



Rock Valley United Reformed Church

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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

Our Supported Missionaries

Rev. Bill Green
Costa Rica

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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

Prelude
Call to Worship - Psalm 24
Silent Prayer
*Votum and Salutation
***Song of Praise - Blue # 42**
Reading of God's Holy Law - Exodus 20:1-17
Song of Penitence - Blue # 430
Assurance of Pardon - Psalm 130
Congregational Prayer
Offerings: General Fund/ Heidelberg Seminary
Offertory Prayer
***Song of Preparation - Blue # 411**
Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:1-22
Sermon Text: John 3:14-17
Prayer of Illumination
Sermon: *The Remedy to Sins's Deadly Poison*
Prayer of Application
***Song of Response - Blue # 425**
*Benediction
***Doxology - Blue # 310:1-2**
*Reverent Reflection
*Postlude

Prelude
Call to Worship - Psalm 47
Silent Prayer
*Votum & Salutation
***Song of Praise - Blue # 87**
*Apostles' Creed (Blue PH, p. 3)
***Gloria Patri # 491 (unannounced)**
Psalm of Praise Reading - Psalm 23
Song of Response - Blue # 38
Congregational Prayer
Offering: ITEM
Offertory Prayer
***Song of Preparation - # T-431**
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 8:13-22
Sermon Text: John 3:18-21
Prayer of Illumination
Sermon: *Darkness Runs from the Light*
Prayer of Application
***Song of Response - # T-119E**
*God's Commission to His People— Matt. 22:37-40
*Benediction
***Doxology # T-417:5**
*Reverent Reflection
*Postlude

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 we welcome Rev. Richard Stetler**, Founder, Chairman and CEO of Reformation Gospel Ministries to lead us in worship. Next week we will welcome to our pulpit **Dr. JP Mosley**, Academic Dean and professor at Heidelberg Seminary in Sioux Falls.

Save the Date: Rev. Joel and Janet Vander Kooi will be passing through our area in their summer travels, and plan to spend the weekends of August 23 and September 6 in Rock Valley. Rev. Vander Kooi will preach for us both of those Sundays. We would like to plan a **Congregational Fellowship Meal** for Sunday, August 23 after our morning worship service. More details and sign up sheets will be made available later, but for now save the date, particularly of August 23, so you can attend the Fellowship Meal.

Cornerstone United Reformed Church in Sanborn, Iowa is hosting a **Summer Family Event July 7-9!** All ages are welcome to come! Supper will be served from 6:00-6:45. At 7:00 we will have VBS for children ages 3 years-those who have completed 4th grade, and a speaker for children who have completed 5th grade-adults. Our speaker is going to be Rev. Eric Hausler from Christ the King OPC in Naples, Florida. He will be discussing the topic of hospitality. We would love to have you join us!

The Institute for Reformed Biblical Counseling Training Course: Be better equipped to counsel and encourage with God's Word. The Institute for Reformed Biblical Counseling (IRBC) is now enrolling students for their Basic Training Course which starts in September 2026 and ends in April 2027. This class equips the enrollee with biblical principles for addressing the problems of life that Christians encounter and gives the attendee the reformed, biblical perspective on how to counteract these issues. In the Sioux Falls area, **this course will be taught at Cornerstone URC (Sanborn, Iowa) and Luverne CRC (Luverne, Minnesota).** The opportunity exists to enroll in this course as an online student. For all enrollees in this course, the class will meet once a month in person to discuss materials that students have independently watched and read (online course students will meet via Zoom). Topics include Biblical and theological principles for counseling, methods of counseling, and instruction on various counseling topics (anger, pornography, marriage, depression, etc.). More information can be found on the IRBC website about the course, locations, the cost, and how to enroll at (reformedcounseling.org).

United in Prayer: Up-to-date Requests from our Missionaries. **Rev. Dr. J. Brandon Burks** is a church planter in Bellevue, KY. He asks us to pray in the following ways:

1. Pray for our outreach endeavors, that God would be pleased to use them to save the lost.
2. Pray for our congregation to grow numerically and spiritually.
3. Pray for our organization efforts, for the committees, as well as the elders and deacons.
4. Pray for the upcoming homeschool co-op that we are launching in August.
5. Pray that Christ would be honored and glorified in all that we do.

