



Rock Valley United Reformed Church

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Sunday, June 7, 2026

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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

Church Secretary: Lora Kooiman - 726-3502, 712-470-3940, or email: bulletin.rvurc@gmail.com

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, Zach Garland

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 27:4-6	Hymn Sing - Blue PH # 95 and # 153
Silent Prayer	Call to Worship - Psalm 125
*Votum and Salutation	Silent Prayer
*Song of Praise # T-27B:1-5	*Votum & Salutation
Reading of God’s Holy Law - Exodus 20:1-17	*Song of Praise # T-125
Song of Penitence # T-455	*Apostles’ Creed (Blue PH, p. 3)
Assurance of Pardon - 1 John 1:9	*Gloria Patri # 491 (unannounced)
Form for Installation of Elders and Deacons, Blue p. 175	Psalm of Praise Reading - Psalm 22
Congregational Prayer	Song of Response # T-342
Offerings: General Fund/ CEC	Congregational Prayer
Offertory Prayer	Offering: Building Fund
*Song of Preparation # T-494:1,2,4,5	Offertory Prayer
Scripture Reading: John 2:23—3:21	*Song of Preparation # T-243
Sermon Text: John 3:1-8	Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16
Prayer of Illumination	Sermon Text: John 3:9-13
Sermon: <i>You Must be Born from Above</i>	Prayer of Illumination
Prayer of Application	Sermon: <i>Jesus’ Divine Authority</i>
*Song of Response # T-506:1,4,5,6	Prayer of Application
*Benediction	*Song of Response # T-391
*Doxology # T-566:1-2	*God’s Commission to His People– Matt. 22:37-40
*Reverent Reflection	*Benediction
*Postlude	*Doxology # T-417:5
	*Reverent Reflection
	*Postlude

Schedules and Opportunities to Serve:

Service Music today: AM—Lora K PM—Lora K
Service Music next week: AM—Peggy VM/ Karla K PM—Peggy VM/ Karla K

Nursery Attendants today: AM—Brooke L PM—Jenny F
Nursery Attendants next week: AM—Rachel G PM—Cheryl R

Coffee Servers today: AM—John & Joanne C PM—Mylicent & Tillie C
Coffee Servers next week: AM—Cheyenne & Ronin DJ
Cookies next week (4-5 dozen each): Marlene VK & Dee VG

Upcoming Offering Schedule:
June 14: AM—General Fund/ Heidelberg Seminary PM—ITEM
June 21: AM—General Fund/ CEC PM—MINTS
June 28: AM—General Fund/ Word & Deed PM—Benevolent Fund

The Lord’s Day - Sunday, June 7, 2026
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! Today and next week, June 14, we welcome Rev. Richard Stetler , Founder, Chairman and CEO of Reformation Gospel Ministries to lead us in worship. May God bless us richly with His Word and Spirit.
This morning we have the privilege of witnessing the installation of new office bearers: brother Randy Kats as elder and brother Zach Garland as deacon. May God equip them with a special measure of His Holy Spirit as they take up their work among us. We also give our sincere thanks and recognition to brother Doug Kats, as he leaves the office of deacon after faithfully fulfilling his term. May the Lord grant him rest and refreshment, even as He has used his diligent labors to bless our congregation.
Synod Calgary: Trinity Reformed Church of Lethbridge, AB, is to serve as convening consistory for Synod Calgary, to be held on June 8-12, 2026 at the Best Western Premier in Calgary. Elder Korrie Van Maanen will represent RVURC at this meeting. Please be in prayer for wisdom and discernment for all the delegates, as well as traveling mercies for all involved; and pray that all that is done may be for the glory of God and for the good of the churches. On Wednesday evening , June 10, URCNA Foreign Missions will be hosting a missions night with updates from many of our missionaries around the world — and we'd love for you to join us. Tune in via livestream at urcnamissions.org/livestream , starting at 7:00PM MDT, 8:00PM CDT.

The Deacons will meet on Monday, June 8 at 6:00PM.
The Council will meet on Monday, June 8 at 7:00PM.

