

# Community Reformation Day Service



Held at the First Christian Reformed  
Church of Oskaloosa  
Sunday, October 27, 2024 ~ 6:00 p.m.

## EVENING ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 27, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

Pastors Erik Kamp, Doug VanderPol,  
Jon Spronk & Jul Medenblik

### SERVICE OF ADORATION

Prelude: Ben Spronk, organist; Keri Spronk, pianist

*“How Firm a Foundation”* and *“A Mighty Fortress”*

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship from Psalm 91:2 & Romans 10:9 & 13

\*God’s Greeting

\*Songs of Praise: *“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”* LUYH #776:1-4  
(please sing the 4<sup>th</sup> verse in unison)

*“How Firm A Foundation”* LUYH #427:1-4

### SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

Reformation Sunday Litany (read responsively)

Prayer of Community

Offering: ReFrame Ministries

Offertory: *“Cornerstone”* with *“The Solid Rock”*

### SERVICE OF THE WORD

\*Profession of Faith: *Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord’s Day 1  
Q & A, 1 & 2

\*Song of Preparation: *“Ancient Words”* LUYH #762:1-2

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10, pg. 1818

Sermon: **“LADDER THEOLOGY”**

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response: *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”* LUYH #426:1-3

### SERVICE OF DEDICATION

\*God’s Parting Blessing

\*Parting Song: *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

LUYH #965

\*Postlude: *“The God of Abraham Praise”*

\* All who are able are asked to stand.

**7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Instrumentalists:**

FLUTES: Bethany VD, Taylor H, Olivia DG, Leah S, Nora DG, Caroline J

CLARINET: Harper M

ALTO SAX: Aubrey K

TRUMPETS: Nick S, Pippa DR, Allison B

TROMBONES: Finn S, Kate DB

TUBA: Gaylen H

BARITONE: Kwynn DB

VIOLIN: Deacon H

Sound: Sherwin P

Live Stream: Natalie P

Projection: Kristin P

*Everyone is invited to a  
time of fellowship  
following the service.*

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**Ladder Theology**

Have you ever made a New Year’s Resolution?

What kind?

Many people make a resolution because they want to be a \_\_\_\_\_ person. Many people also make resolutions because they want to be a better \_\_\_\_\_ person. If a person believes in God, they also have an idea of how to “\_\_\_\_\_” to God.

I would suggest that many people live with some understanding and even acceptance of “\_\_\_\_\_.”

Today, we will focus on one of the central Bible passages which shaped what is called the “\_\_\_\_\_.”

**Ephesians 2:1-10**

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.<sup>3</sup> All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh<sup>[a]</sup> and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. <sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

The Apostle Paul is \_\_\_\_\_ an advocate of “Ladder Theology.”  
\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ through Jesus Christ!

What is the problem with “Ladder Theology?”  
“Ladder Theology” leads to either \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

Ladder Theology is when we “rewrite” –  
Ephesians 2:8-9

“For it is by \_\_\_\_\_ that you are saved ....”

An illustration of how “Ladder Theology” works:

**PRIDE** – Climbing the Ladder and Looking \_\_\_\_\_ on Others

**ANXIETY** – Slipping down a step on the ladder and always being anxious and wondering – “Have I \_\_\_\_\_ Enough?”

Ladder Theology is a type of “\_\_\_\_\_” with God!

**Lesson from Heidelberg Catechism**

**Question and Answer #2:**

Q. What do you need to know in order to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. First, how great my sins and misery are;  
second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery;  
third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.

S \_\_\_\_\_, S \_\_\_\_\_ and S \_\_\_\_\_ or G \_\_\_\_\_, G \_\_\_\_\_ and G \_\_\_\_\_

Instead of “Ladder” Theology,  
we need to hold onto “\_\_\_\_\_” Theology  
Immanuel – God \_\_\_\_\_ Us

Story of Father Damien de Veuster

Instead of Pride or Anxiety, we can have \_\_\_\_\_ that  
God is with us and He is shaping us – day by day.