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# SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

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Sunday February 16, 2020 at 10:30 AM

Pastor: Dave Poolman

Ministers: Every Member

## GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

\*Gathering Song: *“Better is One Day”*  
(Please stand if you are able.)

\*God Greet Us and We Greet Each Other

\*Call to Worship (inspired by *Psalm 132:8-9*)

Let's gather together in the presence of our God.  
Let's bring our songs of praise and our prayers of thanksgiving.  
Let us bow down in worship before the Lord our Maker.  
**Arise, O God, and enter Your sanctuary-  
You, and the ark of Your strength.  
Clothe us in justice and faithfulness,  
and put new songs of joy and praise in our mouths.**  
Let's worship God together!

Songs of Praise: *“Be Thou My Vision”* Burgundy 562  
*“How Great is Our God”*

Confession

**God in Christ, who endured the cross in your own flesh for our sakes, hear us as we confess our sin. We would be Your bold disciples, but we fear suffering; we would carry our cross, but it weighs too heavily. We count the cost of following You—as long as there are benefits; but to renounce all we have is a devastating prospect. Forgive the conditions we make when we try to obey, and free us by Your grace to forsake all and follow You.**

Assurance of Pardon

The God who calls us is the God who created us; the God who formed us is the God who forgives us. This is the Good News: we are God's new creation. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Offering Our Gifts: *General Fund*

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Elder Joy Ferwerda

(After the prayer, children ages 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are dismissed out the side door to Children's Worship in Room A)

Scripture: *Luke 14:25-35* Page 1489

Message: **“Hard Sayings of Jesus (V): Counting the Cost”**

Prayer

\*Song: *“Knowing You”*

Faith Promise Missions Report: *Jermayne Chapman*

Praying Together

## GOING IN PEACE

\*God's Blessing

\*Parting Song: *“Now Unto the King Eternal”*

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If you need prayer for yourself or someone you love, please come to the Prayer Room just outside of the sanctuary. There will be Elders or others gifted in prayer to pray with you.



## CHURCH COUNCIL

### Administrative Council

**Elders:** Barry Priest, President  
Steve Zielinski, Clerk

**Deacon:** Judy Straayer

### Shepherding Elders and Deacons

#### **District 1 (A-F)**

Elder: Bill Nelson

Deacon: Sue Brownell

#### **District 2 (G-L)**

Elder: Gloria Ranney

Deacon: Eric Rentz

#### **District 3 (M-Ra)**

Elder: David Van Deusen

Deacon: Sandy James

#### **District 4 (Re-Z)**

Elder: Joy Ferwerda

Deacon: Henry Huizinga

## MINISTRY MANAGEMENT TEAM

Elder Steve Zielinski, Chair

Carol Drohan, Adult Ministries Team Leader

Jean Ohliger, Children/Youth Team Leader

Dave Hiskes, Support Ministries Team Leader

Andrew Brindisi, Worship Ministries Team Leader

Mike Ohliger, Congregational Life Team Leader

## CHURCH STAFF

**Pastor:** Rev. Dave Poolman (644-2731)

**Church Secretary:** Bev Kaldy (644-2731)

**Custodian:** Randy Wiggins & Michael May

**Treasurer:** Merrill Kloter

**Sonshine Ministry:** Carol Hulstein

**Rides Coordinator:** Lucy Berghuis

## FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARIES

Jermayne & Meredith Chapman, Orlando, Florida

Ryan Goding, Farmington, ME

Bruce & Pam Johnson, Japan

Harold & Deibi Lappian, Dover, NH

Brandon & Ashley Wilson, Storrs, CT

Jim & Josephine Zylstra, Tanzania

*Jesus has many who love His kingdom in heaven, but few who bear His cross. He has many who desire comfort, but few who desire suffering. He finds many to share His feast, but few His fasting. All desire to rejoice with Him, but few are willing to suffer for His sake. Many follow Jesus to the breaking of bread, but few to the drinking of the cup of His passion. Many admire His miracles, but few follow Him in the humiliation of the cross. Many love Jesus as long as no hardship touches them..., [but] they who love Jesus for his own sake, and not for the sake of comfort for themselves, bless him in every trial and anguish of heart....*

*Thomas a Kempis, The Imitation of Christ*

## MISSION STATEMENT

Avery Street Christian Reformed Church seeks to be a church that loves Jesus and loves our neighbors.

## VISION STATEMENT

Avery Street Christian Reformed Church is committed to fulfilling Jesus' command as expressed in the Great Commission: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

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## Loving Jesus, Loving Our Neighbors

If you would like to learn more about the ministry of our church,  
please check out our church's website:

[www.ascrc.org](http://www.ascrc.org)

## Better Is One Day

### *Verse 1*

How lovely is Your dwelling place,  
O Lord almighty;  
For my soul longs and even faints for You.  
For here my heart is satisfied  
Within Your presence;  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

### *Chorus*

Better is one day in Your courts,  
Better is one day in Your house;  
Better is one day in Your courts  
Than thousands elsewhere.  
(Than thousands elsewhere)

### *Verse 2*

One thing I ask and I would seek  
To see Your beauty  
To find You in the place  
Your glory dwells.  
(REPEAT)

### *Bridge*

My heart and flesh cry out  
For You the living God.  
Your Spirit's water to my soul  
I've tasted and I've seen.  
Come once again to me.  
I will draw near to You.  
I will draw near to You, to You.

### *Bridge*

Better is one day, better is one day,  
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere.  
Better is one day, better is one day,  
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere.

## How Great Is Our God

### *Verse 1*

The splendor of the King,  
Clothed in majesty;  
Let all the earth rejoice,  
All the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light,  
And darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at His voice,  
And trembles at His voice.

### *Chorus*

How great is our God!  
Sing with me:  
How great is our God!  
And all will see how great,  
How great is our God!

### *Verse 2*

And age to age He stands,  
And time is in His hands;  
Beginning and the End,  
Beginning and the End.  
The Godhead, three in one,  
Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb,  
The Lion and the Lamb.

### *Bridge (1x)*

Name above all names,  
Worthy of all praise.  
My heart will sing:  
How great is our God!

### *Chorus*

## **“Knowing You”**

### **Verse 1**

All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
All this world reveres, and wars to own,  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss;  
Spent and worthless now, compared to this.

### ***Chorus***

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,  
There is no greater thing.  
You're my all, You're the best,  
You're my joy, my righteousness,  
And I love You, Lord.

### **Verse 2**

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,  
To be found in You, and known as Yours,  
To possess by faith what I could not earn;  
All surpassing gift of righteousness.

### ***Chorus***

### **Verse 3**

Oh to know the power of Your risen life,  
And to know You in Your sufferings,  
To become like You in Your death, my Lord;  
So with You to live, and never die.

### ***Chorus***

## **“Now Unto the King Eternal”**

Now unto the King eternal,  
Unto the King immortal,  
Unto the King invisible,  
The only wise God, The only wise  
God.

Oh, unto the King be glory and  
honor,  
Unto the King forever.  
Unto the King be glory and honor  
Forever and ever. Amen. Amen.