

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 25, 2007

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE Ah, Holy Jesus Helmut Walcha

INTROIT words and music by Lawrence Probes

Arise, be clothed in the light. Your light has come.

Fill us with your love.

Though darkness covers the earth, the Lord will shine upon you.

We look to you Lord, oh free us from sin. Fill us with your love.

VOTUM

SENTENCES (*responsively*)

Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace;

approach our God, who is full of mercy.

We will praise God with all our heart

and glorify the name of the Most High forever.

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 93

Ah, Holy Jesus

Tune: HERZLIEBSTER JESU

*PRAYER (*responsively*)

Lord Jesus, we walk with you
through the valley of the shadow of death.

Let us find our life in you, O Lord.

Banished from the Garden of Eden for our rebellion,

we long for the garden of Paradise.

O Lord, you are the Christ.

Remember us in your kingdom.

We come to hear you speak of your love for us.

You have the words of eternal life. Amen.

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(*congregation may exchange the Peace*)

VOCAL SOLO

Handel

He was despised and rejected of men;

a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.

He gave His back to the smiters,

and His cheeks to them that plucked off the hair:

He hid not His face from shame and spitting.

—Isaiah 53:3; 50:6

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*responsively*)

silent confession

O Christ, out of your fullness

we have all received grace upon grace.

You are our eternal hope; you are patient and full of mercy;

you are generous to all who call upon you.

Save us, Lord.

O Christ, fountain of life and holiness,

you have taken away our sins.

On the cross you were wounded for our transgressions

and were bruised for our iniquities.

Save us, Lord.

O Christ, obedient unto death, source of all comfort,
our life and our resurrection, our peace and reconciliation:

Save us, Lord.

O Christ, Savior of all who trust you, hope of all who die for you,
and joy of all the saints:

Save us, Lord.

Jesus, Lamb of God,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

grant us peace. Amen.

RESPONSE

Tune: AGIOS, O THEOS

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE

YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM

Love, love, love, love,
Christians this is our call:
Love our neighbors as ourselves
For God loves us all.

Traditional

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: Philippians 1:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 13:10-17

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

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*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 76

My Song Is Love Unknown

Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN

SERMON

“The Incarnational Life”

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Our Song of Hope st. 15, 16, 17 *(in unison)*

Christ elects the church
to proclaim the Word and celebrate the sacraments,
to worship God's name,
and to live as true disciples.

He creates a community
to be a place of prayer,
to provide rest for the weary,
and to lead people to share in service.

The Holy Spirit sends the church
to call sinners to repentance,
to proclaim the good news
that Jesus is personal Savior and Lord.

The Spirit sends it out in ministry
to preach good news to the poor,
righteousness to the nations,
and peace among all people.

The Holy Spirit builds one church,
united in one Lord and one hope,
with one ministry around one table.

The Spirit calls all believers in Jesus
to respond in worship together,
to accept all the gifts from the Spirit,
to learn from each other's traditions,
to make unity visible on earth.

SIGNING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDER

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP
CROP WALK

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Prélude modal

Jean Langlais

ANTHEM

arr. by John L. Bell

*Nobody knows the trouble I've seen, nobody knows but Jesus.
Oh, glory hallelujah!*

Sometimes I'm up, sometimes I'm down;
Sometimes I'm almost to the ground; Oh yes, Lord.

If you get to heaven before I do;
tell all my friends I'm comin' too; Oh yes, Lord.
—traditional spiritual

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

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

INVITATION TO PRAYER

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.**

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O Christ, the Great Foundation

Tune: AURELIA

* 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; Mark Reynoso, liturgist; John Lunn, prayer for illumination; Youth Choir; Mary Van Voorst, director; Karen Stam, piano; Libby Skaff, vocal soloist; Kay Duthler, soloist with the choir; Matins Choir; Sanctuary Choir; Paul Connelly, organist; 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.

Please join us in the Gathering Place for refreshments and fellowship after the worship services.

We are pleased to have Hope College music majors, Libby Skaff, a senior from Flint, Michigan and Paul Connelly, a sophomore from Lower Waterford, Connecticut participating in the Ministry of Music today.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, John Heyns and Jane Dykstra 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) Roger and Donna Prins; (11:00) Chris, Lorna, Simon, and Justis Cook, Rob, Amy, Andy, and Sam Lunn; Ushers – Bill and Sarah Unzicker; Deacons – (8:30) Lynne Bonnette, Steve Bulthuis; (11:00) Steve Bulthuis, Karin Ashcroft, Habeeb Awad, Kim McDonough; Refreshment Servers – Andy and Lois Mulder.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Brandon and Jane Graham, Kathy Schoon Tanis.

