

Congregational Bible Study will meet on Thursday, October 23 at 7:00PM. To prepare, please read Chapter 5 from our book *Every Believer Confident* by Mark Farnham. It's not too late to join us!

Word & Deed Dinner: We invite you to join us at the Lunch House (1129 Main St, Suite 106, Rock Valley) on Thursday, October 9, D.V., for this year's Word & Deed dinner and fundraising dessert auction. We look forward to welcoming Pastor Johnkson from El Shaddai Ministries in Uganda as our keynote speaker. El Shaddai ministers to new Christian converts by rescuing them from intense family situations, offering them shelter, encouragement, and hope for the future. Doors open at 6 pm and dinner starts at 6:30. Visit wordanddeed.org/rockvalley to RSVP or email office@wordanddeed.org.

In your prayers please remember Rob Brinks, our brother, friend, and Administrative Director of RMS. On September 24, 2025, after receiving bypass surgery, he had a stroke that has temporarily prevented him from carrying out his regular duties. He is receiving excellent medical care and is improving, for which we give thanks; and we pray that he may be granted a complete recovery.

Reformed Mission Services is organizing a Ministry Development trip to Japan from November 13–25, 2025. Volunteers will partner with Christ Center Church in Chiba to assist with street evangelism, university campus outreach, and fellowship with local congregations around Tokyo. For more details or to register, visit rms.org/japan or contact Steve at steve@rms.org.

Reformed Mission Services is raising funds to support churches in Peru, and we are eagerly planning a trip there this December. Please consider supporting these churches—visit rms.org/projects for project details and rms.org/peru to learn more about our December trip.

United in Prayer: Up-to-date Requests from our Missionaries. **Rev. Mike Brown** is a missionary in Milan, Italy. He asks us to pray in the following ways:

1. Give thanks that our midweek Bible study continues to be well-attended.
2. Our podcast is going strong, gaining more followers every week.
3. Please pray that Christ would strengthen His church in Milan, bring unbelievers to faith, and raise up disciples who are firmly rooted in the gospel.

What We Believe

We believe the Holy Scriptures to be the inspired, infallible and inerrant Word of God. His Word is our supreme authority in all matters of doctrine, life and preaching. It is our source for knowing our sin, our salvation, and the life of service God requires of us in response to His grace. We believe that we are saved by God's grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, and all for the glory of God alone. We believe that the Reformed Confessions of the Heidelberg Catechism, the Belgic Confession, and the Canons of Dort do faithfully agree with the Word of God. We will use these to guide in the preaching, practice, and instruction in the church. We believe God has called together this fellowship, in this place, to worship and glorify Him and to preach and teach His Word. We believe the glorification of God includes the edification of His church, for whom Christ died. This includes the building up, the encouragement, and the mutual accountability of each member. RVURC is a member of NAPARC. Information on NAPARC can be found at www.naparc.org



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Sunday, October 5, 2025

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Our Supported Missionaries

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Please submit bulletin announcements by Thursday at noon
Custodians: Jon & Brooke LeLoux - 712-470-0389 (Jon); 712-470-7150 (Brooke)
Building & Grounds/ Church Use Committee: Jon LeLoux, Herm Rozeboom
Catechism & Children's Sunday School Classes: Sundays, following morning worship Sept.—April
Adult Sunday School: Sundays, following morning worship Oct.—April
Women's Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00PM Oct.—April
Men's Breakfast Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month, 7:00AM Oct.—April
Congregational Bible Study: 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month, 7:00PM Oct.—April

Morning Worship—9:30 AM	Evening Worship—6:00 PM
Prelude	Prelude
Call to Worship - Psalm 145:17-21	Hymn Sing - # T-1A and # T-2A
Silent Prayer	Call to Worship - Psalm 146:1-5
*Votum and Salutation	Silent Prayer
*Song of Praise # T-145C	*Votum & Salutation
Reading of God’s Holy Law - Exodus 20	*Song of Praise # T–146
Song of Penitence # T-130B	*Apostles’ Creed - Blue PH p.3
Assurance of Pardon - Romans 8:1	*Gloria Patri # 491 (unannounced)
Congregational Prayer	Psalm of Praise Reading - Psalm 140
Offerings: General Fund/ CEC	Song of Response # T–140
Offertory Prayer	Congregational Prayer
*Song to Prepare Hearts # T-165	Offering: Building Fund
Scripture Reading & Text: Revelation 11:1-6	Offertory Prayer
Prayer of Illumination	*Song of Preparation # T–214
Sermon: <i>The Two Witnesses</i>	Scripture Reading & Text: Hebrews 4:14-16
Prayer of Application	Prayer of Illumination
*Song of Response # T-138B	Confession: Lord’s Day 18, Q/A 46, p. 879
*Benediction	Sermon: <i>The Ascension of Christ</i>
*Doxology # T-568	Prayer of Application
*Reverent Reflection	*Song of Response # T–206
*Postlude	*God’s Commission to His People- Summary of the Law
	*Benediction
	*Doxology # T–67A:3
	*Reverent Reflection
	*Postlude

