

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FALL KICK-OFF & MINISTRY FAIR

Join us @ 11:30am NEXT **Sunday, September 10** as we kick-off the ministry year! This will be the first week of Sunday School, and will mark the beginning of youth groups, classes, and many other activities for the year. You can check out some of the wonderful ministry opportunities for the fall/year as you visit ministry booths in the Atrium before or after grabbing your lunch and letting your kiddos enjoy the bounce house! See you there!

## COMMUNITY NIGHTS

Beginning September 13, we will gather **every Wednesday evening @ 5:45pm** for a meal followed by fun and meaningful programming for all ages! Use the QR code to signup and learn more.



## DISCOVER FELLOWSHIP & BAPTISM CLASSES

If you would like to learn more about Fellowship, connect with others, and potentially become a member, join us for our **Discover Fellowship Class**: Wednesday evenings, September 20, 27, and October 11 from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

If you or someone in your family are seeking baptism, join us for the fall **Baptism Class**: Sunday, September 17 @ 9:30am. **Baptisms in worship services**: Sunday, September 24.



*Sign up and/or learn more using the QR code.*

## BORDER TRIP | JUAREZ

Come witness the ways Christians on both sides of the US/Mexico border are loving people who have found themselves stuck in a stranger's town: November 11-15; **sign up by September 15**. Cost: \$800 for adults, \$400 for 18-29 year olds. Contact Pastor Nate if you are interested: [nschipper@fellowshipreformed.org](mailto:nschipper@fellowshipreformed.org).



## SERMON TEXT REFLECTION

For sermon text reflection questions, use this QR code!

## GIVING

To support the work God is doing in and through Fellowship's ministries, you can give cash or checks using the offering bowls in the Sanctuary, text any dollar amount to **84321**, or use the QR code or the Church Center app to give online.

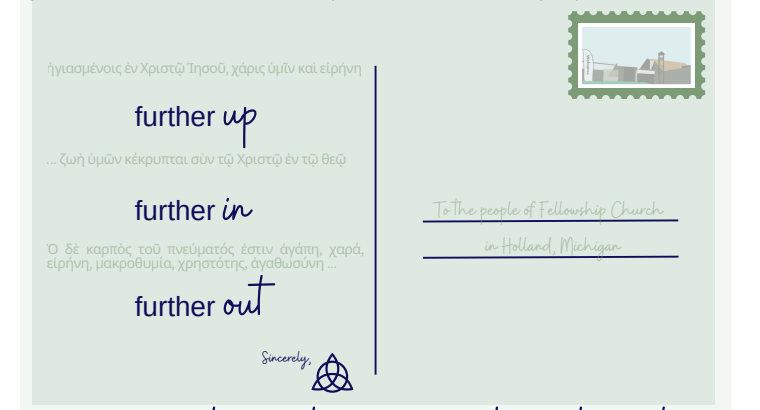


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## Letters From Home



An Exploration of the New Testament Epistles

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 3 | 9:30AM

# GATHERED WORSHIP

**Prelude:** *The Kingdom Is Coming*

## Welcome & Call to Worship: Revelation 1:4-8

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

### Verse 1

All hail the power of Jesus' name  
Let angels prostrate fall  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all

### Verse 3

Let every kindred, every tribe  
On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all

### Verse 2

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race  
Ye ransomed from the fall  
Hail him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all  
Hail him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all

### Verse 4

O that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all

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*House of the Lord*

### Verse 1

We worship the God who was  
We worship the God who is  
We worship the God who evermore will be  
He opened the prison doors  
He parted the raging sea  
Our God, he holds the victory

### Verse 2

We sing to the God who heals  
We sing to the God who saves  
We sing to the God  
Who always makes a way  
'Cause he hung up on that cross  
Then he rose up from that grave  
My God's still rolling stones away  
*(to Chorus)*

### Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise  
There's joy in the house of the Lord  
Our God is surely in this place  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise

### Bridge

We were the beggars, now we're royalty  
We were the prisoners  
Now we're running free  
We are forgiven, accepted  
Redeemed by his grace  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise  
*(to Chorus, repeat twice)*

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## Prayer

*Steadfast*

### Verse 1

I will build my house, whether storm or drought  
On the Rock that does not move  
I will set my hope in your love, oh Lord  
And your faithfulness will prove

### Chorus

You are steadfast, steadfast

### Verse 2

By the Word you spoke, all the starry hosts  
Are called out by name each night  
In your watchful care, I will rest secure  
As you lead us with your light  
*(to Chorus)*

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## Passing of the Peace

*Ancient Words*

### Verse 1

Holy words, long preserved  
For our walk in this world  
They resound with God's own heart  
O let the ancient words impart

### Verse 2

Words of life, words of hope  
Gives us strength, help us cope  
In this world, where'er we roam  
Ancient words will guide us home

### Chorus

Ancient words, ever true  
Changing me, changing you  
We have come with open hearts  
O let the ancient words impart

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### Verse 3

I will not trust in the strength of kings  
On your promise I will stand  
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice  
"Hallelujah to the Lamb!"  
*(to Chorus)*

### Bridge

In the moment of emptiness  
All was fulfilled  
In the hour of darkness  
Your light was revealed  
In the presence of death  
Your life was affirmed  
In the absence of holiness  
You are still God  
*(to Chorus, repeat twice)*

### Verse 3

Holy words of our faith  
Handed down to this age  
Came to us through sacrifice  
O heed the faithful words of Christ  
*(to Chorus, repeat twice)*

### Verse 4

Martyr's blood stains each page  
They have died for this faith  
Hear them cry through the years:  
"Heed these words and hold them dear"  
*(to Chorus, repeat twice)*

### Ending

We have come with open hearts  
O let the ancient words impart  
O let the ancient words impart

**Scripture & Sermon:** "Letters from Home Finale"

*Ancient Words (reprise, see Chorus)*

## Scripture from 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Romans

*Who You Say I Am*

### Verse 1

Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me?  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me

### Chorus 1

Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, yes, I am

### Verse 2

Free at last, he has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus did for me  
Yes He died for me

### Chorus 2

Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, yes, I am  
In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, yes, I am

### Bridge

I am chosen not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who You say I am  
I am chosen not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who You say I am  
*(to "Chorus 2")*

### Ending

In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, yes, I am

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## Benediction

## Postlude

### **Leading in the Service**

**Preaching:** Rev. Ross Dieleman, Rev. Tierra Marshall, Rev. Nate Schipper

**Liturgist:** Jess Mix

**Musicians & Tech:** Matt & Megan Abbott, Aaron Anderson, Joel Bosma, Steve Braunius