Order of Worship April 27, 2025

First Sunday after Easter Elim Reformed Church – Kings, IL

*Please stand, if possible

Welcome/Announcements/Greeting Time

Call to Worship

based on Psalm 141:1-2

<u>Pastor</u>: We call to You Lord, come to us now. <u>Congregation</u>: Hear us when we call to you. <u>Pastor</u>: May our prayers be set before you like

incense;

Congregation: May the lifting up of our hands be like a sacrifice of praise.

*Hymn #275 "Because He Lives"

Prayer of Confession (IN UNISON)

Lord God, we come before You with hearts laid bare. You have called us to be the sweet fragrance of Christ to You and to others. But we confess that all too often, our "smell" can be more repulsive than attractive. Forgive us Lord! Help us to reflect Your beauty and kindness to those around us. Turn us into "air fresheners" who will naturally draw others to You! In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Ephesians 5:1-2

Follow God's example as dearly loved children, and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Scripture 2 Corinthians 2:14-16

Children's Message

Special Music - Chuck & Bev Kearns

Morning Prayer

*Hymn #271 "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"

Sermon "Making Sense of It All: Smell" Pastor Marv

*Hymn #274 "Morning Has Broken"

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Consistory meets at 11:15 a.m. TODAY in the church office.

The daily Bible reading schedule for May are on the back table.

In preparation for **Graduate Sunday** being held on Sunday, June 1st during worship, please let the office or Pastor Marv know if you have a high school or college student graduating soon.

Prayer Concerns & Praises



Word Sline!

(please remember these and others in your prayers!)

- ☆ Marla Rozeboom- experiencing vision problems due to the anti-rejection medication
- ⊕ Fran Bruns- in rehab at Bounce Back, Room 116 (Liberty Village)
- [☆] Joan Hayes- moved to Bounce Back (Liberty Village) for rehabilitation
- [⊕] John Swanson, Judy Ealey, Gay Fritz, and Miles Jacobsen
 (Norm Shirk's grandson) battling cancer
- 廿 Lori Bee's mother- suffered broken bones and dislocated shoulder from fall, surgery and rehab expected
- ☆ Chuck Kearns- shoulder surgery on Tuesday
- Those with ongoing health issues ~ Carol Hayenga

