

 The congregation is invited to read/sing the **bold font**.
*Indicates the congregation may stand unannounced.
Amplification devices to assist with hearing are available at the sound booth.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "Hymn to Joy"
Ludwig van Beethoven; setting, Kristina Langlois

CALL TO WORSHIP

*SONG OF WORSHIP #649 "Gather Us In"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gathering One—
You shine light into the darkness.
You build up and restore the broken.
You welcome in what the world rejects.
We desire to be a people of wide welcome, embodying your expansive embrace.

This kind of welcome can involve taking risks and tolerating uncertainty, enduring discomfort and making space for others, sacrificing preference and bearing inconvenience.
And the truth is that sometimes we don't want to take risks, to tolerate uncertainty, to be uncomfortable, to make space, to sacrifice, to be inconvenienced.

A brief moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

We remember, O God, your claim upon us and your calling to us.
Take what is rigid in us and make us responsive to your Spirit, and teach us again what it means to belong to you—to be a people who share your goodness with the world, not only with our words, but with our welcome as your love is made visible in our life together. In the name of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS "Bread of the World"
Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul, in mercy shed, by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Congregation, bless your children.
You are God's beloved child. With you, God is well pleased.

*SONG OF PREPARATION "The Lord Our God is Good"
**The Lord our God is good
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Full of kindness and compassion, merciful and just
The Lord our God is good REPEAT**

SCRIPTURE & SERMON 1 Peter 2:2-10

INVITATION & THE COMMUNION PRAYER

God of goodness and light,
you spoke into chaos and called forth life, shaping stars and oceans, earth and sky and naming all creation good. You formed us in your image and called us into covenant:

**to tend the earth, to care for one another, and
to walk in justice, kindness, and humility.**

Yet we have not always lived as your people.

**We forget who we are and whose we are.
We turn from your goodness,
and fail to reflect your welcome and mercy.**

Still, in your great love, you came to us—in flesh and blood, bone and breath—dwelling among us in Jesus to heal, reconcile, and restore.

**For once we were not a people,
but now we are your people.
Once we had not received mercy,
but now we have received mercy.**

And so we remember your goodness as we gather at this table of welcome, promise, and new life, joining our voices in song with your beloved of every time and place:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All your works shall praise your name
in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

By your Spirit moving over the waters, at our tables, and within our lives, open our eyes to your love and stir our hearts for your world. As we share this bread and cup, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in service to all the world.

May this bread **nourish bodies worn and weary.**

May this cup **restore souls longing for hope.**

May this shared table **strengthen us to live as your people—
reflecting your goodness, extending your welcome,
and embodying your love.**

Through Jesus Christ, our living water and bread of life. Amen.

COMMUNION "See How Good It Is"

*All are welcome to participate in communion. After the choir comes forward, please exit toward the center to a serving station and return to your seat via the outside aisles. The station to the far right is gluten free. Please raise your hand if you are unable to come forward so an elder can come serve you in your seat.
Elders also serve on the north and south sides of the balcony.*

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING "The Lord Our God is Good"
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Tithes/offerings placed in the baskets at the entrance of the sanctuary are brought forward as a sign of our response to God's call on our lives.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

*SONG OF RESPONSE "All Are Welcome/Let Us Build" *Insert*
*Donations of food and offerings for FoodShare, a Second Reformed Church-Pella Food Shelf mobile food pantry, may be brought forward to the basket in the center aisle. Through FoodShare, friends of SRC pack and deliver bags of groceries for our neighbors in southern Marion County once a month.
Checks should be made payable to the Pella Community Food Shelf.*

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"
The congregation is invited to stand and turn toward the center aisle, blessing one another in song.
**My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of our Lord, and Savior.
My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.
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*POSTLUDE "Lift High the Cross"
Sydney H. Nicholson; setting, Larry Shackley

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THIS WILL ONLY TAKE A SECOND

Actually, it may take 60 seconds, but check out the info below.

ARE YOU A GUEST TODAY?

Welcome--we're so glad you've come to worship with us! If you're looking for a church to call your own, we hope you'll return another Sunday to get to know us even better. SRC values history and tradition as well as creativity and innovation. We try not to take ourselves too seriously. Most of all, we're a congregation where anyone can belong just as they are. God welcomes all. And so do we.

STAY CONNECTED

Scan the QR code to view our weekly newsletter (*On Second Thoughts*) where you'll find upcoming events, announcements, and opportunities to sign up and get involved.



INTERESTED IN RECEIVING SRC EMAILS?

Please email Rachel at rachel@2refpella.org to sign up to receive SRC's weekly newsletter (*On Second Thoughts*) and other important announcements.

PREFER TO GIVE ONLINE?

Secure online giving is now available through our financial record-keeping program (Aplos) and its payment processing provider (Stripe). You can make a one-time donation or set up recurring donations. Access SRC's online giving page using this QR code or by going to <https://app.aplos.com/aws/give/SecondReformedChurch/General>.



Thank you for your generous support of SRC's mission!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

All confessing members and friends of SRC are invited to attend a congregational meeting today at 11:00 AM in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to elect consistory members. The 2026 SRC Consistory Nominees are:

Elder: Larry Happel and Trixanna Wang

Deacon: Kathy Schuitema and Jordan Vande Kamp

We're also grateful for consistory members who will be completing their terms on July 31. Please take a moment to offer a word of gratitude in the coming months for elders Lori Ellingson, Norman Kolenbrander, Kent Van Kooten and deacons Cyndi Boertje, Stuart Miller, and Amy Pothoven. Thank you for your leadership and service!

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF May 3, 2026

TODAY

9:45 am Worship Service
11:00 am Congregational Meeting

TUESDAY

8:00 am Men's Group

WEDNESDAY

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

NEXT SUNDAY

9:45 am Worship Service

Greeters: Trixanna & Shawn Wang, Pete & Cindy Peterson, Rich Glendening
Next Week: Cheri Scherr, Cyndi Boertje

Nursery: Neriah Hardeman, Annie Foskett
Next Week:

Storyteller: Family Worship--No Children & Worship
Next Week: Sara Hefflefinger

Barista: Sherril Graham
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SECOND REFORMED CHURCH



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026 - 9:45 am

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“All Are Welcome/Let Us Build”

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