

Seymour Christian Reformed Church

September 30, 2018

9:30 AM Worship

We welcome Rev. Steven Koster to our pulpit today. Steven is the Director of ReFrame Media, the English ministry of Back to God Ministries International, which is our denominational media missions agency. Steven and his wife Deb were members of Seymour during Steven's time in seminary from 2003-2006. They have been with Back to God in Chicago until last year. Deb also serves with ReFrame Media as the leader of FamilyFire.com and she too is a Calvin Seminary graduate and candidate for the ministry. They have three adult children, Jessica, Nathan and Samantha, who have returned, like Steven & Deb, to Grand Rapids. The Kosters live in Heritage Hill and share their home as "The Parsonage Inn," a 5-room Bed & Breakfast.

If you are a newcomer to Seymour Church we want you to know that you are very welcome here. If you have any questions about our family of God or are interested in affiliating with our congregation, Pastor Brian White would be delighted to talk with you. Please leave your contact information on the Friendship Register or connect with him at 616-245-8726 or brian@seymourchurch.org.

Bold Print: Congregation participates audibly; *congregation stands, if possible.

We Gather to Magnify the Lord

Prelude: "Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down"

"Allegretto"

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

Doherty

Handel

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*Call to Worship: based on Psalm 5

Come, let us worship and bow down in awe of God's steadfast love for us.

For God gives ear to our words; God listens to the sound of our cries.

Come, let us take refuge in the God of our salvation.

For God is our shield, our protection in times of trouble.

Come, let us rejoice and sing for joy!

For God is surely in this place! Let us worship God!

*God's Greeting

*Opening Hymn: "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

Red 425:1-3

Congregational Life Announcements

*Welcome / Mutual Greeting

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*Songs of Worship: "Jesus, Messiah"

"Good to Me"

Red 620

Invitation to Children: "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

(Pre-K through first grade come forward for Children's Worship)

Blessing: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Congregational Prayer

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 61:1-3

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

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: "What's My Line?"

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Application: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Red 590:1-3, 5, 7

The Body of Christ Is Nourished

Call to Confession & Personal Reflection

Prayer of Confession: We confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church:

We have not done your will; we have broken your law;

We have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors;

We have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Lord's Supper

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Response: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Red 538

The Institution

Response: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Prayer of Consecration

Response: **Our Father in heaven . . . Amen.**

The Communion

The Bread: "The Wonderful Cross"

Red 175 & 176

(all bread is gluten-free)

The Cup: "When I Survey the Wonderful Cross"

Kropf

The Thanksgiving

We Respond to the Greatness of the Lord

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Offering: 1.) General Fund 2.) Christian Reformed Church

Race Relations

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Register)

Offertory: "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

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*Parting Blessing

*Closing Hymn: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Red 965

*Postlude: "Allegro Maestoso"

Handel

Worship Leaders

Preaching Pastor: Steven Koster

Organist: Joy Holtrop

Song Leaders: Worship Team

Liturgist: Brian White

Pianist: Wendy Zwiers

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