

## SERMON NOTES

Matthew 26:47-50 – Betrayal and Love

### Three Lessons to Learn

#### 1. I am \_\_\_\_\_.

a. What are some ways that you could identify with Judas? What might it look like to “sell” Jesus, or make him a means to serving yourself?

b. Read Gal. 1:6 and Hebrews 3:12. What is your own experience with the ongoing struggle that is described in these texts? How do you know or what are some evidences that you are serving or “selling” Jesus?

Do you find Jesus to be \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_?

c. Read Matt. 25:40. How can you tell what place that Jesus has in your life?

d. What are some relationships where you could be using the other person rather than pursuing them to love and make them better? What can you do to change that?

#### 2. Jesus responds to betrayal with \_\_\_\_\_ so that you can respond to betrayal with \_\_\_\_\_.

Two keys that enable Jesus to do this:

a. Jesus trusts that God will turn the worst of \_\_\_\_\_ into the best of good.

- Read Matt. 26:53. What does this say about who is in control as Jesus works his way to the cross? Recall a time when you can see how God redeemed the mess and evil that happened in your own life.

b. Jesus reveals the endless, \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

- Read Luke 23:34. Under all the evil and betrayal, what does this say about Jesus? How do you see Jesus responding to your evil and betrayal every day? What has he done and what is he still doing to respond to you with love and forgiveness?

- What odor do you breathe when you are trampled upon? As you receive Jesus’ endless, reckless love and forgiveness, how could it change your marriage or other relationships as you extend that same kind of love and forgiveness?

- How does a deeper understanding of your sin and of God’s fountain of love and mercy change your relationship to Jesus and others?

#### 3. Jesus is the only \_\_\_\_\_ worthy of your perfect trust.

Read Psalm 9:9-10. What does this say about God for whatever comes your way?

#### Resources for further growth/study:

- *A Loving Life In a World of Broken Relationships*, by Paul Miller

Sermons available online at [RockfordRC.org/sermons-2](http://RockfordRC.org/sermons-2)



### Order of Worship

Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

*No KidLife Worship today. Nursery available for K and under.*

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Nailed to the Cross</i>
<b>Call to Worship</b>	<i>10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) In Christ Alone Before the Throne of God Above</i>
<b>Offering</b>	<i>This is Amazing Grace</i>
<b>Prayer &amp; Message</b>	Betrayal & Love Matthew 26:47-50 (p. 761) Rev. Tim Meendering
<b>Response</b>	<i>A Mighty Fortress is Our God</i>
<b>Closing Blessing</b>	
<b>Next Week</b>	King on a Cross: John 18:28 - 19:16

*welcome* to Rockford Reformed Church!

In this program you will find today’s order of worship, along with announcements, a calendar, prayer requests, and more. If this is your first time here, please stop by our welcome table in the lobby and pick up a gift bag!

hello!

## Rockford Reformed Church

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Jean Boyd** - pray as she continues through chemotherapy treatments.

**Bill Boyd** - continues dialysis and awaits a transplant.

Medical concerns of various Haiti individuals, especially Jorvens.

Be in prayer for all military personnel, people searching for jobs, and disaster victims.

*Prayer teams are available in the front of the sanctuary following service for anyone who desires prayer.*

*Note: there is no KidLife Worship available today. Kids K and under are welcome in the nursery.*

## WHERE DO MY KIDS GO?



If you have children, they are welcome to remain with you throughout the service, or you can choose from different options:

**KidLife Worship** (3 years - 2nd grade) - Check-in is in the Fellowship Hall, Room 100 (directly below the sanctuary). Kids may start service here, or go after our opening music in the sanctuary.

