

Welcome visitors! We're glad you could worship with us today.

Pastor Bill's last official day at Colfax will be **Sunday, June 7**. The Massey family wishes to thank all of you for opening your hearts wide to us and receiving us as members of your church family during this past year. We have been blessed by your many acts of kindness and refreshed by God through our fellowship with you. You are a caring church and we leave excited about the future God has for you. As we leave, we give thanks that friends in the Lord are friends forever.

Pastor Bill and his family will be loading their U-Haul on **Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup>** at approximately 9:00am, Anyone who is available and willing to assist, it would be much appreciated.

After a great deal of thought and prayer, the Christian Education Committee and Session have **decided not to offer** our traditional week of **Vacation Bible School** this year. We are exploring the possibility of putting together snacks and materials for simple Bible-based activities parents could do with their children at home instead. This would help the church stay in touch with families and provide some loving support. If you would like to help, contact Victoria Pruin DeFrancisco. Thank you.

Today (May 31<sup>st</sup>) is **JoAnn Ennenga's 90th birthday**. Her address is: 210 E. Walnut Street, Conrad, IA. 50621.

We rejoice with **Richard and Bernita Lamfers** who celebrated their **50th wedding anniversary** on May 29th.

We grieve with Shawn and Emily Albers the recent loss of their baby, Mayleigh Grace. Emily was about half-way through her pregnancy at the time. We take comfort in how the Lord received the little ones brought to him and promised, "to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mk. 10:14).

The Session of Colfax Church is pleased to announce that Ally Boomgarden, Cassidy Borwig, Jordan Launstein, Blake Stahl, Jolyn Stahl, and Carlie Willis were received as communicant members of the church. Let us give thanks to God for what he is doing in their lives. They will be presented as new members at a morning worship service later this summer.

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*If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.  
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

# May 31, 2020

The Twenty-second Lord's Day

## For Reflection Before Worship

-- *Philippians 4:11*

*I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.*

-- D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

He says: "I have learned." I thank God that Paul said that. Paul was not always like this any more than any one of us. He had come "to learn." How? Let me try to answer that question. In the first place, it was by sheer experience. I need only direct your attention to 2 Corinthians 12, especially verses 9 and 10, about "the thorn in the flesh." Paul did not like it. He struggled against it; three times he prayed that it might be removed. But it was not removed. He could not reconcile himself to it. He was impatient, he anxious to go on preaching, and this thorn in the flesh was keeping him down. But then he was taught the lesson: "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." He came to a place of understanding as the result of sheer experience of the dealing of God with him. He had to learn, and experience teaches us all. Some of us are very slow to learn, but God in his kindness may send us an illness, sometimes he even strikes us down—anything to teach us this great lesson and to bring us to this great position.

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## Prelude

Sandy Simms

## Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

-- *1 Timothy 1:17*

*Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory.*

### \*Hymn of Praise GHF #34, *Immortal, Invisible*

### \*Invocation

### \*Confession of Faith

-- *from Our World Belongs to God*

Leader: *Christian what do you believe?*

People: **As followers of Jesus Christ,  
living in this world—  
which some seek to control,**

**but which others view with despair—  
we declare with joy and trust:  
Our world belongs to God!  
From the beginning,  
through all the crises of our times,  
until his kingdom fully comes,  
God keeps covenant forever.  
Our world belongs to him!  
God is King! Let the earth be glad!  
Christ is Victor; his rule has begun.  
The Spirit is at work, renewing the creation.  
Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!**

### \*Response of Praise

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

### Call to Confession of Sin

-- *Philippians 4:6*

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

### Pastoral Prayer of Confession

### Assurance of Forgiveness

-- *Psalm 37:4*

*Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

### \*Hymns of Confidence GHF #57, *Jesus, I Am Resting*

*Speak, O Lord*

### Prayers of the People

### Reading of God's Word

-- *Psalm 131*

### Sermon: *Learning Contentment*

Rev. Bill Massey

### \*Response GHF #285, *Peace, Perfect Peace*

### \*Benediction and Postlude

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

## This Week at Colfax

### Sunday, May 31

9:30 am Morning Worship

### Saturday June 6

10:30 am Memorial Service for Bill Aswegan

### Sunday, June 7

9:30 am Morning Worship

### Serving Sunday, June 7

Sanctuary Flowers

Coffee Fellowship:

Greeters:

Elevator Attendant: Jesse Willis

Nursery Attendant:

SS Nursery Attendant:

Camera: Steve Jones

PowerPoint:

## COLFAX CENTER PRAISES AND 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 Bill, Valerie and their family
- Elders & Deacons as they lead the church

**Current Elders:** Donn Anderson, Leon Johnson, Al Harberts

**Current Deacons:** Mike Dieken, Ken Harken, Paul Smit,  
Chuck Thoren, Doug Wiers, and Jesse Willis

- Our Children’s ministries
- The hearts of our congregation

All of Our Missionaries, especially those in sensitive countries.

Those battling cancer: Karen Arends; Glenn Beckwith, Cindy Klaassen,  
Kenny Luhring, Kay Schultz, Brad Wos

### Medical prayer requests:

- **Rod Schwab** for encouragement, wisdom and direction.
- **Kim Venenga** for a donor to be found for Kidney transplant
- **Richard Lamfers** for comfort and healing from surgery
- **Megan Hook Family** for encouragement and comfort
- **Bill Aswegan Family** for encouragement and comfort

Pray also for those on active duty in our armed forces; anxious, or discouraged; facing difficult situations in their families; struggling with sin in their lives or do not know Christ.

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

Pauline Arends; Mary Bakker; Phyllis DeNeui; Eldon & Elna Dieken;  
Deloris Eilers, Grace Ennenga; Norma Hook; Anna Mae Klaassen; Verone  
Nederhoff; Darris Smit; Dixie Spain