

## Welcome

Welcome to the Reformed Church of Port Ewen this morning. We are glad that you are here with us. Whether you've been worshipping here for a long time or you're entering the doors of our church for the first time today it is our hope that you'll experience a kind welcome, a sense of genuine community, and the grace and truth that the Christian Church has celebrated for centuries.

## APPROACH TO GOD

### Prelude

*"Holy Is The Lord"*

*Tomlin/Giglio*

### Passing of the Peace

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

### Welcome & Announcements

### Call to Worship

*John 4:23*

*But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.*

## \*Hymn of Praise

*"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise to thee an al-tar, hith-er by thy help I've come;  
3 O to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home.  
Let thy good-ness, like a fet-ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee;

Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bov-  
Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger, wan-dering from the fold of G  
prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise his name—I'm fixed up-on it—name of God's re-deem-ing love.  
he, to res-cue me from dan-ger, bought me with his pre-cious blood.  
here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a-bove.

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Holy and Merciful God,  
Out of your great love you have claimed us as your own.  
In the power of the Holy Spirit we have been marked as Christ's own.  
You have given to us Your Holy Name.  
You have commanded that we not take it in vain.  
We confess that we have sinned against you.  
We have taken Your Name in vain in thought, word, and deed.  
We have not taken seriously your claim on our lives.  
We have failed to live holy and just lives,  
failed to love you with our whole being  
and love our neighbors as ourselves.  
Forgive us, merciful Father.  
Send your Spirit to freshly kindle the fire of our hearts,  
to set us aflame again with your love,  
to renew in us the desire to obey you and honor you  
in all that we say, think, and do.  
All this for your glory and our good.  
In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

### Assurance of Forgiveness

*Colossians 2:13-14*

*Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity  
and passing over the transgression of the remnant of your possession?  
He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in showing clemency.  
He will again have compassion upon us; he will tread our iniquities under foot.  
You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.  
You will show faithfulness to Jacob and unswerving loyalty to Abraham,  
as you have sworn to our ancestors from the days of old.*

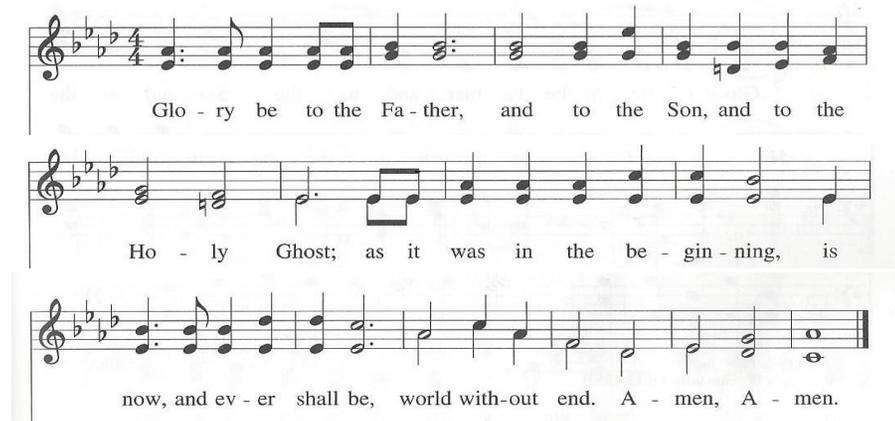
### Call to New Obedience

*Deuteronomy 5:8-11*

**You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.**

**You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.**

### *\*Gloria Patri*



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the  
Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is  
now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

## WORD OF GOD

### Prayer for Illumination

#### Scripture Lessons

#### First Reading

*Old Testament: Deuteronomy 5:1-21*

#### The Ten Commandments

***5*** Moses convened all Israel, and said to them:

*Hear, O Israel, the statutes and ordinances that I am addressing to you today; you shall learn them and observe them diligently. <sup>2</sup>The LORD our God made a covenant with us at Horeb. <sup>3</sup>Not with our ancestors did the LORD make this covenant, but with us, who are all of us here alive today. <sup>4</sup>The LORD spoke with you face to face at the mountain, out of the fire. <sup>5</sup>(At that time I was standing between the LORD and you to declare to you the words of the LORD; for you were afraid because of the fire and did not go up the mountain.) And he said:*

*<sup>6</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>7</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.*

<sup>8</sup> You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>9</sup> You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>10</sup> but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>11</sup> You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>12</sup> Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup> But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup> Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

<sup>16</sup> Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you, so that your days may be long and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>17</sup> You shall not murder.

<sup>18</sup> Neither shall you commit adultery.

<sup>19</sup> Neither shall you steal.

<sup>20</sup> Neither shall you bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>21</sup> Neither shall you covet your neighbor's wife.

