



# M I S S I O N S



## Seymour Christian Reformed Church Mission Emphasis Sunday: “Pass It On”

October 21, 2018  
9:30 AM Worship

*“You have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.”* Mission Emphasis Theme Verse: 2 Timothy 2:2

As a guest speaker for our Mission Emphasis service, we welcome Rev. Bob Arbogast. Bob is the pastor of Celebration Fellowship Christian Reformed Church, a multi-site congregation in three of the state prison facilities in Ionia. Prior to beginning his work at Celebration Fellowship in late 2017, Bob pastored congregations in Ontario, Michigan, and Ohio. Bob & Jan are empty-nesters and quite like it!

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](mailto:brian@seymourchurch.org).

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

### *We Gather*

Prelude: “The Great Commission” “In Christ There Is No East or West” “Lift High the Cross”  
—Livingston/Burkhardt/Manz

\*Call to Worship: There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

**All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you,**

**O Lord, and shall glorify your name.**

**For you are great and do wondrous things,**

**you alone are God and to you belongs all the glory.**

Come, let us worship.

\*God’s Greeting

\*Opening Hymn: “Lift High the Cross”

Red 264:1, 2, 3, 5

*(Congregation, please be seated.)*

Moment for Missions: Tim Uupperlee

\*Welcome / Mutual Greeting: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

\*Song of Worship: “Shout to the Lord”

Invitation to Children: "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

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

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

Congregational Prayer

## *We Hear His Word*

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

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

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: "A Thieves' Banquet"

Prayer of Application

## *We Reaffirm Our Mission to the World*

Litany of Confession

Lord, we confess that there are times we do not fully love you with all of our heart  
**and that we do not fully love our neighbor as ourselves like you have commanded.**

Lord, we confess that there are times that we have failed to share the good news  
**of Jesus Christ as the only source of love and salvation. Please have mercy on us.**

Lord, we confess that too often we have failed to extend mercy and compassion  
to those who are in need of your grace.

**Help us to see them through your eyes and to love them with your heart.**

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**Please forgive and help us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Our Commitment: From Our World Belongs to God: A Contemporary Testimony

**In a world estranged from God, where millions face confusing choices,  
this mission is central to our being, for we announce the one name that  
saves. We repent of leaving this work to a few, we pray for brothers and  
sisters who suffer for the faith, and we rejoice that the Spirit is waking us  
to see our mission in God's world.**

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

Red 590:1, 2, 4

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

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

*(Please sign and pass the Friendship Register)*

Offertory: "In the Name of the Lord—Go and Serve"

*(Raney)*

Sanctuary Choir

\*Parting Blessing

\*Closing Hymn: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Red 590:8

\*Postlude

### Worship Leaders

Preaching Pastor: Bob Arbogast

Organist: Ilene Woldhuis

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Liturgist: Tom DeBlecourt

Pianist: Wendy Zwiers

Song Leaders: Worship Team

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