God has heard and answered our prayers! Rob Brinks, Administrative Director of RMS, is recovering at home from his heart surgery and stroke! He will continue to rest and receive speech therapy, and, Lord willing, he looks to make a full recovery. Let us continue to give thanks and praise the Lord!

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.

<u>United in Prayer:</u> Up-to-date Requests from our Missionaries. **Rev. Mihai Corcea** is a missionary in Bucharest, Romania.. He asks us to pray in the following ways:

- 1. Pray for the visitors of the church plant, that they would grow in faith and commitment.
- 2. Pray for our single young members, that they would be strengthened in faith as they seek a godly spouse.
- 3. Pray for the core group in Transylvania, that the Lord would raise up a second church plant.

## 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 12, 2025 Rev. Caleb Castro, Fastor

# **Our Council**

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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 Women's Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00PM Oct.—April Women's Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00PM Oct.—April Women's Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00PM Oct.—April Women's Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00PM Oct.—April Women's Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00PM Oct.—April Women's Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00PM Oct.—April Women's Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00PM Oct.—April Women's Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00PM Oct.—April Women's Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00PM Oct.—April Women's Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00PM Oct.—April Women's Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00PM Oct.—April Women's Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00PM Oct.—April Women's Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00PM Oct.—April Women's Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month of the first of the month of the first of the f

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Prelude

Call to Worship - Psalm 147:1-5

Silent Prayer

\*Votum and Salutation

\*Song of Praise # T-147B:1-3

Reading of God's Holy Law - Exodus 20

Song of Penitence # T-51C:1-4

Assurance of Pardon - Isaiah 1:18-20

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: General Fund/ Classis Central US

Offertory Prayer

\*Song to Prepare Hearts # T-224

Scripture Reading & Text: Revelation 11:7-10

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon: The Two Witnesses Murdered

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response # T-231

\*Benediction

\*Doxology # T-568

\*Reverent Reflection

\*Postlude

#### Evening Worship—6:00 PM

Prelude

Call to Worship - Psalm 147:7-12

Silent Praver

\*Votum & Salutation

\*Song of Praise # T-147B:4-6

\*Apostles' Creed - Blue PH p.3

\*Gloria Patri # 491 (unannounced)

Psalm of Praise Reading - Psalm 141

Song of Response # T-141

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Word & Deed

Offertory Prayer

\*Song of Preparation # T-227

Scripture Reading & Text: Hebrews 8:1-6

Prayer of Illumination

Confession: Lord's Day 18, Q/A 47, p. 879 Sermon: The Presence of Christ Today

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response # T-236

\*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—Lora K

PM—Lora K

Service Music next week: AM—Peggy VM/ Jayden DJ/ Karla K

PM—Peggy/ Jayden/ Karla

Nursery Attendants today: AM—Sarah DJ Nursery Attendants next week: AM—Lindsay DH

PM—Rachel G

Coffee Servers today: AM—Lorna VM & Gloria B

PM—Robyn C

Cookies this evening (4-5 dozen each): Joanne C & Jenny F

PM—Jay & Doris K

Coffee Servers next week: AM—Randy & Pam K

**Upcoming Offering Schedule:** 

Oct 19: AM—General Fund/ CEC Oct 26: AM-General Fund/ Rev. Green PM—Heidelberg Seminary PM—Benevolent Fund

#### The Lord's Day - Sunday, October 12, 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 have been taking some vacation time the first two weeks of October. Today 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 with His Word and Spirit today.

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.

Church Family: Jay Kragt's surgery last Thursday was successful, and he was able to return home on Friday. We give thanks and praise to God for bringing him safely through the surgery, and we join Jay and Doris in praying for His continued healing mercies going forward.

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

Adult Sunday School will meet this morning in the lower level Society Room. We hope many of you will be able to join us. It's not too late!

Men's Breakfast Bible Study will begin meeting this Saturday, October 18 at 7:00AM. We will continue with our study from last season, Judges: Such a Great Salvation, by Dale Ralph Davis. To prepare, please read Chapter 8. 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.

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!

Heritage Reformed Church invites you to attend our annual Reformation Day event. This year's theme: "Guido de Bres- Captive Faith". There will be singing (led by Dr. Michael Kearney on the organ), a lecture on the life of Guido de Bres, an introduction to the Belgic Confession, as well as selections from two of his personal letters. Children are welcome! The event will be held on Friday, October 31, from 7:00-8:30 PM at Heritage Reformed Congregation, 1204 3rd St, Hull, IA.

Please be in prayer for Mrs. Heidi Stetler, wife of Rev. Richard Stetler, who is chairman of Reformation Gospel Ministries. Mrs. Stetler has been diagnosed with a very serious and rare form of cancer, and she is failing very rapidly. Please see the note in your mailboxes for further details, and keep the Stetler family in your prayers as they go through this great trial.

Sermon: The Two Witnesses Murdered	
I. The Beasts Attack - vv. 7-8  1.1. Persecution - v. 7	
1.2. Sodom and Egypt - v. 8	
II. The Nations Rejoice - vv. 9-10 2.1. No Respect for the Dead - v. 9	
2.2. Rejoicing over Death - v. 10	

Sunday, October 12, 2025 Morning Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading & Text: Revelation 11:7-10

# Sunday, October 12, 2025 Evening Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading & Text: Hebrews 8:1-6

Confession: Lord's Day 18, Q/A 47, p. 879

Sermon: The Presence of Christ Today

I. The Main Point of Things - vv. 1-2

1.1. High Priest - v. 1

1.2. Minister - v. 2

II. A More Excellent Ministry - vv. 3-6

2.1. Pattern - vv. 3-5

2.2. Mediator - v. 6