Neither shall you desire your neighbor's house, or field, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*The Word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

*New Testament: Philippians 2:5-11*

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*The Word of the Lord.*  
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## Sermon

### \*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**RESPONSE TO GOD**

**Tithes & Offering** (Not collected during service. Plates at both entrance and exit)

**Doxology**

*Worship & Rejoice, #34*

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;  
praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

**Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**\*Hymn of Sending**

*"Jesus Shall Reign"*

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made,  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue  
4 Let all the peo - ple rise and bring

does its suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;  
and end - less prais - es crown his head;  
dwell on his love with sweet - est song,  
their spe - cial hon - ors to our King;

his king - dom spread from shore to shore,  
his name like sweet per - fume shall rise  
and in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim  
an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain

till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
and earth re - peat the loud A - men.

## Benediction

*“How Majestic Is Your Name”*

*Worship & Rejoice, #42*

## Postlude

*\*Indicates to please stand if able*

### *Worship Participants:*

Bonnie Lalor, lay reader

Linda Bresnahan McCarthy, organist & choir director

Rev. Kevin Slusher, preaching

Cheyenne Candlin, guest vocalist

## 2021 Consistory

### Elders

Linda Bresnahan-McCarthy (687-9664)

Kathy Kinsch (338-6378)

Colleen Sutton (389-1445)

Raymond Wells (338-2915)

### Deacons

Bonnie Lalor (339-7278)

Peg Rhoda (338-9291)

### Prayer List

**World**— the nations of Burkina Faso and Mali admits the recent violence and massacres (J. Hadley); The Coronavirus, governments, scientists and public health officials around the world responding to the crisis, all those who put themselves at risk to care for the sick (church family); An end to the coronavirus, A solution for the refugee crisis around the world, esp. Syria (K. Lamb); for all the homeless (Phyllis & Janet Hutton); Military coup in Burma/Myanmar (Church Family).

**Nation**— President Joseph R. Biden and Vice-President Kamala Harris; Governor Andrew Cuomo; U.S. Senators Gillibrand and Schumer; U.S. Representative Antonio Delgado; Repentance for racism, prayers for justice and resolution to racial tension.

**Church Worldwide**— Persecuted Church (China, Nigeria, North Korea).

**RCA**— Oman Protestant Church and Bode Family, Al-Amanda Center.

**Mid-Hudson Classis**—Jim Van Benschoten, Rev. Bob Vanderlaan, Rev. Eric Titus.

**Petitions of healing, protection, and deliverance**— Pray for the Afghan interpreters and guides who are in danger as the U.S. leaves Afghanistan. Pray that the U.S. Government keeps its word and promise to them (S. Scherry); Jean Lord, Family, friends, classmates, and teachers of Emily Pauli, a young girl who drowned recently (Van Aken family); All those in need in our community, and for the work of Hunger Is Not An Option Food Pantry (C. Mabie); Aidan Kinsch (Kinsch family); recent graduates as they enter this new phase of their lives, Servicemen and women who suffer from PTSD (C. Sutton); Sara Hartrum (S. Goodrich); Cecillia Lalor (B. Lalor); Luke (Wells family); Ellen Lynch (Phyllis & Janet Hutton); for Glenn and his family upon the death of his uncle, Bill Hess, Neil Shah, Gail Berger (Glenn Knickerbocker); Fred Rhoda (Rhoda family); Reda family, Debbie Ennis, Lori Palladino, Charles Barnett III, Fred Rhoda (Bresnahan-McCarthy family); victims of Asian hate crimes (C. Van Deusen); Blake Parker (Stickley family); Bob Shelightner, Ruth Porter, Rick Whittaker’s father, Janis Loring, Martha Koelli, Elnora McSpirit, Monica Kelbaugh, Linda Bresnahan-McCarthy, continue to pray for the nation of India, particularly for a friend of Pastor Kevin’s from seminary, Santosh Bardhan, and his ministry “Love One Another Ministries” that is at work in India, the military coup in Myanmar, Bea Hogan (Church Family).

**Homebound/nursing homes/institutions**— Pauline Wyre, Verna Allen, Bea Hogan, Martha Koelli, Marie Klippel.

**Grieving**— Family & friends of: Brian Barnes, Marion Lucille VanSteenburgh, Kathleen Van Tassell (Spinnenweber), Annamarie Reda, Donna VanLoan Brice, Carol Esther Haynes-Brown, Charles Hartman, Lilian Bloch, Mary Van Deusen, & Barbara Carlson-Wells.

**Praise & Thanksgiving**— Rick Whittaker had a scan last week to see how well the chemo treatments were working. Praise God, the scan showed good news! For being back together in worship, and for all the work that went into making worship possible from home these past five months! (J. Loring); Rev. Eric Titus has retired from St. John’s in Red Hook and continues his recovery at home (J. Nolting).

### **General Announcements**

**Pastoral Care**—Pastor Kevin has official hours in his study every Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. if you are in need of counsel and care. Friday is Pastor Kevin's Sabbath and he will not be in the office. Contact Cheri, the office administrator, or Pastor Kevin to set up an appointment when necessary. Contact Information: Church: 331-2782, Home: 383-1274, and in an emergency Cellphone: 517-398-0986. Email: [kevin.slusher@rcpe.info](mailto:kevin.slusher@rcpe.info).

