

AMERICAN REFORMED CHURCH WORSHIP

July 25, 2021 ~ 9:30AM

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Liturgical Color: Green

Opportunities for Growth, Fellowship, and Service—Julie Visscher

Prelude

Call to Worship:

L: With a heart as soft as a baby's skin,

P: With wonder as holy as the depth of an infant's eyes, we come to worship.

L: With joy as abundant as a toddler's giggle,

P: With excitement as contagious as a child's first steps, we gather for worship.

L: With hope as wondrous as a child's first words,

P: With praise as awesome as a children's choir, we come to sing and pray. We gather to be blessed and encouraged.

*Singing Praises

“No Longer Slaves”

“Who You Say I Am”

*Time of Greeting

Prayer of Confession: [Unison]

Just and merciful God: While we witness the sacrament of baptism, symbol of your cleansing grace and of our reception into the worldwide church of your Son, we are painfully conscious of the distance between your holiness and our humanity. We fail to love even our loved ones consistently and constructively. We disclaim responsibility for the misery of stricken strangers; unwanted children, the homeless, the elderly poor. By our participation in this sacrament of acceptance and welcome, help us to become more accepting and welcoming toward others. We pray in the name of him whose invitation to the waters of baptism and to renewal of spirit includes all your children, even Jesus Christ, our gracious Lord. Amen.

Baptism — Nicolina Jeanne Schafer

Prayer Requests, Congregational Prayer — Julie Visscher

Offertory Prayer & Hymn — “I Love to Tell the Story”

Scripture — Proverbs 4:1-5; Exodus 20:1-17;

Matthew 22:34-40

Children’s Message — Pastor Brian Schafer

Message — “What Are We Teaching Them?”

*Hymn - “Jesus Loves Me”

*Benediction

*Closing Chorus - “By Faith”

Postlude

PRAISE AND PRAYERS

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR THE FOLLOWING:

-Ongoing prayer concerns: Janet De Groot, Arnold & Pearl Nielsen, Karen Olson, Perry Raman, Bert Vander Plaats, Kids' Club, those without Christ, our students, our men & women in the armed services, our country, people with milestones this week, the Pastoral Search Committee, our consistory and congregation.

-Please pray for our high school students & sponsors as they attend Rocky Mountain High late Friday evening until August 4. May they feel God’s presence during their trip and may they grow in their walk with Christ!

-We extend our Christian sympathy to Mark & Debbie Hooyer and family in the death of Debbie’s sister-in-law, Jane Ellis, who passed away last week. May God hold you & comfort you during this time of loss.

-Church members with special needs this week: Prayers of healing for Daryl De Groot, Barb Draayer, Howard Smit, Dorothy Ver Meer, Shirley Wallinga.

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING:

-Happy Birthday to: Richard Dykstra on Tuesday; Jackson Keizer on Wednesday; Blake Cannegieter on Thursday; Ally Doorenbos, Tim Brunsting on Saturday! **Happy Anniversary** to: Mike & Leanne Gaul -20 Yrs on Monday; Jordan & Rachel Moss -3 Yrs on Wednesday!

-This morning we have the privilege of witnessing infant baptism as Nicolina Jeanne Schafer, daughter of Eric & Casey Schafer, receives this sign and seal of God’s promise.

-To our church family: We would like to say “thank you” to everyone who so generously brought us food, gave us words of encouragement, visits and who continually kept us in your prayers. Thank you to the ARC angels for the gifts, thanks to Jim V for your visits, and for all who took the time to lend a helping hand. Our struggle with Merkel Cell Carcinoma is not near over, but with your prayers and faith in God, His goodness will give us strength for each new day. Thanks again, Howard & Arlene

TODAY AT AMERICAN

PROJECTION: Today-Reid VV; Next week-Michael S; August 8-Carter W

VIDEO: Today-Carter VV; Next week-Laura W; August 8-Brian S

USHERS this morning: Mark Sipma, Mike Gaul

COFFEE is being served through the kitchen window until 9:25am and available self-serve after the worship service.

BIBLES are available on the Table of Plenty.

THE NURSERY room is available for parents who wish to use it for their children. It will not be staffed, but you are welcome to use it.

CLOTHE-A-CHILD: Clothe-a-Child purchases can be dropped off at the table at the South end of the great hall by today. Also, please make sure there is a gift receipt with your donation for easy exchange. Thank you to all who have joined in this very important project & remember to keep these children in your prayers!

A WARM WELCOME to Pastor Brian Schafer who will be leading us in worship this morning.

