

MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*GOD'S GREETING

*MUTUAL GREETING

*SONGS OF PRAISE:

 "Lord Our Lord, Your Glorious Name" *PsH #8:1,3,4,5*

 "Be Thou My Vision" *TCH #562:1-4*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG: "Not What My Hands Have Done" *PsH #260:1-3*

DEACON'S PRAYER

OFFERING: *Calvin Seminary*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE:.....Proverbs 6:6-11 (pg. 991)

MESSAGE:.....**LABOR DAY LESSONS FROM THE ANT**

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

*SONG: "Take My Life and Let It Be" *PsH #288:1-3*

*PARTING BLESSING

*CLOSING SONG: "May the Mind of Christ, My Savior" *TCH #291:1,5*

*POSTLUDE

*Pastor Ted Gray, Worship Leader; Phyllis Leegwater Organist
PsH=Psalter Hymnal (grey); TCH=The Celebration Hymnal (red)
If you are able, please stand

WELCOME to New Life Christian Reformed Church! We are glad you are here today! If you are a guest, please enjoy some coffee and fellowship after the morning service. We pray you will be blessed as you worship with us.

THIS MORNING, we welcome **PASTOR TED GRAY** who is a retired minister in the URCNA. He served Orthodox Presbyterian churches in Oregon and Florida, and Christian Reformed churches in Vermont and Illinois. He retired after serving First United Reformed Church in Oak Lawn, IL. He and his wife, Karen, reside in Crown Point, IN.

*"Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!"
Proverbs 6:6 (NIV)*

SERMON NOTES

SERMON TITLE: Labor Day Lessons for the Ant

SERMON TEXT: Proverbs 6:6-11

- I. God is always at work (John 5:17) and we also are called to work. Laziness in Scripture is not classified just as a lack of motivation, but as sin (Matt. 25:26). Laziness includes physical laziness, mental laziness and spiritual laziness. Indications of laziness include:
 - 1) An unwillingness to start things (Proverbs 6:9)
 - 2) A lack of commitment to finish what has been started (Proverbs 12:27, 19:24, 26:15)
 - 3) A refusal to admit one's laziness (Proverbs 26:16)
- II. Consequences of laziness:
 - 1) It leads to many foolish excuses (Proverbs 22:13, 26:13)
 - 2) It is destructive (Proverbs 15:19; 18:9)
 - 3) It is exasperating (Proverbs 10:26)
- III. When we feel lazy, whether physically, mentally, or spiritually, we are to:
 - 1) Follow the example of the industrious ant (Prov. 6:6-8; 30:25)
 - 2) Recognize that laziness is like a robber, robbing us from making good use of our time and talents (Proverbs 6:9-11, 24:30-34)
 - 3) Confess laziness as a sin (1 John 1:9) and pray for God's Spirit to motivate – physically, mentally, and spiritually (Eph. 5:15,16), so that whatever we do, we work at it with all our heart, as working for the Lord, not for men (Colossians 3:23)
- IV. Application: The work of redemption, done by Christ, is the greatest of all works. Focusing on Him with saving faith is the work required of us (John 6:28, 29) and enables us to work wholeheartedly for Him.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR TODAY

GREETERS: Joe Jacobs/Chris Porter/Bob Wadkins

NURSERY: Lilly Armendariz/Annette Marshall

SOUND OPERATOR: Joe Jacobs

POWERPOINT OPERATOR: Jackson Armendariz

ROVING ELDER: Lynn Marshall

DEACON'S PRAYER: Bill Fulton

COFFEE & COOKIE SERVERS: Nick & Kelly-Sue Stone

NURSERY CARE is available during our morning worship service for children 0-3 years of age. The nursery is located on our main floor in the east wing of the church at the end of the hallway.

WORSHIP CENTER & EDUCATION CLASSES will begin next week! Children 4 years old – 1st grade will be escorted during the morning worship service to Room 3. Adults will be meeting in the Fireside Room. Please see our bulletin next week for room assignments for our youth classes. For families who have a mix of children in different age groups, the nursery will be staffed and open during the Sunday School hour for infants - 1st grade.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK:

Zara Stone–9/2

Tiffany Ketelaar–9/7

EXPRESSION OF THANKS: “Thank you for the prayers and care expressed while I dealt with COVID. My wife, Marge, also caught it. Our gracious God answers prayers and brings healing in his time, and the community of believers helps give strength to God's people.”

-Pastor Tim and Marge Toeset