

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

March 18, 2007

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**THE APPROACH TO GOD**

PRELUDE Ah, Holy Jesus Albert Zabel  
INTROIT (*sung by all*) Tune: ST. FLAVIAN

**Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,  
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, and close by Thee to stay.**

VOTUM

SENTENCES (*responsively*)

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus,  
the author and perfecter of our faith,  
who for the joy set before him endured the cross,  
scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.  
**Let us consider him who endured such opposition  
from sinful people,  
so that we will not grow weary and lose heart.**  
—from Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV

SALUTATION

+\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 84  
In the Cross of Christ I Glory Tune: RATHBUN

\*PRAYER (*responsively*)

O Christ, Savior, like the seed fallen to the ground,  
you suffered death. United to you, our lives will bear much fruit.  
**We praise you, Lord.**  
O Christ, you went down to the lowest point  
of the human condition;  
you remain close to all who are abandoned.  
**We praise you, Lord.**  
In your love you took upon yourself our sins;  
innocent, you accepted death to free us from death.  
**We praise you, Lord.**  
By your love you conquered evil and hatred,  
and you live forever at the Father's side.  
**We praise you, Lord.**  
You listen to us in your goodness,  
and you visit us in our misfortune;  
fill our hearts to overflowing  
by revealing to us the light of your face.  
**We praise you, Lord. Amen.**

\*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**  
(*congregation may exchange the Peace*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

*silent confession*

**God, we make so many mistakes;  
we turn away from you so often.  
We need you so much.  
Thank you that you so loved the world  
that you sent Jesus to die on the cross  
to save us from our sins. Amen.**

RESPONSE *Sing! A New Creation* 139 (sung) Tune: AGIOS, O THEOS

**Holy, holy, holy God, holy almighty God,  
holy, holy almighty God, have mercy upon us.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEM (11:00) arr. by Grace Schwanda

Lord, I pray, if today some should wrong or trouble me, make me kind;  
bring to mind your forgiveness makes me free.

If this day I should stray, show my heart the road to take.  
Should I fear, please be near; hear my prayer for Jesus' sake.  
—Jean C. Keegstra-DeBoer

CHILDREN LEAVE FOR WORSHIP CENTER (*responsively*)

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: In what church season are we right now?

**People: We are in the season of Lent.**

Leader: What is it that Christians do during Lent?

Children: We change the way we live to follow Jesus.

## THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON: Titus 3:1-8 p. 215

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 20:20-28 p. 22

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

SERMON "The Compassionate Life"

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

\*HYMN *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 367

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Tune: CHEREPONI

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Our Song of Hope st. 10, 11, 12 (*in unison*)

**As citizens we acknowledge the Spirit's work**

**in human government**

**for the welfare of the people,**

**for justice among the poor,**

**for mercy towards the prisoner,**

**against inhuman oppression of humanity.**

**We must obey God above all rulers,**

**waiting upon the Spirit,**

**filled with the patience of Christ.**

**We pray for the fruits of the Spirit of Christ**

**who works for peace on earth,**

**commands us to love our enemies,  
and calls for patience among the nations.  
We give thanks for God's work among governments,  
seeking to resolve disputes by means other than war,  
placing human kindness above national pride,  
replacing the curse of war with international self-control.  
We hear the Spirit's call to love one another  
opposing discrimination of race or sex,  
inviting us to accept one another,  
and to share at every level  
in work and play,  
in church and state,  
in marriage and family,  
and so fulfill the love of Christ.**

SIGNING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDER

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY    The Lord's My Shepherd    Quentin Thomas

\*DOXOLOGY *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 592

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

INVITATION TO PRAYER

ANTHEM

K. Lee Scott

Have no anxiety about anything,  
but in everything by supplication with thanksgiving,  
make your requests known to God,  
And the peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.  
For peace with God above and every sin forgiven,  
for all our hope of heaven, we lift our heart in love.  
The peace of God be ours enfolding every part,  
possessing thought and heart, the will and all its powers.  
The God of peace defend  
and keep us all our days unwearied in his praise,  
whose peace shall never end.  
—Philippians 4:6-7

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,    hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
And the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 422

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Tune: BEACH SPRING

\* C L O S I N G

P R A Y E R

\*BENEDICTION *(sung by all)* Tune: ST. FLAVIAN  
**Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering overpast,**

**An Easter of unending joy we may obtain at last.**

+Latecomers will be seated.