**Save the Date!** On August 7th there will be a picnic to celebrate Pastor Kevin's time with us and to wish him well in his new endeavor. It will be at the George Freer Memorial Park/Beach in Port Ewen at 1 PM. Call the office to RSVP by August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Food and drinks will be provided. If you would like to contribute to the picnic, please bring a dessert to share.

**Memorial Service on August 1<sup>st</sup> at 2 PM** — We invite you to join us as we mourn those who died this past year, for whom we were unable to gather due to Covid 19 — Peg Nichols, Linda Tierney, Dan Terpening, and Lucille Van Steenburgh. We will give witness both to their lives among us, and to the triune God of grace to whom they belong in life and death. During this service, there will also be space for us to lament all the death we have experienced this past year due to the pandemic. Following this service, there will be a time of fellowship with coffee and refreshments.

**Search Committee** — As Pastor Kevin's time with us draws to a close, it is time to begin to form a search committee. We invite you to pray and ask God if being a part of this committee is a way for you to offer your gifts to the church. The first task for the committee will be to hire an interim minister before transitioning to the task of searching for our next permanent Minister of Word and Sacrament. Please consider joining us in this important work.

### **Deacons' Announcements**

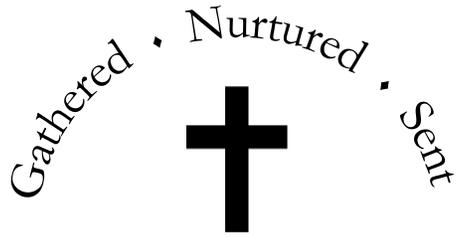
**July Mission of the Month: Love One Another Ministries** — Love One Another Ministries (LOAM) is a Christian, faith based ministry, with the vision to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the most neglected people of India through holistic church planting, disaster relief, adult and early childhood education, orphans care and pastoral training programs, and various humanitarian projects like offering women's sewing classes and village medical camps all with the goal of lovingly sharing the gospel. We are partnering with Blackout Trafficking's Ministry for working against human trafficking in India. Partner with us to help the least of these living in a world without Jesus, and without basic needs being met like education, access to clean water and proper medical care.

### **Faith Formation**

**Wednesday Bible Study** — Meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 PM. We are currently studying the Epistle to the Galatians. We are meeting in Fairbrother Hall.

### **Mid-Hudson Classis**

**The Hoving Home Choir at the Comforter** — Come experience the music and life changing testimonies of how Jesus set these women free from the bondage of addiction on July 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM. For more information, please call 845-594-5358.



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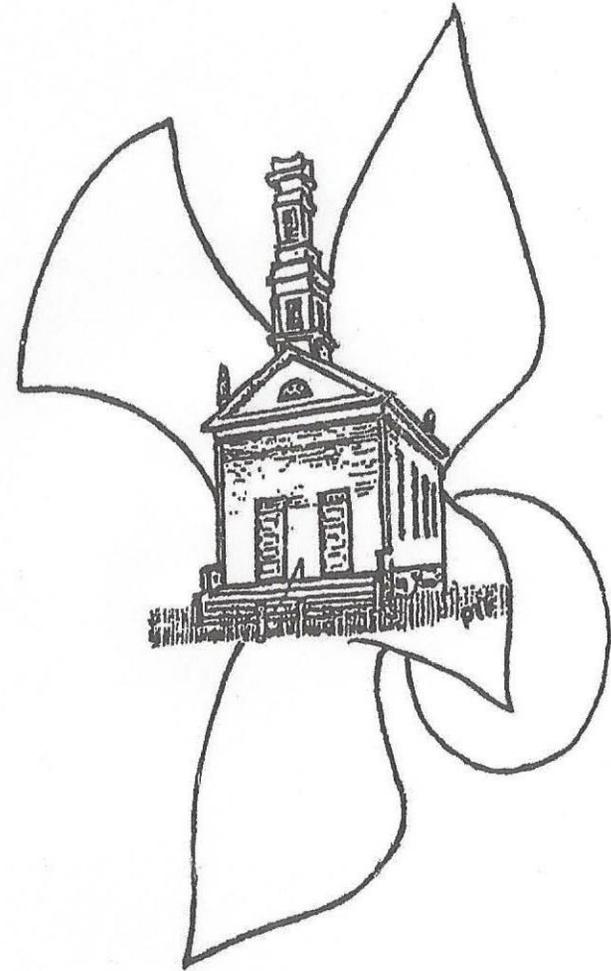
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### About the Reformed Church of Port Ewen: Our Mission Statement

We, the people of the Reformed Church of Port Ewen believe that God, through the Son Jesus Christ, and by the leading of the Holy Spirit, is calling us to be a servant church in the world. We believe the purpose of our congregation, through its ministry and program, is to raise up before all people the Lord Jesus Christ as our example and our hope by actions of *worship* and *praise*, by continuing Christian *education*, by opportunities and joys of church and *community fellowship*, and the sacrificial Christ-like deeds we call *mission*. Our aim and goal is to become a missionary congregation and not a self-serving institution.

# THE REFORMED CHURCH OF PORT EWEN



Sunday Worship  
July 18, 2021  
10:00 A.M.  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost