

Prayers that Change the World: Submission

Mark 14:32-42



Main point: Although we endure sorrows and unanswered prayer in this life, God changes us and the world when we pray in submission to His will.

I. The Response of Submission (14:32-35)

August 13, 2023

Prelude
Congregational Sharing
*Greeting One Another

Lyndsay Sass

APPROACH TO GOD

*Call to Worship
*Song of Praise
Rejoice
*Prayer of Praise

Psalm 98:1-4

II. The Nature of Submission (14:35-36)

RENEWAL IN CHRIST

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Forgiveness
*Song of Assurance
He Will Hold Me Fast

Isaiah 1:18; Mark 10:45

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading
Sermon
The Sacrament of Communion

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III. The Result of Submission (14:37-42ff)

RESPONSE TO GOD

Offertory Prayer
Song of Response
*Affirmation of Faith
Congregational Prayer
*Benediction
*Doxology
*Postlude

My Savior's Love
WSC #103

Hymn # 522

Nicole Velzke

*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

“When we don’t receive what we pray for or desire, it doesn’t mean that God isn’t acting on our behalf. Rather, he’s weaving his story...Watch for the story God is weaving in your life. Don’t leave the desert. Corrie ten Boom’s father often reminded her, ‘The best is yet to come.’” (Paul Miller, A Praying Life, 171).

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 August is Rob Danforth (920-467-1446)

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 – is at home and being monitored. He has another appt. on Aug. 24.
Gail Meerdink – all spots in remission except one. She will have maintenance done on that one every 3 weeks for 3 months
Wayne Navis - is home and continues to get therapy
Ruth Ann Wieberdink – still having back pain but doing a little better.
Donna Caljouw –continuing with treatments every 3 weeks along with oral medication for her kidney cancer.
Don Schreurs – cancer has returned, pray for healing, peace, and comfort

Shut-ins

Neil Bruggink
Delores Droppers
Herb Dirkse – Cedar Grove Gardens, Building 2 – room 10

Mission & Outreach

Spain World Team – Kelsy & Joseu Corpas
For our unchurched neighbors

Schedule

TODAY

Worship Service – 9:00am
6:00pm – Young Adult Bible Study
6:00PM – HS Summer Bible Study

Monday – 1:00-3:00pm pool party for those entering 6th grade
-6:00pm Men’s softball in Belgium

Tuesday - 1-3pm MS Summer Fellowship

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FAITH:

August 20 - HS Kick-Off Cookout
August 22 – MS Kick-Off Bonfire

Ushers for August: Jim Obbink, Al Holle, Nate Wieberdink

Nursery for August 13: Emily Van Allen & Nolan Brill
Nursery for August 20: Alison Zimmermann & Anna Jerabek

Refreshments for August: Care Group #3 (Mary & Linda)

Greeters August 13 – **Narthex:** Tom & Margie Schultz
- **Great Room:** Jeff & Paula Risseeuw
Greeters August 20 - **Narthex:** Jon & Kris Sass
- **Great Room:** Ryan & Melissa Ten Pas

Serving in the Military:

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Family Life at Faith

The Cedar Grove Area Food Pantry served 53 families at the August Food Pantry. The next Food Pantry will be held on Thursday, September 14th. **Right now, we are still low on CEREAL, PASTA and PASTA SAUCE.** 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!

Congratulations to Brenna Rauwerdink and Jordon Blok who were married yesterday at Hingham Church.

Faith Reformed Church will be supplying a meal once a month for the Salvation Army Homeless Shelter. We are responsible for the last Wednesday of each month. We need to provide enough food for 35 people. The meal will include Tater-tot Casserole, applesauce, dinner rolls and cookies. There is a sign-up sheet in the information center. Please prayerfully think about how you can help out with this mission. If you have any questions you can talk to Wendy Wonsler.

Love Inc. –In August we are collecting– new standard size bath towels and hook & loop Velcro. For questions on your donations, please contact your Love, Inc Representative, Jodi Danforth (920-254-1385). Thank you.

School Supply Collection - Once again, we will be collecting *school supplies* for students in need. They are always in need of pencils, markers, notebooks, scissors, glue, glue sticks, and crayons. You can place items in the yellow cardboard school buses in the great room.

This week, we will be disposing of all the old music in church. If you have any interest in any of the music, song books and/or cantata books, please contact Carol DeRuyter.

