #101

**Middle School** (grades 6-8) Youth Room #153

**Senior High** (grades 9-12) Classroom #246

**Adult Class:** "The Four Gospels," led by Bren Shantz. Meet in the Fireside Room #253.

**6:30pm: High School Youth Group** in Youth Room #153. NO meeting 3/27, 4/3

### This Week:

**Tuesdays, 7:00am: Men's Prayer Breakfast.** Join us any time.

**Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00am:** "What's So Amazing About Grace"(by Phillip Yancy), led by Marcia Coleman & Jean Boyd in Room #212.

**Wednesdays, Pioneer Clubs:** 6:00pm **Simple Supper**, 6:30pm **Clubs**

**NOTE: NO Wednesday activities on April 6!**

**6:30pm: Middle School Youth Group** (grades 6-8) Youth Room #153

**6:45pm: Adult Classes**

- A study on Hebrews, led by Pastor Paul, in the Fireside Room #253.
- Women's Study Group - "Life Rules" by Andy Stanley, led by Polly Johnson in Room #250.

**Every other Friday, 6:30-7:30am: Men's Breakfast & Study** – "33," a look at the 33 years of Jesus' life on earth. Meet in the gym for a "real" breakfast. Next meeting is April 8.

**Fridays, 9:30-11:00am: Women's Bible Study** – Starting April 15, "Unglued" (Lysa TerKeurst) led by Emillie Clayton & Trisha Van Stensel in the Fireside Room #253. (Child care provided)

### Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

**Sun, April 3: Communion** will be served at both services.

**Wed, April 6, 12:00noon: Adult Fellowship Group Potluck.** Bring a dish to pass and join us for great food and fellowship!

Next 10-week **Life Groups** start April 17. If you are interested in joining a group please sign your name on the Connection Card in the bulletin, write "Life Group" on it, and someone will contact you. Also watch for info on a special **Discovery Class Life Group** for people interested in becoming a member.

**Sunday, April 10, 4:00pm: Concert of Prayer** (followed by a meal)

**Wed, April 13, 6:30pm: Derby Car Race**

**Sat, April 23, 8:30am: Ladies Day 2016.** Sign-up on-line or fill out a form located at the Welcome Table. Guest speaker is Leslie Holmes.

**On-line Giving** now available. You can give directly from your phone or computer! There's a link to the form on the front page of our website [www.RockfordReformedChurch.org](http://www.RockfordReformedChurch.org)



**Pastor Paul & Tammy** are hosting "Living Room Chats" in their home on Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm for dessert & coffee to get to know the people of the congregation. Sign-up in the back of the sanctuary or on-line at [www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/living-room-chats/](http://www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/living-room-chats/) Next date is March 17.

### Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: [brian@rockfordrc.org](mailto:brian@rockfordrc.org)

**Sundays, 10:00am: Sunday School.** **NOTE: NO Sunday School Classes on March 27 or April 3**

**Sundays, 6:30pm: HS Youth Group** in Youth Room #153. NO HS Youth Group on March 27 or April 3.

**Wednesdays, 6:30pm: MS Youth Group** in Youth Room #153. NO MS Youth Group on April 6.

**Upcoming Events: April 1-2: MS & HS Profession of Faith Retreat**

### Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

Children's Ministries – Beth Jennings, Director: [beth@rockfordrc.org](mailto:beth@rockfordrc.org)

Pioneer Clubs – Laura Jolliffe, Coordinator: [laura@rockfordrc.org](mailto:laura@rockfordrc.org)

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**Wednesdays, 6:30pm: Pioneer Club** with a Simple Supper at 6:00pm  
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### Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 292

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$12,170.06

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$585.00

## The Road to Faith

Holy Week 2016

Text: Luke 24:13-35

Sunday: 3/27/2016

### Intro

#### If the resurrection didn't happen...

- Jesus was a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus could not give us \_\_\_\_\_.

### God's Word

① \_\_\_\_\_ Hearts

When all seems dark

② \_\_\_\_\_ Hearts

These men believed because of...

Ⓐ The confirmation of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Ⓑ The historical evidence for the \_\_\_\_\_.

Ⓒ The inner witness of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Because he lives

③ \_\_\_\_\_ Hearts

Receiving Life