Because the Church Secretary will be out of town the latter part of this week, please submit your bulletin announcements no later than **10 AM on Wednesday, June 10**. Thank you!

Church Family: Please be in prayer for **Ronin, Jayden, and Sarah De Jong** as they will be working with the TASC group in Ripon, California, at Zion Reformed Church this week. Please pray for traveling mercies, for the host church and all the members who have put so much work into preparing for this week, for those individuals who will be helped through the various projects, and that those helping would find the joy of the Lord in their work. For photos during the TASC season, visit rms.org/tasc. Lord willing, the De Jongs will return home on Saturday, June 13.

Thank you to everyone who came out on May 28 to help with the church spring cleaning! We appreciate your willingness to give of your time and energy very much! *Jon & Brooke LeLoux*

United in Prayer: Up-to-date Requests from our Missionaries. **Rev. Elijah Anderson** is a missionary in Northwest Iowa with Misiones, Iowa. He asks us to pray in the following ways:
1. For a core group to re-form, that Cornerstone URC might have Spanish services again.
2. For the evangelistic efforts of Cornerstone URC to bear fruit.
3. For the relationships Rev. Anderson has with the Hispanic people to grow and deepen.

Sunday, June 7, 2026 AM Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading: John 2:23—3:21

Sermon Text: John 3:1-8

Sermon: ***You Must be Born from Above***

Introduction

- “ . . . believed in His Name when they saw the signs which He did” (2:23)
- Why Jesus didn’t commit to their faith is explained in Chapter 3 in His discussion with Nicodemus, who came by night to learn more about the One sent by God:

I. Nicodemus Introduced (vs. 1-2)

- A man of the Pharisees . . . a ruler of the Jews – the same faith as the multitude (v. 1)

- Came to Jesus by night with a very complementary greeting that told Jesus that Nicodemus’ faith was weak and lacked understanding of the kingdom of God (v. 2)

II. The Necessity and Nature of being Born Again (vs. 3-8)

- The Necessity of being Born Again (vs. 3-4)

- Natural faith - stirred by man’s sin nature (John 6:44; Romans 3:9-18; Heidelberg Catechism #21)

- Must be “Born from Above” – Born of God (John 1:12-13)

- Necessary to “see the kingdom of God” (v. 3)

- Not a physical rebirth; a spiritual rebirth (v. 4-6; Deuteronomy 30:6; Ezekiel 36:26)

- Born of “water” and “Spirit” necessary (v. 5; Titus 3:5; Job 15:14; Psalm 51:5; Ephesians 2:1-5)

III. The Nature of being Born Again – Mysterious and Invisible (vs. 7-8)

- The nature of the being born again illustrated – the wind (v. 8)

- Don’t see the wind, only its effects (1 Corinthians 2:12-14)

Conclusion/Application

- What kind of faith do you have? (Hebrews 11:1; Galatians 5:22-23)

- Pray for God’s grace to correct others graciously and patiently (2 Timothy 2:24-26)

Sunday, June 7, 2026 PM Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Sermon Text: John 3:9-13

Sermon: ***Jesus’ Divine Authority***

Introduction

- Review – faith vs. born again faith
- Being Born Again – an impossible and unbelievable truth – possible and true

I. The Certainty of being born again, born from above – possible (vs. 9-12)

- Nicodemus - “How can these things be?” (v. 9; Ezekiel 36:25-26)

- Pride – the obstacle to seeing truth rebuked (v. 10)

- Jesus speaks what He knows; testifies to what He sees (v. 11; John 12:49; 1 Peter 1:10-11; John 8:38)

- Jesus’ testimony is not received by the unregenerate person (v. 12; 1 Corinthians 2:14)

II. Jesus Authority – Divine Nature (v. 13)

- Jesus was sent under the authority of God’s decree – “descended from heaven” (Proverbs 30:4)

- Jesus is the Son of man, who is in heaven (1 Corinthians 15:47)

Conclusion/Application

- We are not to be timid in speaking truth from God’s word, though seemly impossible and unbelievable

- Persevere in obedience to God

- Pray for the unbeliever to be regenerated