**KidLife Nursery** (0-3 years) - Room 241 (upper level of gym).

**Parent-Infant Room** - available near the back of the sanctuary for fussy children and nursing mothers.

**Children's bulletins** and crayons are available near the lobby stairs.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
3/31 10:00 Worship Service <i>Spring Break - No Sunday School or Youth Group</i>	4/1	4/2 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30a Women's Bible Study	4/3 12p Adult Fellowship BBQ Lunch <i>No Youth Group</i>	4/4	4/5	4/6 8a Cleanup Day
4/7 10:00 Worship Service 11:15 Sunday School 6:30p HS Youth Group	4/8	4/9 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30a Women's Bible Study	4/10 6:30p Derby Car Race 6:30p MS Youth Group	4/11	4/12 7a REAL Men @ Arnie's 34 S. Squires St. 5p Ladies Evening	4/13
4/14 10:00 Worship Service 11:15 Sunday School 6:30p HS Youth Group	4/15	4/16 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30a Women's Bible Study	4/17 6:30p MS Youth Group	4/18 7p Maundy Thursday Service; nursery for K and under	4/19 7p Good Friday Service at Bella Vista Church (5100 Belding Rd)	4/20 9:30a Easter Egg Hunt

For a full listing of all of our events, announcements, volunteer needs, and more, be sure to sign up for the eBeacon, emailed weekly. Contact the church office at connect@rockfordrc.org and ask to be put on the list. Paper copies are available for those without email.

**Note: No Sunday School today**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL, 11:15-12:15

**Adults** - Fireside Room 253  
**High School** - Room 246  
**Middle School** - Youth Room 153  
**Children** - Fellowship Hall 100



- **Palm Sunday – April 14**  
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.
- **Maundy Thursday – April 18**  
Communion Service: 7 p.m.
- **Good Friday – April 19**  
Community Good Friday Service: 7 p.m.  
Bella Vista Church, 5100 Belding Rd.
- **Easter Egg Hunt – April 20**  
Egg hunt and pancake breakfast: 9:30.  
Infant - 5th grade. Invite your friends!
- **Easter Sunday – April 21**  
Worship Service: 8:00 a.m.  
Breakfast: 9:00 a.m.  
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.



## Spring Cleanup Day

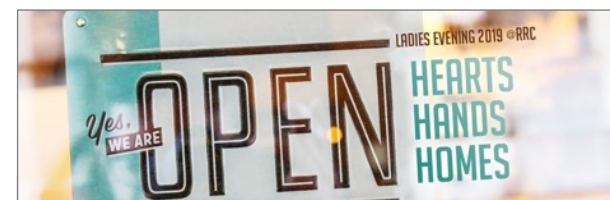
Saturday, April 6. Lunch provided! Please bring wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, etc. for dirt, mulch, and gravel. We will need some help cutting down a few trees from the ice storm. Free wood for helping! Come when you can, leave when you must. Let Roger Hoogewind know if you plan on coming (so we can have enough food) (call or text 401-8631).

## North Kent Connect: Urgent Needs

NKC's food supply is nearly depleted, and they are asking for help. Their biggest needs right now:

- low-sugar cereal & oatmeal
- canned tomato sauce & penne pasta
- canned spinach, beets, & pears
- monetary donations to help them purchase food in bulk

Items can be placed in the donation bin in the lobby.



## Ladies' Evening 2019

Friday, April 12, 5-8:30pm

## Open Hearts - Open Hands - Open Homes

Join us for dinner, fun breakout sessions, and guest speaker Pam Stonehouse. The evening will focus on the topic of hospitality. Register online at [RockfordRC.org/ladies-day](http://RockfordRC.org/ladies-day)

**Yard Help:** Did the harsh winter leave your yard full of fallen branches and brush? Darryl and Dylan DeGood have offered free help cleaning it up! All you have to do is call Darryl at 616-340-3369.

**Adult Fellowship:** April 3 at noon. BBQ lunch provided. Program by Steve Steenwyk to follow.

**Candy donations for Easter Egg Hunt:** Small, individually-wrapped candy can be placed in the buckets in the lobby and near the elevator.



## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

You can give directly from your phone or computer. Look for the link on the front page of our website. Contact the office if you would like offering envelopes.

**Last week's attendance:** 241 • **Last week's offering:** \$12,361