

First CRC Fulton  
July 2, 2023  
Breaking Cycles of Sin, Part 1

**We Gather in Praise and Worship**

**Prelude:** No Longer Slaves

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Call To Worship:** From Psalm 89

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;

**All: With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

Leader: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

**All: Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

Leader: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant

David: 'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"

**All: Praise the Lord!**

**God's Greeting:**

**Mutual Greeting**

**Worship Through Song:**

Come, Now is the time to Worship

In Christ Alone

His Mercy is More

**Congregational Prayer**

**Offering**

**Worship in Song:**

All the People said Amen

In Doubt and Temptation

**We Prepare For & Hear God's Word**

**Scripture:**

**Ezekial 18:2-4,10-11,13b,20**

<sup>2</sup>*"What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel:*

*“The parents eat sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”?*

<sup>3</sup>*“As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. <sup>4</sup>For everyone belongs to me, the parent as well as the child—both alike belong to me. The one who sins is the one who will die.*

<sup>10</sup>*“Suppose he has a violent son, who sheds blood or does any of these other things <sup>11</sup>(though the father has done none of them):*

<sup>13b</sup>*Will such a man live? He will not! Because he has done all these detestable things, he is to be put to death; his blood will be on his own head.*

<sup>20</sup>*The one who sins is the one who will die. The child will not share the guilt of the parent, nor will the parent share the guilt of the child. The righteousness of the righteous will be credited to them, and the wickedness of the wicked will be charged against them.*

### **Galatians 5:16-18**

<sup>16</sup>*So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.*

**Sermon:** Breaking Cycles of Sin: Part 1 - Pastor Michael Hooker

**Prayer**

### **WE DEPART WITH GOD’S BLESSING**

**Parting Song:** Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone

**Blessing:** Pastor Michael

### **Announcements**

**Outdoor Services** will be held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday this summer. Next Sunday service will be held outside and followed by fellowship, snacks, and outdoor activities. Please invite your friends!

**Please email all information for the secretary to [FirstCRCFulton@live.com](mailto:FirstCRCFulton@live.com). We are experiencing technical difficulties with the [FultonFirstCRC.com](http://FultonFirstCRC.com) emails.**

**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

### **July Birthdays**

1	Albert Wiebenga	17	David Dykstra	25	Jonah Lutz
2	Paul Thompson	17	Steve Huisenga	26	Dorothy Bielema
4	Dick Huizenga	18	Wanda Smith	28	Logan Moore
6	Jessica Russell	21	Jeanette Brondyke	29	Graicie James

## July Anniversaries

12 Bruce & Lori Bielema

20 Eric & Sara Burns

### Deacons News

6/18/23 :

UCSB: \$352.00

Budget: \$2,042.00

**Offerings Today:** General Fund - Building Fund

Received: \$2058.00

Next Sunday: General Fund - Youth Group

Over: \$16.00

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

### Community News

**Alleluia Quartet** will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton, IL, on Sunday July 2nd at 6:00PM. Please join us in the valley for an evening of music and ministry. The concert will be moved indoors if there is a threat of bad weather. A free will offering will be taken. Four guys from Beth Eden United Methodist Church got together in 1985 to share their musical talents in worship. Since that day, God has continued to bless them and their ministry. Alleluia Quartet shares their unique style of four part harmony to witness the love of God in their lives. They have been blessed to share this music in many different settings all over northern Illinois, southern Wisconsin, Iowa, and even Ohio. They share a message of hope, grace, and love wherever they go.

**The Farm Hand** will be welcomed to the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday July 9th 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. We will be serving Root Beer Floats following the concert. The Farm Hands is one of the most exciting and in demand bands in Bluegrass/Gospel music. They are at home at any venue because they stay true to their calling. Tim Graves of The Farm Hands explains, "When you do what you are called to do, you really don't have to worry about anything because the Lord is in charge."

**Hearts of Fire** Virtual Event, inspiring testimonies of costly faith from four courageous women is Friday, July 14th, 2023. Go to [HeartsEvent.com](https://HeartsEvent.com) for more information.

**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. Our speakers will address crucial topics that speak to the mission and identity of the church in a world full of darkness and confusion. Only the gospel of Jesus Christ offers any meaningful hope; and through God's Word and Spirit, the Church continues to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Join us at Bethel Church from October 6-7 in Lansing, Illinois, as we seek to grow and learn together.

<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.

	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
Recorder & Sound	David D	Paul T
Nursery Attendant	Lynell B	Michelle V
Snack Provider	Amy D	Evangelism
Server	Amy D	Committee

<b>Weekly Calendar</b>		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am

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