

November 14, 2021 • 9:00 AM

Opening

Prelude

For the Beauty of the Earth - Burkhardt

Welcome

For the Beauty of the Earth #19 (1,2,4,5)

Our World Belongs to God, 57

Come We That Love the Lord (#483 (1,2,4)

Confession and Assurance

Choir - *Psalm 139* - Pote

Thanks

Offerings: General Fund and
Benevolence (for Christmas)

Congregational Prayer

God's Word

Children's Blessing

Text: Nehemiah 13:4-31 (selected verses)

Message: "To Rebuild with God: *Keep Forever in Mind*"

The Lord's Supper

Sending

Be Thou My Vision #859

Postlude

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing - Wood

Leaders: Laurie Harkema - Organist and Choir Director
Kathleen Prince - Accompanist
Pat Deventer - Reader
Pastor Ken Bieber - Liturgist
Pastor Brent Wassink - Message

TODAY

Fresh Fruit Collection: Please place your donations on the table in the gathering hall.

Nursery: OPEN 8:45-11:00 AM for children ages 0-4

Children's Ministry: see the Children's page of our website for multi age Sunday School lessons, Greenhouse and more.

Ignite: Middle & high school students meet **Sunday Evenings** from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Ignite Room. Check out our Instagram (@ignitertc) each day for something new.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:10-10:55 AM

Bethel Series New Testament: Fellowship Hall, led by Mary Ann Harkema

Children's Sunday School: (5 years-grade 5) - in the Quad

Youth Sunday School: Dive (grades 6-8) - Room 24, HC and Me (grades 9-12) - Ignite Room

Lectio Divina: Room 9, led by Paula Triezenberg

Parent Small Group Book Study: Gathering Hall, led by Melissa Keeley

THIS WEEK

Mom to Mom: Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30 AM in the Gym. See our website for more details and to register.

Men's Sunrise Bible Study: Wed. 6:45 AM - Meeting Room

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Wed. 10:00 AM in the Quad led by Rev. Dara Nykamp

Campus Edge Fellowship: Bible Study Mondays at 7:00 PM at the ministry house and on-line. **Pub Theology on Wednesdays at 8:30 PM** at the Peanut Barrel. Email dara@campusedgemu.com or call 616-283-7563 for more details!

Friends & Flicks: Thursday, Nov. 18 at 6:00 PM. Ladies meet to enjoy fellowship, pizza, popcorn and a movie. Bring your own beverage please. This month's movie is "*Meet Me in St. Louis*", a classic holiday movie with Judy Garland.

RT University - 50th Birthday Organ Celebration: Friday, Nov. 19. Luncheon in the Gym at Noon followed by a presentation in the Sanctuary. Kathy and Laurie will tell the history, mechanics, and some inside stories, as well as demonstrate the variety of sounds available on our organ as it turns 50!

COMMUNITY NIGHT

Dinner: Wednesday 5:45-6:30 PM in the Gym. On Nov. 17 the meal is pizza, salad bar & dessert. Suggested donation: \$5/adult, \$3/kids 5-12; free/kids under 5.

NEW WORSHIP SERVICE TIME
— *Effective Sunday, November 28* —
9:30 AM Service indoors & live streamed
Sunday School 10:45-11:30 AM

Questions for Small Group Discussion

1. Describe a star or celebrity you used to think was a big deal but have nearly forgotten.
2. Have you ever felt like Nehemiah as he writes this section of his memoirs? Explain.
3. Which of the 3 threats to God's people then seems most current to you now? Why?
4. What are some ways Nehemiah's life brings Jesus' life to mind?
5. How can Nehemiah's prayer encourage you to invest in God's people?

Classes & Activities: Wednesday 6:30-7:45 PM Nursery (ages 0-4) - Nursery, **Kingdom Kids** (ages 5 & 6) - Room 5, **GEMS** (girls, grades 1-5) - Room 1, **Cadets** (boys, grades 1-5) - outside at SE church entrance, **Ignite** (students grades 6-12) - Ignite Room, **Adult Choir Rehearsal** - Sanctuary, **Quality Living** - Rooms 7 & 8, **Timothy Leadership Training** - Room 9

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Live Stream: We would love to train a couple more people to learn to do our live stream, so that we can continue to offer it. If you're interested and could shadow our current live stream people on a Sunday, please contact Shalom@riverterrace.org.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Cook: We are looking for an individual who can lead a group of people in the planning, preparing and cooking of the meals for Wednesday Community Night dinners, funerals and other RTC community events. \$15/hour part-time. Contact Shalom@riverterrace.org

Technology & Media Coordinator: We are in need of a person to oversee our Sunday worship live stream. This is a part-time position and pays \$15 an hour. Contact Shalom@riverterrace.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, Nov. 21 at 10:10-10:55 AM in the Gym. Pastor Ken will be giving his farewell sermon at both services, and we will have a recognition time for him as well after the Congregational Meeting.

RT University Christmas Luncheon: Friday, Dec. 10 featuring Lansing Christian School band in the Gym at Noon.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS and PRAYERS

Our sympathy goes to Paula Triezenberg upon the death of her mother, Johanna Vredevoogd on November 7. We pray for comfort for Dan & Paula Triezenberg, and Jeff & Heather Triezenberg, and their families.

Pastor Brent is on vacation Nov. 15-20.

Continued prayers are appreciated for Henry Boyer, Oakley Kwekel, Lucille Kuiper, John Medendorp, Jane Outslay, Kendra Owens, Dave Poquette, Christina Simpson, Margie Stephenson, and Lynn Stewart.

For more information about RTC or to be added to the weekly email, please go to www.riverterrace.org or fill out a Connect Card located in the pews and place in the box at the back of the sanctuary.