



REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA  
FOLLOWING CHRIST IN MISSION

**JULY 16, 2017**

**9:30 A.M.**

**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

## **We Approach God in Praise and Prayer**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

**\*OPENING HYMN #51** “How Great Thou Art”

### **INVOCATION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION / ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*PRAISE SONGS** – #482 “Sanctuary”; #422 “Amazing Grace”

### **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

### **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

## **The Word of God**

**SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 55:10-13; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**SERMON** “When Sowing Seeds”

Reverend Bill Appleyard-Pekich

## **We Respond to God's Word**

### **THE OFFERING**

**INTROIT** **We give thee but thine own,  
Whate’er the gift may be:  
All that we have is thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from thee.**

PRAYER AND GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**\*DOXOLOGY #34** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**\*HYMN #359** “Give Thanks”

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING SONG #305** “He is Lord”

**\*POSTLUDE**

# Welcome!

*Sisters and brothers, welcome as we gather to praise our Lord Jesus Christ. Please greet one another warmly.*

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**Our shut-ins:** Lois Eertmoed, Ruth McClellan, Ida Stauthammer, Pat Stauthammer, Mary Thorne, Ruth Topper and Viola Wolfer. Please remember them all in your prayers.

**Prayer request:** Please pray for our church partnership with Mvera CCAP church in Malawi, Africa.

**Consistory members:** If you have any questions or concerns please contact one of our consistory members:

## **Elders**

Nancy Munkhondya – *Education*  
Jim Ash – *Missions / outreach*  
Larry Sims – *Property*  
Gloria Busman – *Congregational care*  
Mark Busman – *Education*

## **Deacons**

Randy Bowers – *Property*  
Jenni Bowers – *Congregational care*  
Paul Sims – *Worship*  
Sharron Proehl – *Worship*  
Bev Cornwell – *Missions / outreach*

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*“Second Reformed Church seeks to invite all people to follow Jesus Christ. Learning and doing, together, all God teaches in the Bible”.*



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Sunday Morning Worship

9:30 AM

Sunday School

10:45 AM

## *Announcements*

Today 9:30 AM Worship Service  
10:45 AM Sunday School

**Mission of the month:** The July mission of the month is for Words of Hope. The offering will be received July 30.

**Boiler fund:** We continue to solicit donations for the eventual replacement of the boiler that heats the main part of the church building. Please give by placing your contribution in the offering plate (in an envelope labeled “Boiler Fund”). The account that has been set up, exclusively for the boiler replacement, currently has a balance of \$3300.00.

**Please remember** Paula and Bonnie in your prayers. You may send a card of concern to:

Bonnie Pollock  
1413 Matilda St.  
Pekin, IL 61554

Paula Farrar  
24438 Tonka Avenue  
Channahon, IL 60431

## Those Who Serve

### Today (7/16/17)

Greeters: Joann Stauthammer and  
Grace Durham

Scripture: Caty Cornwell

Lawn care: Paul Sims

### Next Sunday (7/23/17)

Jim and Jody Ash

Jim Ash

Joseph

Munkhondya

### ATTENDANCE

Worship service – 62

Sunday School – 29

### STEWARSHIP

Needed weekly: \$1870.00

7/2/17 offering: \$1333.60

### Prayer of Confession:

Wondrous Lord, we come to you in need of your grace. We have sinned against you in our thoughts words and our deeds. Forgive us Lord. And through your Holy Spirit breathe new life in us. Grant us the strength to walk the path which Christ has shown us. Hear this our prayer O Lord, Amen.