

**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!*

**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).

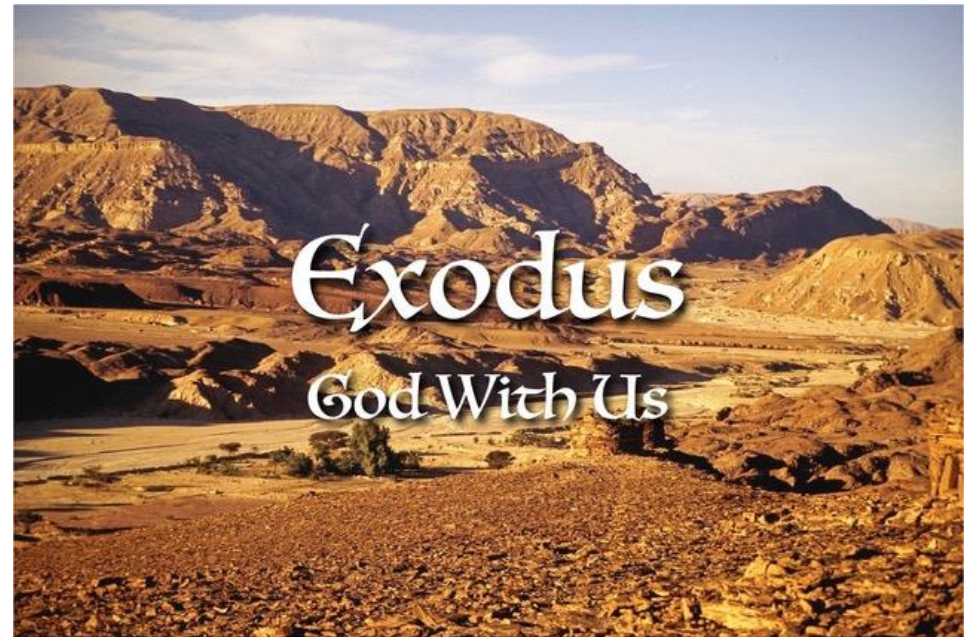
**Officer Nominations** – The 2023 Officer Nominations for Elder and Deacon will take place **Sept. 17-Oct. 8**. All Communing Members are eligible to nominate men to these positions. Ballots are available as a bulletin insert and can be placed in the nomination box in the Narthex. (Elders Dean Salo and Curt Tjepkes, and Deacon Brian Boomgarden will be finishing their first 3-year terms and may be re-nominated.)

**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.

# Colfax Center Presbyterian Church

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Sunday October 1, 2023

### Reflection Before Service

“For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.”  
Isaiah 53:2-5

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### Prelude

#### Announcements

#### \*Call to Worship

Isaiah 1:16-18

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause. “Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

#### \*Hymn of Praise

GHF 37 – How Great Thou Art  
(v. 1, 3, 4)

#### Call to Confession

1 John 1:5-10

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

### Prayer of Adoration and Confession.

#### Assurance of Pardon

Revelation 7:9-10, 13-14

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”... Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

#### \*Song of Celebration

GHF 222 – There is a Fountain  
(v. 1-3)

#### Worship Through Giving

General Fund

#### \*Doxology

#### \*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 11:1-12:14, 29-32

#### Sermon

“The Blood of the Lamb”

Pastor Luke Wolfe

#### \*Confession of Faith

*(Back of Sermon Outline)*

Apostles’ Creed

#### Celebrating the Lord’s Supper

#### \*Song of Response

Behold the Lamb

#### Benediction and Postlude

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

## **This Week at Colfax**

### **Sunday, October 1**

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

### **Monday, October 2**

- 1:30p – Women’s Bible Study

### **Tuesday, October 3**

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

### **Wednesday, October 4**

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

### **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

### **Serving Sunday, October 8**

**Coffee Chat:** Launstein Family  
**Coffee Fellowship:** Donn & Pam Anderson  
**Greeters:** Fran H & Maxine H  
**Nursery Worship:** Launstein Family  
**Nurse during Sunday School:** Amanda E  
**Elevator Attendant:** Jesse W  
**PowerPoint:** Greeley  
**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.**

## **COLFAX 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** – Recovering from surgery and cancer diagnosis.

**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 Blood of the Lamb”

1. The Final Plague
2. The Sign of the Lamb
3. A Better Lamb

**The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

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