Judges 16:4-31
Playing With Fire

I. Playing with Fire

II. Healing for the Burned

Faith Reformed

BOLDLY LIVING GOD'S WORD

May 14, 2023

Prelude		Jan Jerabek
Congregational Sharing		
*Greeting One Another		

APPROACH TO GOD

*Call to Worship	From Psalm 107
*Song of Praise	
Crown Him with Many Crowns	
*Prayer of Praise	
*Song of Praise	
Yet Not I but Christ in Me	

RENEWAL IN CHRIST

Confession of Sin	
Assurance of Forgiveness	1 John 4:9-10

THE WORD OF GOD

Memory Work (6th – 8th Grade)		
Scripture Reading	Judges 16:4-31	Page 254
Sermon	"Playing with Fire"	Mr. Lincoln Rus
Sacrament of Communion		

RESPONSE TO GOD

Offertory Prayer		
Song of Response	*Grace Greater Than All Our Sin*	Hymn #297
*Affirmation of Faith	Heidelberg Catechism Q. 67	
Congregational Prayer		
*Benediction		
*Doxology		
*Postlude		Jan Jerabek

*Congregation standing if able

FAITH REFORMED CHURCH

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Our Worship

As we gather to worship this morning through faith in Christ, we are entering into conversation with God as He speaks in His Word and is with us by the Spirit. Our worship service has an intentional movement that focuses on the Gospel:

- We begin with our **APPROACH TO GOD,** hearing a call to worship from His word and then responding to Him with songs and prayers of praise.
- We then have a time of **RENEWAL IN CHRIST** in which we confess our sins and hear His promise of forgiveness in His word and through song.
- Assured of His grace, we then listen to **THE WORD OF GOD** as it is preached from our passage for that day, and we all receive the sacrament of communion monthly as a "visible word" from God.
- After hearing the Word preached, we end our service with our **RESPONSE TO GOD.** We give offerings, affirm our faith, pray for needs in the congregation and world, and hear a blessing from God before singing a final praise to Him.

Through it all, God intends to bless us and change us by His grace so that we would go into the world to live for His glory. So let us come in humble faith, ready to hear and respond to our God and Savior.

Reflections

"Do you mortify; do you make it your daily work; be always at it while you live; cease not a day from this work; be killing sin or it will be killing you" (Owen, Overcoming Sin and Temptation, p. 50).

"[Christianity] is not for the complacent who hoist over their shoulders a tote bag of honors, diplomas, and good works, actually believing that they have made it…It is for the bedraggled, the beat-up, and the burnt-out. It is for poor, weak, sinful men and women with hereditary faults and limited talents. It is for the wobbly and weak-kneed who know they don't have it all together and are [not] too proud to accept the handout of amazing grace" (Manning, The Ragamuffin Gospel, p. 3-4).

If you wish to reach Pastor Zach, you may dial the church office or reach him by cell phone at 920-212-5489. His office hours are Tuesday-Friday 9:30-5:30. If you are unable to reach Pastor Zach you may contact the Elder on call. Elder on call for May is Jim Meinen (920-889-3223)

Prayer Guide

Praises and Thanksgivings
Jesus Resurrection
Our living hope in Jesus

Petitions
That our state and nation would value life and protect life in the womb
For people to hear the gospel hope
A heart of submission to Christ
Spiritual wisdom and discernment
Commitment to be reading Scripture
Discipline and courage to obey
To be guided by Scripture, not culture
Boldness and grace toward falsehood
Courage to stand firm for the gospel
Our ministry in the PCA
Pastor Zach Tarter
Jon Damkot – Youth Director
BJ Hilbelink – Pastoral Assistant
Disciple making at Faith Reformed
Spiritual revival
Our government leaders
Our youth to grow in Christ
Those serving in the military
The unity of Cedar Grove churches
Those with addictions/in jail or prison
Our persecuted brothers & sisters

Health
Sam Rauwerdink – will be having an MRI on June 6th, pray he will be able to follow directions so he will not need to be sedated. He will also have a surgical procedure done at a later date.
Gail Meerdink – has started up with her cancer treatments again and has one treatment left
Wayne Navis is home and continues to get therapy
Ruth Ann Wieberdink – still having back pain is seeing a specialist and having more tests
Donna Caljouw – has kidney cancer and has started treatments
Sandy McHugh – recovering from the shoulder surgery she had on April 25th
Shut-ins
Neil Bruggink
Delores Droppers
Herb Dirkse – Cedar Grove Gardens, Building 2 – room 10

Mission & Outreach
Wycliffe Bible Translators – Todd and Darlene Voskuil
For our unchurched neighbors

Schedule

TODAY

Worship Service – 9:00am
Sunday School – 10:30am

Monday – 8:00pm Men's Softball in Grafton

Tuesday – 6:30pm Session Meeting

Thursday – 1:00pm Women's Bible Study

Friday & Saturday – Men's Retreat at Green Lake

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FAITH:
May 21 – Baccalaureate @ EPC
May 31 – Confection Connection – Women's Team Ministry Event
June 7 – Food Pantry
June 13 - Blood Drive

Ushers for May: Rich Navis, Steve Rauwerdink, Jan Hoitink

Nursery for May 14: Nicki Bruggink & Natalie Bruggink
Nursery for May 21: Alyssa Obbink & Leigha Rauwerdink

Refreshments for May: Care Group #5 (Mary Ann & Shirley)

