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*Growing Closer to God
Through Service & Love*

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First CRC Fulton
August 16, 2026 - 9:00am
“Just As God Forgave”

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Praise

Welcome: Bodey and Logan

Announcements: Bodey and Logan

Call To Worship: Leo and Beth

Leader: Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

People: And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by who you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Leader: Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

People: Be kind to one another, tenderhearted forgiving one

another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Leo: This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

ALL: Let us worship the Lord in grace and truth!

God's Greeting: Pastor John

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

Special Music by Bodey

You are Holy (Bodey & Tegan)

10,000 Reasons (Logan)

Video

Back to School Blessing: Pastor John

Bodey's Testimony

Worship Through Song:

You Are My All In All (Paige)

Blessed be the Name

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Ephesians 4:29-32 (Pg 1320)

Sermon: "Just As God Forgave" – Pastor John

Celebration of Communion

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Parting Song: My Redeemer Lives

Blessing: Pastor John

Announcements

Today we welcome Pastor John Byker. We look forward to worshipping with you today. Thank you for sharing your love and talents with our congregation.

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. As we sit around the table of the Lord may we know our sins have been forgiven through His Son, Jesus Christ. Let us celebrate with joy in our hearts.

Celebration Time: Today we celebrate our country's 250th birthday and "back to school Sunday." We will enjoy a potluck after the service. Welcome to all of our guests and thank you to all of our members for the time and energy you put forth to bring us all together to "break bread" together.

A big thank you from the Fulton Kiwanis club for featuring them for Sunday offering and making a donation to their cause. The card got we in the mail and the ink washed off, so I'm not exactly sure what it said. 🙏

Please send **prayer requests** to **stacy_stephenson_1980@yahoo.com** and all bulletin information to **FirstCRCFulton@live.com** by Thursday at 6p. If you have anything for the Newsletter, please email it with the subject line “Newsletter” by the last Wednesday of the month.

Birthdays:

18 Celia Behrens

Deacons' News

Offerings Received 8/9/26

General Fund

Faith Promise: \$121.00

Budget: \$2,166.00

Received: \$8,245.09

Over: \$6,079.09

Offerings Today: General Fund & Benevolence

8/23/2026 Offerings: General Fund & UCSB

Please place your offering in the plates at the back of the sanctuary.

Community Announcements

Cathy Reynolds will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday, August 16th, at 6:00 PM! Come and join us for an evening of praise and worship. A free-will offering will be taken. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors.

Common Bond Quartet will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday, August 23rd, at 6:00 PM! Come and join us for an evening of praise and worship. A free-will offering will be taken. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors.

The Mulkins Family will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday, August 30th, at 6:00 PM! Come and join us for

an evening of praise and worship. A free-will offering will be taken. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors.

Bound for the Kingdom Faith, Music, and Community, Friday, September 4th featuring Jon Micah Sumrall, Olivia Lane, Amanda Nolan, Grace Heyvaert, and Saturday, September 5th featuring Ryan Stevenson, Consumed by Fire, Madison Watkins, and Josh & Sarah Furrow. Eventbrite.com for more.

Men's breakfast, speaker, and worship at the Church of the Open Door in Clinton at 8am, the first Saturday of every month.

CRC News

Thrive Faith Formation Tip – Jesus learned from the mistakes of God’s people. He copied the playbook on radical curiosity from the Father. And instead of coming in like a superhero, Jesus entered into humanity by wrapping himself in human flesh and moving “into the neighborhood” (John 1:14, The Message). As you reflect on the humble way Jesus came into the world, think about someone you might normally avoid or people who are excluded in your community. How can you show the love of Christ to those people this week? Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

2026 Cambodia Discovery Tour - World Renew invites you on a journey to explore Cambodia! Grow in your understanding of World Renew’s work from communities already leading change, while experiencing the history, traditions, and culture of Cambodia. Join us from November 6-16, 2026 and come discover what God is doing in Cambodia. Registration is limited. For more information and to register, visit:

<https://bit.ly/cambodia2026info>

	<u>August 16th</u>	<u>August 23rd</u>	<u>August 30th</u>
Pastor	John Byker	Rich Bawinkle	Ken Renkes
Sound	Paul T.	Joe V.	David D.
Nursery	Amy C.	Stacy S.	Ana T.
Snack	Sara B.	Brenda A.	Lynda V.
Server	Sara & Eric	Stacy S.	Marissa W.
Planner	Beth C.	Brenda A.	Lynda V.

Weekly Calendar

Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
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