Our family wants to THANK our Faith family so much for the prayers, cards of encouragement and gifts given to us during our doctoring and hospital stay with Sam. Pastor Zach and the Care Connection have been so gracious to us! Continue to pray for a cure for Sam’s seizures! HE is the only way we can find a cure!
Thank you again! *Steve and Kim Rauwerdink family*

B Back to School Clothing Drive- Next Sunday, August 20th, you will have an opportunity to sign up to purchase clothing for a local student in need. If you will not be there, and would still like to sign up, please call Anna Meinnert. (All items will be due by Sunday, Sept. 3rd or sooner). We will also be collecting gently used Rocket gear August 20-September 13. Look for the large tote in the Great Room.

All information for the September Newsletter is due Sunday, August 27th.

Family Life at Faith

Men's Softball - With a comeback victory last week, our guys have reached the final four! The double-elimination playoffs continue with a game in Belgium at 6:00 PM on Monday against Portview. The entire playoff bracket can be found on odbcport.org/softball.

Special Birthdays in August: Dolores Waech will be 80 on August 15

Gail Meerdink will be 89 on August 19

Muriel Meinen will be 89 on August 19

Wayne Bloemers will be 85 on August 21

Delores Droppers will be 87 on August 25

Please see your box for the letter concerning officer nominations. For male professing members age 21 and over, this is the time to consider whether you are willing to serve as an elder or deacon if nominated. **If you desire to remove your name from the nomination list, please communicate so in writing to pastor Zach or an elder by September 10th.**

QUEST: Starting September 6, all K5-5th grade students are warmly welcome to participate in our Wednesday night ministry that bears the new name "Quest"!

- **Why:** Our aim at Quest is for children to discover the foundational truths of the Bible in a grace-filled community so that they will become passionate followers of Jesus Christ
- **Who:** All students entering 5K – 5th grade
- **What:** Although the format of Quest will be very similar to that of Adventure Island, the content will change over to the First Catechism, which summarizes the core truths of Scripture in kid-friendly language. Children will learn these truths through large-group Bible lessons, songs, and small-group activities
- **When:** Wednesday evenings from September 6, 2023 – April 24, 2024. Large group lasts from 6:30-7:00, while small groups run from 7:00-7:30. Students can arrive as early as 6:10 for check-in and play time in the Great Room/basement (or south lawn when the weather is nice)
- **Where:** Large/small groups will be held in the Faith Reformed Church basement

***Informational Parents' Meeting:** Parents are encouraged to attend an informational meeting to learn more about the new curriculum, receive resources for continuing the learning experience at home, and ask any questions they might have. Meetings will be held **Sunday, Aug. 27 at 10:30 am** in the Sanctuary and **Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 6:30 pm** in the Great Room while students are having their first Quest lesson. Note: parents only need to attend one meeting as their content will be identical.

Youth News

HS Summer Bible Study - Tonight, August 13th, students exiting grades 9-12 will gather at **6:00PM** in the **Faith Reformed** youth room. We'll finish our study with **2 Timothy 4:1-22** and enjoy more ice cream and fellowship!

Incoming 6th Grade Pool Party - Monday, August 14th, incoming 6th graders are invited to a pool party from **1:00-3:00PM** at **Claerbout's** (605 S 6th St, Cedar Grove). We'll jump in the pool, enjoy some ice cream, and spend some time talking about what the youth can expect at youth group this year. Feel free to invite other 6th graders who might potentially join us at Connect this year!

MS Summer Fellowship - Tuesday, August 15th students exiting grades 6-8 will meet from **1:00-3:00PM** at **Claerbout's Pool** (605 S. 6th St.). Come ready to jump in the pool, and we'll cover another Psalm!

Young Adult Summer Bible Study - Tonight, August 13th all young adults are invited to the Wonser's (N1432 State Hwy 32, Oostburg) at **6:00PM** for a Bible study and fellowship. We'll be covering 1 Peter 5:1-5.

Volunteer Help - We're looking for volunteers to help with our children's & youth ministries for the school year! We have a handful of spots available for 3-year-olds up through 8th grade. If you have interest, please text Jon at 920-447-2335 and we can discuss which opportunity would be a good fit for you!

Missionary Biographies - The missionary biographies are once again available for check-out near Pastor Zach's office. Students grades K-8 can fill out a summary sheet during the summer to win up to 3 prizes!

College students, we would like to offer you a prayer sponsor from your Faith Church Family. What happens is someone from our church will get your name and they will become your sponsor. All you must do is sign up and complete the information sheet. You can find those sheets in the information center. **The deadline to get those in is TODAY.** You can put them in Bonnie Depies's mailbox or hand them into the office. Any questions, please ask Bonnie Depies or Wendy Wonser.

Also:

Looking for sponsors to match up with our young adults that will be in college this fall. Staying connected with our young people is so important. We want them to know their church family is thinking and praying for them. If you are interested but have questions, please ask Bonnie Depies. There is a sign-up sheet in the information center.