

Preaching: Pastor Steve Bierly

Sermon Notes

Welcome

Responsive Reading

*Songs: *My Life is in You, Lord*

*Amazing Grace, My Chains are
Gone*

Congregational Prayer

*Songs: *Freely, Freely*

Compassion Song

Offering

Scripture: Colossians 3: 1-14

Message: **How to Say “No”**

*Song : *Living for Jesus*

*Song: *Bind Us Together*

Offerings

General Fund: Monies for general
church operating expenses.

Church Announcements

Pastor Steve Bierly will be preaching for us this morning. He is a retired RCA minister and a member of Third CRC here in Zeeland. A graduate of Roberts Wesleyan College and Gordon-Conwell Theological seminary, he has served in New England, New York, and Iowa. He's married to Deborah and they have two adult married children and one grandson.

First Focus | The First Focus will be printed this week and in mailboxes next Sunday, June 1. Please have any materials to Lisa by Weds., May 28.

Ascension Day | This week Thursday is Ascension Day, which is forty days after Easter. "When he had led them out of the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven." Luke 24:50-51.

Membership transfer | The membership of Bentley and Anne Kollen has been transferred to North Street CRC. May they be blessed and be a blessing in their new church family.

Church Calendar

Church breakfast | Wednesday, June 4, at Vee's restaurant. 9:00 am... sign up sheet in the back of church!

Care and Prayer

Calling Elder | **Calling Elder** | In need of prayer or a visit? Wes VanderLugt is the Calling Elder for May. His phone number is 616.836.8054.

Prayers for Council and First | Please continue to pray for Council and 1st Church as we seek God's direction for our future. May His plans be made clear to us. "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

40 Days of Prayer for Synod 2025 | It's not too late! Prayers from around the denomination and the world began praying for Synod 2025 on May 4, but new prayers are always welcome. With prayers contributed by a wide variety of CRC writers, join us as we seek God's guidance and presence for this year's synod. Learn more and sign up for either daily Scripture and prayers OR a week's worth of Scripture and prayers that will be emailed to you. crcna.org/synod/prayer.

Community Announcements

Unfading Truth | Both the promise of the gospel, together with the command to repent and believe, ought to be announced and declared without differentiation or discrimination to all nations and people, to whom God in his good pleasure sends the gospel. Read or listen to the Bible & dig deeper with us each weekday along with us at UnfadingTruth.com. Text JOIN to 833-273-2136 for a daily reminder.

Grand Rapids Right to Life Holiday Auction | The 27th annual Holiday Auction needs you...to donate an item, a gift card, a service, or a financial gift. The funds raised from this phone and online auction in the fall help to create a culture of LIFE right here in our community. Your unique donation is needed to encourage supporters to bid! Consider giving a new item(gift basket, homemade food, child's toy), a gift card (Amazon, Ulta, restaurant), a service (dental care, oil change), or a financial contribution to help cover expenses. To donate, contact Grand Rapids Right to Life by May 31 at 616-532-2300 or at info@grrtl.org.