

Our Response

Our Lord invites all who trust in him to come to his Table so that he might _____ our souls, _____ our faith, and _____ us of his amazing grace.

Life Application questions

Do you come to the Lord's Table in faith, expecting to be nourished and strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit?

As you partake, do you discern and honor the people who belong to the body of Christ? What person or group of people might you exclude in your heart?

What can you do this week to help your children come to a deeper understanding of the Lord's Table? How can you prepare your own heart this week to receive next week?

Sermon audio and notes are available online at www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/

Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Sharon Dulyea** is recovering from back surgery on May 26.
- ~**Danae Brownell** is studying abroad in Chile, then volunteering in Peru & Mexico until July 11. Blog: www.danaebrownell.wix.com/abroadadventure
- ~**Elaine Pierson** is in Hospice care at Raybrook Manor.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** test results show stable! Continues treatments every 3 weeks.
- ~**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:

- ~**Russ Armstrong** (Shanken's brother-in-law) hip replacement surgery on 5/31.
- ~**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.

Sympathy Expressed to:

- Steve & Nancy Steenwyk** at the death of Steve's mother, **Anna Steenwyk**, on May 24.
- Steve & Deb Barth and family** at the death of Steve's mother, **Shirley Barth** on May 13.

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 complementary 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.

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, May 29, 2016
Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP

This is Amazing Grace, Before the Throne of God Above, Rock of Ages

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

OFFERING

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

I Corinthians 11:17-34 (p.875)

MESSAGE

"The Sacraments: The Lord's Supper"
Pastor Paul Bradford

RESPONSE

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

CLOSING BLESSING

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Karen Bazen, Cora Vanden Heuvel
(11:00am) Emillie Clayton

Today's Children's Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Krista & Abby Vanden Heuvel
(11:00am) Beth Jennings, Landen Jennings

Next Sunday: "The Sacraments: Baptism"
Romans 6:1-11 (p.860) • 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!

Sunday School will resume in the Fall

This Week:

Mondays, Tee Times from 5:00-5:30pm: Open Golf at Cedar Chase Golf Club.

Cost is \$15 (includes cart & 9 holes) Contact Jerry Coon @ 866-4704 for more info.

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

Wed, June 1, 12:00noon: Adult Fellowship Group Potluck with a program following lunch – "Remarkable Ramona Park." Bring a dish to pass and join us for great food & fellowship.

Every other Saturday, 7-8am: Men's Study Breakfast. New study starts Saturday, June 4 – "Guardrails" (avoiding regrets in your life). Meet in the Fireside Rm #253. Contact Kevin Johnson with questions.

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

Mailboxes and bulletin boards are in the church office hallway.

Communion: 1st Sunday of every month: Next date – June 5

Sun, June 5, 10:00am: Congregational Update Meeting in the gym.

"Buy A Brick" – Purchase a brick for our Memorial Prayer Garden with the name of your loved one. (\$40) Order forms available on the table in the church office hallway. Orders due May 29.

Sweet Volunteer Opportunity: Help put labels on cookies and/or bake for our "Hearts for Orphans" Ministry. Contact Rebecca Cruttenden for more info: 616-706-3614 or rebecca@teamorphans.com

Praise In The Park, 6:00pm: Starts June 5 at the Garden Park Stage, downtown Rockford. June 5: Rockford Baptist Church. RRC is scheduled for June 12.

Sat, June 11: View From the Hill: 8-10pm fun & games, refreshments. 10pm Fireworks! Invite your neighbors & family to watch the fireworks from the church parking lot.

Summer Worship Schedule: 9:30am (one service) June 12 – September 4

Sat, June 18: Alpha Family Center 5K Life Walk Event – Prayer Warrior for Life! Call Alpha Family Center @ 696-2616 for more info.

Legacy 2016, June 23-24: A Conference about Missions, Muslims, and the Heart of God. Let Pastor Paul know if you are interested in attending with him!

Sun, July 24 – Wed, July 27, 6-8pm: "Cave Quest" Vacation Bible School for ages 3 years through those who have completed 5th grade. Register your children now at www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/vbs/

Sun, June 26: Grad Sunday. Help us celebrate all of our graduates! Be sure Brian Ellis has your graduation information. brian@rockfordrc.org

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



Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: brian@rockfordrc.org

Sunday School and weekly Youth Groups will resume in the Fall
Mission Trips: HS June 12-18, MS July 31-Aug 6

Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

Children's Ministries – Beth Jennings, Director: beth@rockfordrc.org

Pioneer Clubs – Laura Jolliffe, Coordinator: laura@rockfordrc.org

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Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 300

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$8,290.66

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$330.00

The Lord's Supper

1st in Series: The Sacraments

Text: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Sunday: 5/29/2016

Intro

God's Word

① **Jesus himself _____ the Lord's Supper.**

Ⓐ Jesus _____ us to celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Ⓑ The early church celebrated the Lord's Supper _____ as a _____.

Ⓒ Christ is _____ in the bread and cup.

② **The Lord's Supper looks to the _____, the _____, and the _____.**

Ⓐ Contemplate the _____ – Christ's death, resurrection and ascension.

Ⓑ Celebrate the _____ – Christ's presence, people, and power.

Ⓒ Anticipate the _____ – the wedding feast.

③ **We come to the Lord's Supper as _____.**

④ **The Lord is _____ and _____ us at the Table.**

⑤ **The Lord's Supper is for all who _____.**

Ⓐ _____ can come!

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