Schedules and Opportunities to Serve:

Service Music today: AM—Laurel E/ Karla K	PM—Laurel E/ Karla K
Service Music next week: AM—Lora K	PM—Lora K
Nursery Attendants today: AM—Pam K	PM—Cheryl R
Nursery Attendants next week: AM—Sarah DJ	PM—Rachel G
Coffee Servers today: AM—Jon & Lindsay DH	
Coffee Servers next week: AM—Lorna VM & Gloria B	PM—Jay & Doris K
Cookies next week (4-5 dozen each): Joanne C & Jenny F	

Upcoming Offering Schedule:	
Oct 12: AM—General Fund/ Classis Central	PM—Word & Deed
Oct 19: AM—General Fund/ CEC	PM—Heidelberg Seminary
Oct 26: AM—General Fund/ Rev. Green	PM—Benevolent Fund

The Lord’s Day - Sunday, October 5, 2025

Welcome to Rock Valley United Reformed Church. It is our desire to worship the Triune God in Spirit and in Truth according to His Word, to proclaim His Covenant Faithfulness to us in Christ Jesus, and to continually grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior. We are so glad you are with us today as we worship the Lord together in the House of God!

Rev. and Robyn Castro are taking some vacation time the first two weeks of October. Today and next Sunday, October 12, our services will be led by **Dr. JP Mosley** of Heidelberg Theological Seminary in Sioux Falls. Welcome, Dr. Mosley! May the Lord bless us richly as we worship and fellowship together!

The Consistory has accepted the communicant membership of **Mr. Leroy Kreykes** from First Christian Reformed Church of Sheldon, IA. The Lord willing, if there are no lawful objections we will publicly welcome him as a full member of our congregation on Sunday morning, October 19.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Le Loux on the birth of a healthy baby girl, **Hallie Jayde**, on Wednesday, October 1. Mother and daughter are doing well. We praise God for the gift of another covenant child!

Thanks to everyone who helped out with our 20th Anniversary celebration last Thursday. Thanks to all who came out to celebrate this milestone in our congregation’s history. We praise God for how He has sustained us these past 20 years, and we go forward into the future with confidence in His continued faithfulness. To God be the glory!

To Our Church Family: We are so incredibly thankful to each one of you who cared for us in the days and weeks following the destruction of our shop. We are thankful for your ongoing prayers, your gifts, your shoulders to cry on, and your listening ears. In many ways we have had a really challenging year with our house flooding, moving to a new home in a new town, joining a new church, and now our shop getting wrecked, but the Lord has been so kind to us and we see His hand in everything. He gives and He takes away, blessed be the name of the Lord! Many of you we cannot even thank by name because of your gifts given in secret, which Matthew 6 assures us the Lord sees. We are completely humbled and grateful for every one of you.
Zach, Rachel, Jemma, Jacoba, Amelia, and River Garland

Sunday School and Catechism classes will meet this morning immediately following our morning worship service.

Adult Sunday School will begin meeting **this morning** in the lower level Society Room. Please meet as soon after the AM service as possible, as we will be viewing the first video, which is 30 minutes in length. We hope many of you will be able to join us!

The Deacons will meet on Monday, October 6 at 6:00PM.
The Council will meet on Monday, October 6 at 7:00PM.

Women’s Bible Study will meet next on Tuesday, October 7 at 7:00PM. To prepare, please read Chapter 1 of our book *Delighting in the Trinity*.

Men’s Breakfast Bible Study will begin meeting on Saturday, October 18 at 7:00AM. Afterwards, we will meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings of each month. We will continue with our study from last season, *Judges: Such a Great Salvation*, by Dale Ralph Davis. Even if you weren’t part of the study group last season, you can certainly join us now! If you plan to attend this year, please sign up on the sheet provided in the fellowship hall, and indicate if you need a book.

Sunday, October 5, 2025 Morning Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading & Text: Revelation 11:1-6

Sermon: *The Two Witnesses*

I. The Church - vv. 1-2

1.1. The Measuring Rod - v. 1

1.2. The Gentiles - v. 2

II. The Witness - vv. 3-4

2.1. Power - v. 3

2.2. Trees and Lamps - v. 4

III. The Persecution - vv. 5-6

3.1. Power from their Mouths - v. 5

3.2. Power of Prayer - v. 6

Sunday, October 5, 2025 Evening Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading & Text: Hebrews 4:14-16

Confession: Lord’s Day 18, Q/A 46, p. 879

Sermon: *The Ascension of Christ*

I. Our Great High Priest - v. 14

1.1. Passed Through the Heavens

1.2. Hold Fast to Our Confession

II. Our Sympathetic High Priest - v. 15

2.1. Suffered

2.2. Without Sin

III. Our Merciful and Gracious High Priest - v. 16

3.1. Boldly Approach

3.2. Find Help