Service Music today: AM—Peggy VM/ Karla K
Service Music next week: AM—Laurel E/ Karla K

PM—Peggy VM/ Karla K
PM—Laurel E/ Karla K

Nursery Attendants today: AM—Rachel G
Nursery Attendants next week: AM—Pam K

PM—Cheryl R
PM—Lindsay DH

Coffee Servers today: AM—Cheyenne & Ronin DJ
Cookies this evening (4-5 dozen each): Marlene VK & Dee VG
Coffee Servers next week: AM—Jay & Doris K

PM—Mylicent & Tillie C

June 21: AM—General Fund/ CEC
June 28: AM—General Fund/ Word & Deed
July 5: AM—General Fund/ CEC
July 12: AM—General Fund/ Mid America Seminary
July 19: AM—General Fund/ CEC
July 26: AM—General Fund/ Youth Group

PM—MINTS
PM—Benevolent Fund
PM—Building Fund
PM—URCNA Askings Fund
PM—Missions to the World/ The Smiths
PM—Benevolent Fund

Sunday, June 14, 2026 AM Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:1-22 Sermon Text: John 3:14-17

Sermon: ***The Remedy to Sins’s Deadly Poison***

Introduction

- Review – Jesus responds to Nicodemus’ doubts

- Jesus’ Teaching & Credibility is Defended

I. **The great purpose of Jesus Descending from Heaven (vs. 14-15)**

- Jesus came fulfilling the Old Testament Type (v. 14; Numbers 21:1-9)

- ◊ 4 Points of Similarity between the Old Testament Type and Jesus Christ

- Jesus had to be lifted up (John 12:32-33; 3:13; Galatians 3:1)

- Jesus must be looked upon alone for healing and life (v. 15; Isaiah 45:22)

II. **The Cause and end purpose of Jesus being lifted up (v. 16-17)**

- God’s love for the “world” (v. 16; Genesis 12:3; Revelation 2:9; 3:9; 5:9)

- Didn’t come to condemn the world; but to through save the world (v. 17; John 9:39; Luke 2:34; 1 Peter 2:8; 2 Corinthians 2:14-16; Luke 8:32; 1 Peter 2:9; Colossians 1:13-22)

Conclusion/Application

- How do you respond to the great of God in sending His only Begotten Son who was lifted up for sin-ner throughout the world?

- Are you lifting up Jesus in your life, proclaiming to sinners the Gospel of God in Jesus Christ? (Romans 10:14; Mark 16:15)

Sunday, June 14, 2026 PM Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 8:13-22 Sermon Text: John 3:18-22

Sermon: ***Darkness Runs from the Light***

Introduction

- Review

- The Life of True Believer and Unbeliever Contrasted

I. **The State of the Unbeliever and True Contrasted (v. 18)**

- The Believer not Condemned (v. 18a; Romans 8:1)

- The Unbeliever Condemned Already (v. 18b; Ephesians 2:2)

- ◊ Unbelief Confirms Condemnation (Romans 2:12; 3:19)

- ◊ Refuse to Look to Jesus for Justification

II. **The Life of the Unbeliever (vs. 19-20)**

- Their Ongoing Contempt for Jesus Further Confirms their Condemnation (v. 19)

- ◊ Rejects the Light; had Pleasure in Unrighteousness (John 1:9; 2 Thessalonians 2:12; Galatians 5:19-21; Romans 3:20)

- The Unbeliever Runs from the Light (v. 20; Job 21:14; Psalm 50:16-17)

III. **The Life of the Believer (v. 21)**

- Looks to the Light, Jesus, as the Only Remedy (Isaiah 53:6)

- Walks in the Light (1 John 1:6; 2:27-29)

- Ensures Deeds are Done in God (Psalm 139:23-24)

Conclusion/Application

- How do you respond to the Truth, to the Light?

- ◊ Warning for Unbelief (Isaiah 8:22; 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12)

- Abide in Christ (1 John 2:28-29)