

SERMON NOTES

Matthew 21:12-17 – Learning From the Kids

When you read our text (Matt. 21:12-17) and Psalm 8:1-2, what do the kids get right in their response to Jesus as he enters the city? What do the religious leaders complain about and what is wrong with their thinking?

The religious leaders reflect our own natural tendency toward _____ rather than _____. **We see that for a religious person...**

1. _____ is #1

- When you reflect on your own heart and life, what some ways that you might trade obedience for comfort?

- Read Matthew 16:24-25. What are some practical steps that you could take to sacrifice and deny yourself in this coming week? If Jesus' obedience and sacrifice ultimately led to life and joy, what does that say about your obedience and sacrifice?

2. _____ are a nuisance

- Do you see a need to expand your relationships to those who have needs and how could you do that?

3. A religious person gets _____ with _____ in Jesus

- Read John 15:22-24. What does the beauty and joy of Jesus do for those who don't know or understand it?

4. A religious person knows the _____ and misses the _____

- Read Matthew 9:10-13. What is at the heart of what Jesus looks for in you and what is it that most gets in the way?

- Read James 4:1-2. What are some things that you want so bad that it may lead to frustration, anger, and strained relationships?

- Read Matthew 11:25, 19:13-14, 18:3-4. What are the ways that we are to come to Jesus? How can you begin to do this today?

- When you see Jesus as infinitely more valuable as a source of comfort and joy, what would you be giving up as the alternative sources of comfort and joy that you often clench in your heart?



Order of Worship

Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude	<i>O Worship the King (Lyons)</i>
Call to Worship	<i>Hosanna (Praise is Rising)</i> <i>All Hail the Power of Jesus Name</i> <i>** Kids are invited to KidLife downstairs</i> <i>Hosanna</i>
Offering	<i>All Creatures</i>
Prayer & Message	Learning From the Kids Matthew 21:12-17 (p. 754) Rev. Tim Meendering
Response	<i>Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus</i>
Closing Blessing	
Next Week	Resurrection Changes Everything John 20:10-29

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!



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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: 249 • **Last week's offering:** \$11,770

PRAYER REQUESTS

Lisa Long - recovering from knee surgery on April 12 to repair a torn meniscus.

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.



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
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
4/21 8:00 Worship Service 9:00 Breakfast 10:00 Worship Service <i>No Sunday School or Youth Group</i>	4/22	4/23 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30a Women's Bible Study	4/24 6:30p MS Youth Group	4/25 7p Ladies Book Club - <i>The Forgotten</i> by David Baldacci	4/26 7a REAL Men @ Arnie's 34 S. Squires St.	4/27 1p Single Women's Lunch - Rio Grand, then back to church. RSVP with Carol Knox, 866-4845
4/28 10:00 Worship Service 11:15 Sunday School 6:30p HS Youth Group	4/29	4/30 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30a Women's Bible Study	5/1 Adult Fellowship 6:30p MS Youth Group (final meeting)	5/2	5/3	5/4

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 11:15-12:15

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



Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service, 7pm
Tenebrae is a service of darkness that includes a dramatic presentation, music, a message, and communion. The brilliant diamond of Easter shines much more brightly against the stunning dark backdrop of Jesus' suffering and death.

Community Good Friday Service: 7pm
At Bella Vista Church, 5100 Belding Rd.

Easter Sunday
Worship Services: 8 & 10am
Breakfast: 9am



Join us for a morning of family fun! Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is this Saturday, April 20. The egg hunt will begin at 9:30am on the front lawn. All kids infant through 5th grade are invited to participate! Bring your friends!

Immediately following the egg hunt, there will be a family pancake breakfast in the gym. Suggested donation for breakfast: \$3 for adults, \$2 for children, \$10 family max.



Sunday, May 5, 4pm in the Sanctuary



Gardening Help Needed

We have an opening on the grounds team for the season for someone to plant flowers around the trees by the parking lot and around Entrance B. Simple upkeep of weeding only; watering is already taken care of. Please contact Roger Hoogewind if you are interested (616-401-8631).