Greeters May 14 **- Narthex:** Ron & Shirley Meinen
- Great Room: Chris & Jan Jerabek Family
Greeters May 21 **– Narthex:** Muriel Meinen & Mary Ann DeHaai
- Great Room: Jim & Cory Meinen

Serving in the Military:

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721 New Mexico Ave.
PO Box 1338
Holloman AFB, NM 88330

PFC Josh Coley – US Army serving in Ansbach, Germany
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APO, AE 09250

Family Life at Faith

Lincoln Rus will be joining us for worship and preaching this morning. He is a student at Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando and is also a PCA intern under care of the Central Florida Presbytery. He grew up in Sioux Center, Iowa, and graduated from Dordt College before teaching at Summit Christian School in Ft. Myers, FL. This summer, he will be heading to Ireland to serve several churches in the PCI (Presbyterian Church of Ireland). As this is an unpaid position, he is currently raising support. If you would like to support the ministry of Lincoln this summer, you can make your offering in a separate envelope, labeled "Lincoln Rus".

The Cedar Grove Area Food Pantry served 35 families at the May Food Pantry. The next Food Pantry will be held on Thursday, June 8th. Right now, we are in need of Pasta and Pasta Sauce, cereal, and canned fruits & vegetables. PLEASE CHECK THE EXPIRATION DATES ON YOUR DONATIONS! If you could help us serve one month – please contact Faith Reformed Church (920-668-6725). Thank you for your generosity!

Love Inc. –In May we are collecting - pots, pans, cookie sheets, bakeware, silverware, cups, mugs, mixing bowls, cooking utensils. For questions on your donations, please contact your Love, Inc Representative, Jodi Danforth (920-254-1385). Thank you.

The Care Connection is asking for volunteers to continue to communicate with cards or words of encouragement to Kelly Wieberdink. Kelly is the daughter of Shirley Wieberdink and is living in a supervised home in Madison. Let's continue to make her feel that she is being thought of and prayed for even though she is separated from family and people she is familiar with. She has always been so appreciative of our thoughts and prayers. She has a new address, and it is: Kelly Wieberdink
4901 Paul Ave.
Madison, WI 53711

There are a few spots left. There is a sign-up sheet in the information center.

Parents: We will be honoring the Faith High School graduates this year along with all those graduating from colleges & technical schools. Please send me your students' name, school, and the degree they are graduating with for the bulletin and newsletter. Thanks – Wendy

Family Life at Faith

Men's Softball - After another rainout last week, the weather looks promising for Monday and our first game of the season. We will take on St. John's in Grafton at 8 PM. An updated schedule can be found on odbcport.org/softball. Contact Carl Velzke (920-917-0902 or carl.velzke@gmail.com) with any questions or to join the team.

Hingham Church - Sunday, May 14th at 6:30 PM
The Garms Family uplifts people with real music, honest stories, and God's Word, bringing "A Night of Encouragement" across America. Audiences attend The Garms Family's concerts wanting good music and a fun time. They walk away realizing they got so much more: Hope, comfort, a smile on their face— or maybe the first time to cry in years. The Garms Family inspires faith and hope as they share their hearts and God's love to uplift people. **An offering will be taken to support the Garms Family ministry**.

The ladies of Calvary OPC in Cedar Grove cordially invite you to join us for our annual Ladies Event on Thursday, June 1st from 6:00-8:00pm. Pam Huenink Steffen, owner and founder of Strength And Dignity Boutique, will join us to give her testimony of her journey through breast cancer and how that led to opening her business. Visit strengthanddignityboutique.com for some pre-event shopping! Light refreshments will be provided. Please sign up on the sheet in the information center by May 18th.

Looking for a couple of men interested in helping in the kitchen to run the dishwasher for funerals and special events – willing to train this special person (it is really quite easy). If you are interested or have any questions talk to Mary Broetzmann or Bonnie Depies.

Compassion Sponsors:
Make sure to get your forms mailed as the child packets have an expiration date. Thank you to the 15 sponsors who made the decision to change a child's life forever. The Mission Team is grateful for your commitment.

The Lord delights in those who fear Him, who put their hope in His unfailing love. Psalm 147:11

Youth News

Mother's Day Pie Pick-Up - Remember to pick up the pies you ordered in the Narthex after the service. **THANKS** to all who supported the middle schoolers through this fundraiser!

Baccalaureate - The churches in town will send off this year's seniors with a Baccalaureate Service on **Sunday, May 21st** at **2:00PM** at **EPC**. Seniors are encouraged to spread the word to their peers, and everyone is invited!

HS Year-End Party - Students grades 9-12 are invited to Schoeder's (N203 Ter Maat Rd) ***next*** **Sunday, May 21st** at **6:00PM.** We'll serve brats, burgers & hot dogs, and we'll have plenty to do!

VBS - This summer we'll hold VBS at Calvary from **July 10-13** for students currently ages 4 through 5th grade. Please pre-register at this link: https://faithcedargrove.breezechms.com/form/VBS23.

VBS Helpers - We are looking for two **Adult (or HS)** leaders to lead groups of 4- & 5-year-olds. These leaders only need to lead snack time, games, and worksheets; lessons will be covered, and we have helpers for room decoration. Also, all **Middle Schoolers** and **High Schoolers** are invited to serve as aides. There are sign up sheets in the Narthex to help with either role, or you can contact Jon and let him know.

Memorization Schedule

May 14th -	6th Grade – Psalm 23
	7th Grade – Colossians 3:1-4
	8th Grade – Colossians 3:12-17
May 21st -	9th & 12th grades – Romans 5:1-8
	10th & 11th grades – Philippians 2:3-1