

**Welcome to First Reformed Church Buffalo Center**  
**Pastor Sue Shike                      641-251-2255**

**March 26, 2023                      5th Sunday of Lent                      9:30 AM**

Prelude

Carole Kettwick

**The Approach to God**

Welcome and Announcements

Salutation: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Invocation

Sentences (Psalm 130)

L: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

**P: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

L: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I hope;

**P: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning**

L: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love

**P: And with Him is great power to redeem.**

**All: It is He who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.**

The Peace: The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**Hymn of Invitation # 264**

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

Prayer of Confession

**Holy Lord, forgive us for ignoring Your counsel and choosing our own way. We have turned our backs on Your goodness and blessings. We have chosen pride and indulgence over righteousness and purity. Give me wisdom to lead an overcoming life. Give me eyes to see and ears to listen. I rejoice in my Lord and my Redeemer. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

Words of Assurance – Gloria Patri

**Anthem**

**Gentle Healer**

**Casting Crowns**

-Children’s Time

**Proclamation of the Word**

Prayer of Illumination

OT Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14 pg 791 NT Lesson: Romans 8:6-11 pg 1029

Gospel Lesson: John 11:1-45 pg 978

**Sermon:                      If you believe, you will see the Glory of God**

Offering and Doxology

Hymn # 261

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

**Response to God**

Prayer, Lord’s Prayer

**Hymn of action # 260**

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Benediction

**Closing Hymn # 270**

“Oh How He Loves You and Me”

**Welcome to First Reformed Church. We are glad you have joined us on this 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent.**

**We extend our Christian Love and Sympathy to the family of Patty Lauritsen. She was the sister of Sher Blomster, Mark Krull and Jamie Krull.**

A service for Patty (Krull) Lauritsen will be held April 1 at 1 P.M. at a location to be determined. Andrews Funeral Homes of Belmond is assisting with arrangements. Please remember her daughters Autumn and Katy Lauritsen in your prayers. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Autumn Lauritsen, P.O. Box 222, Manly, IA 50456.

**Prayer list:** Paul Steffensen, Ron Abels, Doris Harms, Keith Finer. Please contact the office if you would like your name on or off the prayer list. (641-562-2317)

**Continue to uphold others in care centers:** MaryAnn Voortman, Evelyn Winter, Vi Krull, Arlo Heyer. and Don Johnson.

**Bulletin Cover** - March is being sponsored by Les and Karen Kiewiet.

**Attendance last week** – 65 **Offering** - \$1885.00

**Worship Broadcast** today is live on KIOW radio 107.3 and streamed on WCTA cable channel 2 and is given by a radio listener. If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast please call Linda at 641-562-2731.

**Choir will practice at 11 AM today.**

**Consistory will meet this coming Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.**

**Happy Birthday wishes this week to**

Wednesday March 29 Leigha Gruis

**Happy Anniversary to Andrew and Alicea Porter on Friday**

**To order your lilies from Shelley for the Easter Display you may contact her at Work phone 507-526-3707 or Cell phone 507-520-6322**

**The owner of the cake pan says thank you for returning it to the church.**

**Thank you for the logo donations that have been coming in. First Reformed quilters will continue to collect local logos if you have any to donate.**

**April Calendar**

March 29 Consistory will meet at 7 pm

April 2 Palm Sunday

April 7 Good Friday

April 9 Easter Sunday

April 10 Esther Circle

April 16 Sunday Worship

April 23 Sunday Worship

April 26 Consistory meets at 7 PM

April 30 Sunday Worship

**April Greeter**

March 26 Brian and Amy Vander Wilt

April 2 Gene and Marilyn Brass

April 9 Kerry and Peg Mastin

April 16 Harley and Doris Harms

April 23 Mitch and Amanda Geisking

April 30 Ken and Kathe Kiewiet Risius

**April Flowers**

Jim and Shelley Volz

Doug and JoAnn DeBoer

**April Ushers**

Kerry Mastin

Steve Milbrandt

**The Food Pantry is in need of these items:**

**can soup, can tuna and can chicken, saltine crackers, muffin mix, pasta sides, box potatoes**