

Order of Service – May 23, 2021

Pastoral Greeting

Call to Worship: Psalm 105:1-6 (NKJV pg. 421)

Invocation

* Psalm: 105A

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 31:1-30 (NKJV pg. 22)

New Testament Reading: Matthew 12:46-50 (NKJV pg. 687)

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Title & Text: *God's Family* – Genesis 31 (NKJV pg. 22)

Pastoral Prayer

* Psalm 78A

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

* Doxology - Psalm 103D

* Pastoral Blessing

* = **PLEASE STAND IF ABLE**

(Page numbers for Scripture readings are: New King James (NKJV) or English Standard Version (ESV) pew Bibles)

- This week the precenter is Hannah Goerner and the presiding elder is Bill Pihl – next week the precenter will be Daniel Carcich and the presiding elder will be Peter Robson.
- We will continue to provide the Zoom link each week for those unable to worship in-person.
- **Evening Fellowship** will be tonight at 6:30 pm at the church building or by Zoom – we will be looking at the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 2, Paragraph 2.3. There will also be a time for prayer and singing Psalms. *(Pastor Somerville will send out the Zoom link).*
- **Midweek Bible Study** is this Wednesday at 7:00 pm at the Moberg home (186 Ashbourne Rd, Rochester - off Winton Rd. 5 streets north of 12 corners in Brighton) or by Zoom. We will be looking at Philippians 2. Everyone is invited to join in this study which will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at the Moberg's. *(Elder Moberg will send out the Zoom link.)*
- **Prayer Meeting** is Saturday, May 29, at 9:30 am, both in-person at the church building and through Zoom *(Pastor Somerville will send out the Zoom link).*
- **RP Global Missions Prayer Request** – Please pray for one of our congregations in South Asia as they minister the good news of the gospel in a land ravaged by COVID-19. Although this little church has been hit by COVID and several had taken ill, they are happy to report that none have died due to the disease. God has also helped a dear Christian friend spearhead a food relief drive through which more than 16,000 home-cooked meals have been served to COVID-affected families. The church member sending out the report has had the honor of being on the frontline with him, raising funds, driving campaigns, and partnering with several institutions and volunteers who are operating from their homes. While working with them to provide these meals, this church member realized that the church needed to bring emotional and spiritual comfort to those affected, and this led to an off-shoot prayer and counseling ministry for the affected which is now being run solely by a five-member team from this RP Church. Through this ministry, they have had the privilege of hearing the stories of several who lost spouses, fathers, mothers, and are continuing to battle fear and death. They have prayed with several unbelievers and they have begun counseling some of them in need of grief counseling. A close unbelieving friend of our church member who works with the state child welfare department is planning to roll out a statewide foster-care program for the COVID orphans (children left alone in homes, hospital wards, and street corners when both parents died of COVID) and she wants him and another Christian friend to aid her in this mammoth effort. Pray for the RP congregation to be protected during this time, and for them to be able to meet once again to worship the Lord soon. Pray also for several in the church who are either sick or have lost loved ones to COVID. Pray that vaccines will be administered speedily to the younger population, especially the vulnerable ones.