

**Welcome visitors!** We are glad you could worship with us today.  
*Please fill out a Welcome Card in the pew and put it in the offering plate to help us connect with you!*

**Fellowship Meal** – Next Sunday at noon. Whether you call it lunch or dinner, plan to stick around after the Sunday School hour and enjoy a time of feasting and fellowship together.

**Mission Feast** – Mark your calendars! October 29, we will have our annual Mission Feast. This is our opportunity to hear updates and teaching from some of our supported missionaries and raise funds for all our Missions giving. More details to come.

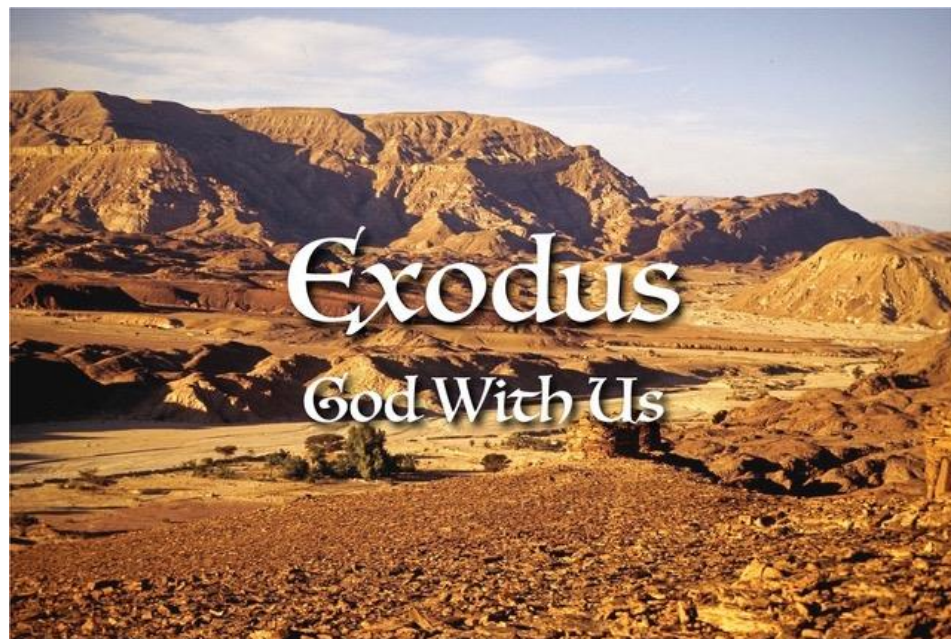
**Volunteer Opportunities** – We are looking for volunteers to help serve in the Nursery (during Worship and/or Sunday School), Coffee Fellowship, Coffee Chat, and Power Point. If you have any interest, please contact Patti Norris, ([secretary@colfaxcenterchurch.org](mailto:secretary@colfaxcenterchurch.org)).

**Officer Nominations** – Today is the final day to submit names for officer nominations. All Communing Members are eligible to nominate men to these positions. Ballots are available as a bulletin insert and can be placed in the nomination box in the Narthex.  
(Elders Dean Salo and Curt Tjepkes, and Deacon Brian Boomgarden will be finishing their first 3-year terms and may be re-nominated.)

# Colfax Center Presbyterian Church

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**Sunday October 8, 2023**

**Reflection Before Service**

"When the Israelites walked through the Red Sea with the wall of water on their right and left, a bunch walked through saying, 'I'm gonna die! I'm gonna die! I'm gonna die!' They all walked through with different qualities of faith, but they were all equally saved. You're not saved because of the quality of your faith, but because of the Object of your faith." - Tim Keller

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**Prelude  
Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Isaiah 43:1-2, 4

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.... Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life.

**\*Hymn of Praise**

GHF 36 – A Mighty Fortress  
(v. 1, 2, 4)

**Call to Confession**

Psalms 106:6-8

Both we and our fathers have sinned, we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness. Our fathers, when they were in Egypt, did not consider your wondrous works, they did not remember the abundance of your steadfast love, but rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea. Yet he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make known his mighty power.

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.

