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DAY

June 14

**"So if the Son sets you free,
you are truly free."**

John 8:36

HOLY BIBLE

grits
with
grace

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA
Pastor Heath De Jong
June 14, 2026

***First Reformed Church in Boyden will follow God in
being a thriving community church.***

Prelude **Kathy Ver Meer**

Welcome

Call to Worship **#290 "The Living Church"**

Hymn #291 "O Breath of Life" vs 1,2,3
(the general offering will be received)

Hymn #292 "God of Grace and God of Glory" vs 1

Hymn #293 "Rise Up, O Church of God"

Praise Song "Soul of Fire" (video)

Sermon Title: **"Fortunate and Hope-full"**

Scripture Text: **Acts 25:23 – 26:32** (pg 1738)

Prayers of the People

Blessing

Closing Hymn #479 "Onward, Christian Soldiers" vs 1

Postlude



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Scripture Text: Acts 25:23-26:32

One Big Idea: James 1:2-4 NLT

“Dear brothers and sisters, **when(1)** troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that **when(+2)** your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for **when(=3)** your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.”

I. Introduction

Today’s passage is a fulfillment of prophesy from Acts 9

II. **Meat-n-potatoes** (and maybe a fresh picked garden spinach salad 😊)

God’s desire for Paul and First Reformed Church :

- 1) Relationship NOT Religion
- 2) Piety NOT “Pomp”
- 3) Wholeness NOT holeness

III. Conclusion

“It is hard for you to kick against the goads”(resist God’s purpose for your life)

1 + 2 = 3!

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Dear God, we thank You for Your “protection, deliverance and guidance in our lives” as evidenced by Your “everlasting love and grace upon grace.” We marvel at Your many blessings you give to us, your children. Thank you Jesus! Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Morning! We are delighted you are joining us this morning! Nursery services are available during worship in the church basement. After worship, please join us in the basement or the south entrance for a time of coffee and fellowship. Sunday School for adults is in the room off of the sanctuary following the worship service.

Flowers! There are sign-up sheets in the South entrance for taking turns to water the flowerpots outside the church. Please consider volunteering for a week or more to check the pots daily and water as needed. It doesn't take a lot of time and is such a big help to share that task. Thank you in advance to everyone who helps! If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Ver Meer.

We're still looking for help in the back of the sanctuary Sunday mornings. Please talk to Jeff N, Kevin R or Teresa H to help!

Community Worship Service, Boyden Bash – Sunday June 28th starting at 10 am. It is planned to be held at Centennial Park. If the weather doesn't cooperate, it will be moved here. This year our church is in charge of the refreshments and children's message. Work Group 3 has been tasked with getting refreshments. If you have any questions, please visit with Pastor Heath, Sheryl W, Beatrice K or Teresa H.

Boyden Bash Pre-registration Info! Don't forget to pre-register for the following events of the Boyden Bash – Trivia Night (712-725-2281) Boyden Golf Event (605-553-5708) Pickleball Tournament (712-449-6030) Vendor Fair (712-348-3805) and Pork Loin Cookoff (7112-441-1080).

Bible verse for June – “I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.” Ezekiel 34:16

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARE Group for Widow(er)s – Thur June 18th 11:30 am – Hull Pizza Ranch

Tri-State Tec – June 19-21 – First Reformed Church, Rock Valley IA – (Teens Encounter Christ)

Boyden Bash – June 25-28 – So many good & fun things for the whole family! – Community Worship Sun June 28th 10 am



To begin a prayer chain – You can call Teresa Harms/church office at 725-2366 or email tharms@frcboyden.com.

2026 Consistory Executive Committee

Vice President – Roger Nelson

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Music & Worship – Kathy Ver Meer

Community Impact – Wendy De Jong & Nic Rosenboom

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2026 Elders

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