



**New Utrecht Reformed Church at home**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost, July 19, 2020**

We pray:

Dear Lord, together in our separation we gather to worship you. We gather to praise you. We gather to thank you. We gather to petition you for the many who are in need of healing, comfort and encouragement. We celebrate that we have no God but you, and we are truly grateful that we are a family of faith united by you. Receive our worship with all the love behind it.

We sing:

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awakening cries:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Sing, suns and stars of space, sing ye that see his face:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
God's whole creation o'er, for aye and evermore:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

We pray our Call to Worship:

We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb; we will glorify the Lord of lords who is the great I AM. He is the Lord of heaven, Lord of earth; he is Lord of all who live, he is the Lord above the universe: all praise to him we give.

We sing:

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is his new creation by water and the Word;  
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses with every grace endued.

Our Prayer of Confession (from *Ministry Matters*):

Patient Lord, it is so easy for us to focus on all the things that are wrong. We spend much time and energy in anger and sorrow, leaving behind the possibilities of hope and service to you. Ease our hearts, O Lord. Forgive our willingness to get caught up in the negative. Direct our steps toward positive actions that will produce growth and peace. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Word of Assurance:

God's seeds of love have already been sown in your midst. Come and see the love of God outpoured for you. You are God's beloved ones. Come, live in the light of God. Amen.

Our Scripture Readings (please consult your own Bible):

- Genesis 28:10-19a
- Matthew 13:24-30 & 36-43

Our sermon: THE HOUSE OF GOD

*In thanks for God's Word and God's great work among us,  
we will send our offering to Rita.*

We sing:

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!  
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me, still all my song shall be:  
Nearer my God to Thee, Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee.

Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down, darkness be over me,  
My rest a stone; yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee..

We pray:

Dear Lord, thank you for the honor and joy of joining with you and each other, despite our physical distances. Hear our prayers for all we name who are in need of your healing hand and the inspiration of your Spirit; hear our prayers for our families, friends and neighbors; hear our prayers for our city, our state, our country and the world as we all fight against a common enemy; hear our prayers of gratitude for all who serve, putting themselves at risk for the rest of us. Receive our joyful faith, and thank you for being our Lord, Savior and Comforter; bless us all this day and this week, we pray, until we gather again in the Spirit of worship. In your holy name, Amen.

We pray this Benediction together:

May we be held in the hand of God the Father Almighty  
May we be filled to overflowing with the Light of the world, His Son, our Savior Jesus  
And may we always be safely protected at home, and if we need to go out,  
by the shalom-making Holy Spirit.  
Amen.