

**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**May 2, 2021**  
**10:00 AM**

**Prelude (selected videos)**

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship:** 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 (The Msg.)

**12** You've forced me to talk this way, and I do it against my better judgment. But now that we're at it, I may as well bring up the matter of visions and revelations that God gave me. For instance, I know a man who, fourteen years ago, was seized by Christ and swept in ecstasy to the heights of heaven. I really don't know if this took place in the body or out of it; only God knows. I also know that this man was hijacked into paradise—again, whether in or out of the body, I don't know; God knows. There he heard the unspeakable spoken, but was forbidden to tell what he heard. This is the man I want to talk about. But about myself, I'm not saying another word apart from the humiliations.

<sup>6</sup> If I had a mind to brag a little, I could probably do it without looking ridiculous, and I'd still be speaking plain truth all the way. But I'll spare you. I don't want anyone imagining me as anything other than the fool you'd encounter if you saw me on the street or heard me talk. Because of the extravagance of those revelations, and so I wouldn't get a big head, I was given the gift of a handicap to keep me in constant touch with my limitations. Satan's angel did his best to get me down; what he in fact did was push me to my knees. No danger then of walking around high and mighty! At first I didn't think of it as a gift, and begged God to remove it. Three times I did that, and then he told me, My grace is enough; it's all you need. My strength comes into its own in your weakness.

Once I heard that, I was glad to let it happen. I quit focusing on the handicap and began appreciating the gift. It was a case of Christ's strength moving in on my weakness. Now I take limitations in stride, and with good cheer, these limitations that cut me down to size—abuse, accidents, opposition, bad breaks. I just let Christ take over! And so the weaker I get, the stronger I become.

**Prayer**

**Greeting**

**Song:** "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

**Song:** "Our God Reigns"

**Ministry Through Dance and Song:**

*Robin's School of Dance*

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

<sup>16</sup> Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

**Prayer**

**Message:** "Glory is Coming"

**Prayer for Blessing on the Word/Prayers of Intercession**

**Song:** "Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus" vs. 1-3

**Prayer for Blessing on Food**

**Blessing**

**Closing** (selected videos)

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Welcome to the First Reformed Church, we are glad to have you worshiping with us. Please join us for coffee, juice, & cookies in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service.

**Calendar for the Day**

10:00 AM Morning Worship

11:00 AM Taco/Nacho Bar Lunch

**Serving Today:**

**Sound:** Bouwman family

**Accompanist:** Ruth Vande Stroet

**Nursery:** Paul & Linda Van Kekerix

**Lift:** Marv Vonk

**Offering this week:** Church Ministry Fund

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

May 3: Tillie Rook (89)

May 4: Amber Vonk

Raya Blankespoor

May 5: Myron Van Ginkel

May 6: Jackson Bousema

John Ver Mulm

May 9: Brad & Dawn Netten

**Prayers & Praises:**

**Duane Ver Mulm** is in the swing bed at the local hospital.

**Chuck Ver Steeg** has returned home.

**Next Week:**

**Monday, May 3:**

3:30 PM The Block

**Tuesday, May 4:**

3:30 PM Kids' Block

6:30 PM Grace Bible Study

**Thursday, May 6:**

3:30 PM Kids' Block

**Sunday, May 9: Mother's Day**

Pastor Verlyn will lead worship.

**Sound:** Taylor family

**Praise Team 2**

**Children's Message:** Niki Netten

**Nursery:** Berwyn & Kristi Van Keckerix

**Lift:** Marv Hoogendoorn

**Coffee:** Todd & Niki Netten

**Offering:** Church Ministry Fund

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Our **vision** is to follow Jesus daily as we love and serve all people.



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