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN

SUNDAY: --Alcoholics Anonymous ~ 7:00pm

–Centennial Committee ~ 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY:--Consistory: Boards of Elders & Deacons - 6:30pm; Full Consistory - 7:00pm. If you have something to bring to the Consistory’s attention or if you wish to speak with the Elders about membership in the church, please contact Jim Vierhout

SATURDAY: –Rocky Mountain High

FOR PASTORAL NEEDS, please contact one of the Elders.

OUR OFFERING for the week of July 18 was \$2991.00.

ARTICLES for the August Newsletter must be submitted by Wednesday, July 28.

THE PARSONAGE is being listed for sale by Don Krommendyk of Team Realty 712-470-3203. Thanks for all the help from the congregation getting it ready.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH 2021: Students and sponsors will leave late Friday, July 30 for Colorado for Rocky Mountain High 2021, "You Are I Am". They will be at the YMCA Camp in Estes Park from July 31 thru August 4. **We ask that you pray for them, and consider signing up to be a prayer partner for someone attending.** There is a sign-up sheet for prayer partners in the Great Hall. **There are still several prayer partners needed!** Otherwise, you can also contribute snacks or treats for the whole bus in the tub in the Great Hall as well. Thank you!

THE PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE has met twice in the past 3 weeks and is working on a survey that will be finalized later this summer. The survey will be given to the congregation in late September/early October since many of our members are gone part or all of the summer. Thank you for your continued prayers for the committee as well as for our next pastor.

WE ARE LOOKING for volunteers to run the projection on Sunday mornings. Adults or children 9th grade and up are welcome to help. This is as simple as just changing the slides on the computer! Not much training needed at all with a bonus of a comfy chair! If you are willing to help out or want more information, contact Donna 441-1289 or Loree 470-2947.

T-SHIRTS ARE BEING SOLD in celebration of ARC's 100th anniversary! There are order forms in your mailboxes. T-shirts are \$10 each. We have sample sizes on display. We will be taking orders until August 8. You can place your order and money in the box on the informational desk or on Sundays at the t-shirt table. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Deb Moss or a Bette Boote.

JOIN US FOR A HYMN SING at 9:15am as part of our 100th anniversary celebration on the mornings of August 8 and September 12. If you have a hymn request, we encourage you to share your suggestion at the "Hymn Suggestion" box at the information booth. Come early and sing some of the old favorite hymns.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED. We are collecting pictures, artifacts and memorabilia from the past related to our church's history. If you have anything that you are willing to share with us, please contact Ken at 712-441-0265 or Ida at 712-441-4092. We will take good care of them and will return them after the centennial weekend.

IN CELEBRATION of ARC's centennial, a catered banquet will be held on Saturday, September 25 at 6:00pm in the ARC worship center. Tickets are \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family and can be purchased from Jeanne Breuer at 712-460-2336, Donna Wallenburg at 712-441-1289 or at the church office. Deadline to purchase tickets is September 12. Invite your family, friends and former members for a time of fellowship, food and a short program afterwards. All are invited!

VOTING: After listening to the congregation at the congregational meeting and during round table discussions concerning consistory elections, the consistory has determined that ARC will return to the previous double slate method of voting for future elections.

FUTURE EVENTS AT AMERICAN

MISSY DOKTER will be leading us in worship next Sunday, August 1. **ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th** our worship service at 9:30am will be a celebration of "Knowing our Past, Building Our Future". After the service a photo of everyone attending the worship service will be taken on the front lawn followed by a time of fellowship with coffee, lemonade and cake. Come for a time of worship and fellowship. Contact a committee member with questions: Galen and Jeanne Breuer, Terry and Bette Boote, Dwayne and Becky Hansmann, Merrill and Marlys Nettinga, Ken and Ida Evertse, Arlan and Ruth Moss

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

THE ELDER OF THE MONTH for July is Julie Visscher.
OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH for July is Village Northwest. You may give designated gifts for this ministry at any time during the month.
THE WORSHIP SERVICE for today will be broadcast on Monday evening at 7:00pm on Hull cable channel 12.
CONSISTORY:
ELDERS: Galen Breuer, Arlan Moss, Harlan Moss, Jim Vierhout (Vice President), Julie Visscher (Clerk), Paul Walton
DEACONS: Tim Brunsting (Chair of Deacons), Larry De Jong, Jeff Verhoef, Brian Sipma, Brad Wallenburg, Josh Wissink
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Worship & Music - Josh Wissink
Christian Education - Todd Visscher
Mission & Evangelism - Galen Breuer
Kids' Club - Ruth Moss, Julie Kreun (Co-Directors)
CUSTODIAN: Loree Walton: lwalton@live.com / 712-470-2947
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