

First CRC Fulton
July 30, 2023
Spiritual Renewal

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: No Longer Slaves

Welcome

Announcements

Call To Worship: from Psalm 47

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples;

All: Shout to God with loud songs of joy.

Leader: For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,

All: A great king over all the earth.

Leader: God has gone up with a shout,

All: The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises;

All: Sing praises to our King, sing praises.

God's Greeting: Pastor Brian

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

10,000 Reasons

You Are Holy

My Redeemer Lives

Congregational Prayer

Offering - General Fund & Ministry Shares

As part of our worship, we will pass the offering plate. This is a chance for our members and attenders to give back to God a portion of what He has blessed us with. If you are a guest, please do not feel any pressure to give.

Worship in Song:

Good Good Father

Fill Thou my Life o Lord my God

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: 2 Samuel 6:1-19

¹David again brought together all the able young men of Israel—thirty thousand. ²He and all his men went to Baalah in Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the Lord Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim on the ark. ³They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding

the new cart⁴ with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it.⁵ David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the Lord, with castanets, harps, lyres, timbrels, sistrums and cymbals.⁶ When they came to the threshing floor of Nakon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled.⁷ The Lord's anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore God struck him down, and he died there beside the ark of God.

⁸Then David was angry because the Lord's wrath had broken out against Uzzah, and to this day that place is called Perez Uzzah.

⁹David was afraid of the Lord that day and said, "How can the ark of the Lord ever come to me?"¹⁰ He was not willing to take the ark of the Lord to be with him in the City of David. Instead, he took it to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite.¹¹ The ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite for three months, and the Lord blessed him and his entire household.

¹²Now King David was told, "The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God." So David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing.¹³ When those who were carrying the ark of the Lord had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf.¹⁴ Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might,¹⁵ while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

¹⁶As the ark of the Lord was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, she despised him in her heart.

¹⁷They brought the ark of the Lord and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the Lord.¹⁸ After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord Almighty.¹⁹ Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes.

Sermon: Spiritual Renewal - Pastor Brian Akker

Prayer

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Parting Song: Father I Adore You

Blessing: Pastor Brian

Announcements

National Night Out is this Saturday, August 5. Our church is hosting the popcorn table from noon - 7pm. If anyone would like to help make and serve popcorn for our neighbors as a way to reach out and say thanks for "popping by." We could use a few hands in a couple different shifts. Please talk with Stacy to let her know you can help. We would like for everyone to wear their purple 1st CRC T-shirt. If you do not have one, please see Stacy.

Committee sign-up sheet is on the back table. Please prayerfully consider utilizing your gifts and talents to serve our church and church family. Please run, don't walk! We are excited to build our church!

Rachel Dykstra & Charles Elliott invite our 1stCRC church family to their wedding. Saturday Sept 2nd 2023 at 3:00 pm at 1stCRC. Dinner Reception to follow at Majestic Pines(formerly Buck's Barn), 11503 3 Mile Rd, Thomson, IL. Please RSVP by Aug 1st by calling 563-219-5441 or there is a sign up sheet on the back table. Thank you!

Outdoor Services will be held every 2nd Sunday this summer. The theme for our August 13th outdoor service and potluck will be “Dog Days of Summer.” The Evangelism Committee will cook hot dogs. Please bring a “BallPark” food (Nachos, Popcorn, etc). And don’t forget to invite your friends!

Thank you to everyone who remembered me for my birthday!! Appreciate all the cards and birthday messages on Facebook!! Thanks and God Bless you- David Dykstra

Remember in prayer our members in care facilities and those that are homebound: Dorothy B, Jeanette B, Carroll E, John S, Betty S, Mark S, Albert W

August Birthdays	14	Pam Bielema	21	Brenda Bousman	
2	Chris Roos	14	Sara Burns	24	Teresa Dellit
3	Audrey Balk	15	Dale Schaver	25	April Prins
3	Isabelle Fletcher	15	Jason Vander Eide	26	Julie Lutz
9	Jeff Vander Eide	18	Celia Behrens	28	Holly Bielema
10	Lynell Breidenbach	19	Andrew Zajicek	31	Joshua Bielema
10	Mary Medenblik	20	Joseph Zajicek		

August Anniversaries	5	Lauren & Jeriann M	27	Roger & Gayle D
3	Sam & Ruby D	9	Bill & Mary M	

Deacons News

7/23/23 :

UCSB: \$845.00

Budget: \$2,042.00

Offerings Today: General Fund - Ministry Shares

Received: \$702.00

Next Sunday: General Fund - Building Fund

Short: \$1,340.00

Please place your offerings in the plates as they are being passed.

Community News

The Kramers will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday July 30th at 6:00 p.m. Please join us in the Valley for an evening of worship and fellowship. We will also be serving ice cream Sundaes! In case of adverse weather, the concert will be moved indoors. A free will offering will be taken. At an event with The Kramers, audiences can expect a variety of musical styles featuring beautiful family harmonies and the skilled accompanying instrumentation brought forth by Scott, Ben and Maria. Audiences are greatly moved, oftentimes to tears, by the sweet, yet powerful gospel message within each of the musical selections. Top all of this off with a time of hearing personal testimony and an opportunity to accept Christ as Savior. Many walk away greatly impacted by the gospel.

No Worries will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday August 6th at 6:00PM. Please join us in the valley for an evening of praise and worship. The concert will be moved indoors in case of inclement weather. A free will

offering will be taken. No Worries is a local bluegrass gospel band that was formed in 2019. They specialize in playing for churches, festivals, local celebrations, parties & nursing homes. A seasoned musician, Stockton resident, Terry O'Malley, comes from a musical family. He plays various instruments, including banjo, guitar, mandolin & bass. His masculine harmonies enhance the female vocals, which makes the band's three part harmony solid. The band's lead vocalist, Mary Jean Hammer, accompanies herself on the mandolin or guitar. Her heartfelt passion and sweet voice brings a solid foundation to the group. She resides near Apple River where she & her husband own a family business. Also from Stockton, Mary Berryhill, brings the bass beat and adds some exciting vocal leads as well as some very tight harmonies, which perfectly rounds out the group. Mary is also the booking agent and business manager. The band plays many genres of music, including gospel, old time country favorites, folk, pop and old time rock n roll. The three love to share their Joy Of Music with others and spread God's word.

Mid-America's 19th Annual Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, August 26, 2023, 9:00 a.m. at the Deer Creek Golf Club in University Park, IL. Registrations and sponsorships are due no later than August 11, 2022. To register or learn more, go to <https://www.midamerica.edu/news>.

Beyond the Walls, 2023 Center for Missions & Evangelism National Conference, will bring encouragement to church leaders and lay people alike by focusing on what it looks like to do faithfully reformed, outward-facing ministry in an age of adversity. Join us at Bethel Church from October 6-7 in Lansing, Illinois. <https://www.midamerica.edu/cme/conference>

The Annual Pro-Life Event for the Pregnancy Center will be held this year at Journey Church in Clinton, on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 6:30-8:30pm. They will have pizza, great worship, a guest speaker and free pro-life giveaways. Mark your calendars. RSVP to Nancy by Email if you hope to attend or call 563-242-6628 with any questions. More details will follow and thanks for your prayers.

	Today	Next Sunday
Recorder & Sound	Paul T	Joe V
Nursery Attendant	Amy D	Alida H
Snack Provider	Angie V	Michelle V
Server	Lynell B	Michelle V

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am

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