And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

**Children's Message**

**\*Song of Celebration**

How Deep the Father's Love

**Worship Through Giving**

General Fund

**\*Doxology**

**\*Confession of Faith**

*Westminster Shorter Catechism # 47-48*

*Q. 47. What is forbidden in the first commandment?*

**A. The first commandment forbids the denying, or not worshiping and glorifying, the true God as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other, which is due to him alone.**

*Q. 48. What are we specially taught by these words before me in the first commandment?*

**A. These words *before me* in the first commandment teach us, that God, who sees all things, takes notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other God.**

**\*Greeting**

*Leader: "The grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you"*  
Congregation: **"And also with you"**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Supplication**

**Reading of God's Word**

Exodus 14:5-31

**Sermon**

"The Red Sea – Fearing the World" Pastor Luke Wolfe

**\*Song of Response**

GHF 255 – Blessed Assurance

**Benediction and Postlude**

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

## **This Week at Colfax**

### **Sunday, October 8**

9:00a – “Coffee Chat”  
9:30a – Morning Worship  
10:30a – Coffee Fellowship  
11:00a – Sunday School All Ages  
6:30p – Prayer Group

### **Tuesday, October 10**

9:30a – Women’s Bible Study  
6:30p – Women’s Bible Study

### **Wednesday, October 11**

6:15p – “Chaos”  
7:00p – “Friends First”

### **Sunday, October 15**

9:00a – “Coffee Chat”  
9:30a – Morning Worship  
10:30a – Coffee Fellowship  
11:00a – Sunday School All Ages  
12:00p – Fellowship Meal

### **Serving Sunday, October 15**

**Coffee Chat:** Blake & Britny E  
**Coffee Fellowship:** Tom & Sandy S  
**Greeters:** Sheila/Joyce/Heeren’s  
**Nursery Worship:** Blake & Britny E  
**Nurse during Sunday School:** Blake & Britny E  
**Elevator Attendant:** Brian B  
**PowerPoint:** Taylor L  
**Camera:** Leon J  
**Sound:** Sheryl J

Call the church, 319-824-5231, or email [secretary@colfaxcenterchurch.org](mailto:secretary@colfaxcenterchurch.org) of upcoming meetings to ensure building access and up-to-date calendars.

**Please communicate all announcements to the church office weekly by 3:00 p.m. Wednesdays.**

## **CENTER PRAISES & PRAYER CONCERNS**

As you go to the Lord in prayer, please read the following scripture:

**Romans 12:12 “*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*”**

### **Our nation and its leaders.**

### **The ministries of our church:**

- Pastor Luke, Aimee, and their family
- Elders & Deacons as they lead the church.
- Current Elders: Leon Johnson, Dean Salo, Curt Tjepkes, Tom Simms, Donn Anderson, Paul Smit
- Current Deacons: Brian Boomgarden, Jesse Willis, Coty Albers, Shawn Albers, Blake Eberline, Bryce Eberline, Jim Beninga, & Curt Bakker
- Our Children’s ministries
- The hearts of our congregation
- Our Missionaries, especially those in sensitive countries.

**Iowa Presbytery:** - One Ancient Hope (Iowa City) – Rev. Will Bankston

### **Medical Prayer Request**

**Family of Dorothy Westerman** – Following her passing on Monday 9/25.

**Eli Harberts** – Receiving treatment for infection on the Thyroid Gland.

His Address: 1213 Wylie St. NE, Washington DC

**Eldon Kruger** – Receiving treatments for cancer.

**Karen Kruger** – For healing following a bowel perforation.

**Larry Dreesman** – Receiving treatments for cancer.

**Marcia Andersen** – Receiving treatments for cancer.

**Pray also for** - Our armed forces (Cassidy Bronchick, Mary Pruisner, and Jacob Eilers). Also, those who are anxious, discouraged, facing difficult family situations, struggling with sin, or do not know Christ.

### **Those who are shut-in or in nursing homes:**

Mary Bakker; Bernard & Ethel Buskohl; Phyllis DeNeui; Marvin & Verone Nederhoff; Minetta Tjepkes; Margie Kuhlman; Viola Vasey.

Sermon Outline  
“The Red Sea – Fearing the World”

1. Fear of the World
2. The Waters of Deliverance