\*Those who are able may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Dr. Richard Bates, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius Zudiema, Katherine Hoekstra, Mark Reynoso, liturgists; Eliza Beird, prayer for illumination; Children's Choir; Mary Van Voorst, director; Karen Stam, piano; Handbell Choir; Matins Choir; Sanctuary Choir; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.*

### **TODAY**

We welcome all who worship with us and ask visitors and members to sign the Friendship Folders so that we may get to know one another.

Today is Fellowship Sunday. Please wear a nametag throughout the morning, so we are able to get to know one another better. Nametags can be found in the pew near the Friendship Folder.

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for **Third Sunday Pizza Lunch** following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Sherrill Ball and Carl Folkert will be available to pray with you following today's worship services. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer following the service (located in the south hallway on the main level).

ASSISTING TODAY: Greeters – (8:30) Jon and Dee Bechtel; (11:00) Carol Cox, Ron and Gloria South, Jerry Van Wyngarden; Ushers – Ev and Barb Albers; Deacons – (8:30) John Ruiter, Steve Bulthuis; (11:00) Laura Halsey, Karin Ashcroft, Habeeb Awad, Brandon Graham; Refreshment Servers – Jon and Phyllis Rietberg.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Mark and Lynne Bonnette, Jon and Deb Van Duinen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:40-10:40 a.m. Nursery care available.

3 years olds	nursery	4 and 5 year olds	room 15
Kindergarten	room 8	First Grade	room 6
Second Grade	room 9	Third Grade	room 10
4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades	room 7	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	room 11

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS, 9:40-10:40 a.m. "Simplicity and Solitude" led by Don and Jane Cronkite in the chapel.

INQUIRER'S CLASS, 9:40-10:40 a.m., in the office conference room.

LITTLE LAMBS: 3 year olds are invited to meet in room 14 during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Please bring your children to room 14 before the service and pick them up following the service.

### **L.I.F. T. SMALL GROUPS**

Leaders	Place	Time
George & Joyce Magee	Room 6	6:00 p.m.
Tom & Lois Dykstra	Room 7	6:00 p.m.

Sarah Unzicker	Room 8	6:00 p.m.
Carl & Lucille Schroeder	Room 9	6:00 p.m.
John & Marj Hoekstra	Room 10	6:00 p.m.
Elton Bruins	Freedom Village Captain's Cove	6:00 p.m.
Carol Segrist	Karsens, 1501 Jerome	6:00 p.m.
Alan & Jeanette Beagley	2768 E. Chester, Zeeland	6:30 p.m.
March 11, 18, 25 only	Young Disciples Youth Room	6:00 p.m.

Nursery provided for all five weeks.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Children 4 years through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be ushered from the sanctuary during the worship service to continue worship in the Worship Center on the lower level.

YOUNG DISCIPLES, for children in grades 3-5, will meet each Sunday during Lent. The children will attend the first part of the service and will be ushered from the sanctuary at the same time as those going to worship center.

### THIS WEEK

#### SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Matins Choir  
 9:15 a.m. Youth Choir  
 9:40 a.m. Sunday School  
 9:40 a.m. L.I.F.T. Group for Parents – room 17  
 10:30 a.m. Children's Choir  
 12:15 p.m. Third Sunday Pizza Lunch  
 4:30 p.m. Handbell Choir  
 6:00 p.m. L.I.F.T. Small Groups

#### MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Women's Ministries Board  
 7:30 p.m. Martha Circle at Marcia Floding's  
 (1068 Cobblestone Rd.)

#### TUESDAY

10:30 a.m. Staff  
 7:00 p.m. Consistory  
 8:15 p.m. Elders

#### WEDNESDAY

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints  
 8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers  
 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

#### FRIDAY

7:00 p.m. Bunco

#### SATURDAY

10:00 a.m. Women's Ministry Brunch

### THE CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor	Richard Bates
Minister of Congregational Life	Kama Jongerius Zuidema
Calling Pastor	William Unzicker*
Coordinator of Congregational Care	Delores Bechtel*
Minister of Music	Linda K. Strouf*
Director of Children's Ministries	Marcia Floding*
Youth Director	Nate Schipper
Young Disciples Director	Michelle Millen*
Seminary Intern	Mark Reynoso*
Children's Choir Director	Mary Van Voorst*
Secretaries	Kristen Beckner, Carol Ter Beek*

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Kitchen Coordinator  
Treasurer/Interim Administrator  
Recording Treasurer  
Archivist/Historian  
Minister of Music Emeritus  
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*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

### **PERSONAL**

Share your prayer concerns by using the prayer request cards found in the Friendship Folders. Place the requests in the offering plate or prayer box at the back of the sanctuary. Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.

SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Lois Vande Bunte, wife of former pastor Russ Vande Bunte, who died on March 10 in Florida.

CONGRATULATIONS to Marjorie Rottschafer whose 91<sup>st</sup> birthday is Saturday.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital – Donald Ihrman. Bob Benningfield has returned home from the hospital. Libby Boven is at The Inn. Ruth Thompson has moved to Hospice House. Pray for George Claver. Resthaven Care Center – Sis Daniels, Arnolda Otting, Helen Van Zanden, Ada Ver Hulst; Maplewoods – Joe Otting. In the Military – Tom Piaget, German Moran, Patrick Muir, David Mummert.

### **GENERAL ITEMS**

THIRD SUNDAY FOR HUNGER: Non-perishable food and other necessities will be collected today for our monthly food drive. Donated items can be placed in the designated box in the Gathering place.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES continue this Wednesday, March 21 at 12:10 p.m. at Pillar Church, 57 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St. Rev. Chris DeVos will give the meditation “Repentance: Because the “Evildoers” are Everywhere.” A light lunch will be offered after the meditation.

BUNCO: Sign up continues today for Bunco on Friday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a finger food to share. Drinks and prizes provided. Last day to sign up will be Wednesday, March 21.

WOMEN’S MINISTRIES invites all women to our annual Lenten Brunch with Hope Church Saturday, March 24 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be “Gifts of Kids Hope U.S.A.” presented by Jinny De Jong. Reservations need to be made today by signing up in the Gathering Place.

NEEDED: Egg casseroles, muffins, and fruit are needed for the next Breakfast with Baby on Saturday, April 14. We will also need servers and baby holders. Please call Marilyn Norman at 335-9298 if you are able to help with these needs.

CHURCH RETREATERS: Pictures from the Church Retreat are on display in the Gathering Place. If you would like to have reprints of any of these pictures made, at no cost to you, please sign up on the sheet next the display. Would you like to make the pictures you took available to everyone? If so, please drop them off in the church office and we’ll add them to the display.

**ORDER EASTER LILIES**

Last day to order lilies will be Sunday, April 1.

No. of plants \_\_\_\_ \$6.00 each Total enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_

In memory/honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

I will pick up my lily after the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

I am unable to pick up my lily; please deliver it to a shut-in.

HELP! Each year about 25 beautiful lilies remain in the sanctuary after the 11:00 a.m. worship service waiting to be shared with a member of our church who is not able to participate in the glorious Easter Day worship service. Help is needed to pick up several of these lilies and deliver them later Easter Day. If you are able to help in this joyous ministry please sign up on the line below or call the church office, 392-1459, so plans can be made. Dee Bechtel will have the names, cards, and instructions ready for you in the sanctuary following the second service. Thank you for caring and sharing.

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Married Couples, It's nearly Spring – Does gardening give you a sense of wonder and fulfillment? On your wedding day, you lovingly planted the seeds of a lifelong relationship. A Reformed Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you the “gardening tools” you need to help your marriage grow and blossom. The next area weekend is April 20-22, 2007, in Holland, Michigan. To learn more about the weekend, please visit [www.reformedme.org](http://www.reformedme.org). To receive a registration brochure or to register, call Jim and Kathy Molenkamp at 616-538-2749.

**MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT**

Jaime Amaro, Monterrey, Mexico

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## **THE CONSISTORY**

### **PROGRAM ELDERS**

Irwin Brink  
Deb DuMez  
Marilyn Franken  
Mark Hiskes

John Nordstrom  
Ed Stielstra  
Dale Van Lente  
Doug Walvoord

### **PARISH ELDERS**

Carol Segrist (1)  
Renske Karsen (2)  
Charles Hunt (3)  
Marilyn Norman (4)  
Sarah Unzicker (5)  
Gay Hunsberger (6)  
Anna Ritsema (7)  
Sherrill Ball (8)  
Jan Benningfield (9)  
Mike Van Doornik (10)  
Roger Rietberg (11)  
Wayne Westenbroek (12)

Steve Van Grouw (13)  
Milly Ten Brink (14)  
Bill Doezema (15)  
Scott Millen (16)  
Jeff Maatman (17)  
John Hoekstra (18)  
Elaine Tanis (19)  
Janet Rund (20)  
Phyllis Brown (21)  
Doug Kamphuis (22)  
Lucille Schroeder (23)  
Betty Balk (24)

### **DEACONS**

John Amell  
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Habeeb Awad  
Jeff Beird  
Jennifer Boersen  
Lynne Bonnette  
Steve Bulthuis  
Brandon Graham

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