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

4th and 5th Grades room 7 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade room 11

There will be no Sunday School on April 1 and 8.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS, 9:40-10:40 a.m. "Art in Lent and Easter" led by Nella Kennedy in the chapel. There will be no Adult Education Class on April 1 and 8.

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.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Children 4 years through 2nd 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.

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.
Gene Vander Well	Freedom Village Captain's Cove	6:00 p.m.
Carol Segrist	Prins, 4071 66 th St.	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.

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
4:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
6:00 p.m. L.I.F.T. Small Groups

MONDAY

1:00 p.m. Lead Team for Team Ministry

TUESDAY

10:30 a.m. Staff
7:00 p.m. Dream Team for Children's Ministries

WEDNESDAY

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints
8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers
6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group at Fagas
(819 E. 8th St.)
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry

FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. Newsletter Assembly
10:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group

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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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jack and Thelma Leenhouts whose 65th wedding anniversary is Wednesday.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital – Laura-Lee Pike. Crystal Teague was transferred from Zeeland Hospital to The Inn. Pray for George Claver. Heritage – Lillian Tazelaar; Oak Crest Manors – Alma Kuiper; The Laurels of Hudsonville – John De Kraker. In the Military – Tom Piaget, German Moran, Patrick Muir, David Mummert.

GENERAL ITEMS

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES continue this Wednesday, March 28 at 12:10 p.m. at Pillar Church, 57 E. 10th St. Rev. Jennifer Adams will give the meditation “Repentance: The Way of Godly Sorrow.” A light lunch will be offered after the meditation.

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.

CROP WALK: It’s time again to walk on Saturday, April 28 or Sunday, April 29 to help the hungry around the world. Walking helps raise awareness and funds for local agencies and those around the world affected by natural disasters. Thanks to an anonymous donor, this year, if Third Reformed Church increases its number of walkers over 2006, CROP will receive a \$50 bonus for each additional walker. Pick up your walker envelope at the table in the Gathering Place.

NOTE: The Women’s Prayer Group will meet this Friday, March 30 instead of Friday, April 6.

FAMILIES with children are invited to process with palms at both services next Sunday, April 1. Plan to meet at the back of the sanctuary about 5 minutes before the service.

VESPER SERVICE: There will be a Vesper Service next Sunday, April 1. Nathan Brownell and Rev. Ryosaku Inoue will tell us about their work with the youth in Japan.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: There will be a Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service with communion on Thursday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary. A Good Friday Service will be held at Pillar Christian Reformed Church, 57 E. 10th St., at 12:10 p.m. Rev. Trygve Johnson will give the meditation.

EASTER BRUNCH: Celebrate Easter morning with your church family! Between services on April 8 (9:30-10:45 a.m.) come to Fellowship Hall for hot cross buns, muffins, fruit, juice, and coffee. Hosted by the youth groups.

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.

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. To receive a registration brochure or to register, call Jim and Kathy Molenkamp at 616-538-2749.

GLOBAL FORUM: Dr. Tom Arendshorst will speak on *Peacemaking in an African Context* in Semelink Hall at Western Theological Seminary at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 26. The event is free and open to the public.

The congregation is invited to a violin recital given by Jenny Walvoord on Friday, March 30 at 8:00 p.m. at Dimnent Chapel.

THE CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor	Richard Bates
Minister of Congregational Life	Kama Jongerius Zuidema
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Coordinator of Congregational Care	Delores Bechtel*
Minister of Music	Linda K. Strouf*
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Youth Director	Nate Schipper
Young Disciples Director	Michelle Millen*
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Children's Choir Director	Mary Van Voorst*
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THE CONSISTORY

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Marilyn Franken	Dale Van Lente
Mark Hiskes	Doug Walvoord

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Carol Segrist (1)	Steve Van Grouw (13)
Renske Karsen (2)	Milly Ten Brink (14)
Charles Hunt (3)	Bill Doezema (15)
Marilyn Norman (4)	Scott Millen (16)
Sarah Unzicker (5)	Jeff Maatman (17)
Gay Hunsberger (6)	John Hoekstra (18)
Anna Ritsema (7)	Elaine Tanis (19)
Sherrill Ball (8)	Janet Rund (20)
Jan Benningfield (9)	Phyllis Brown (21)
Mike Van Doornik (10)	Doug Kamphuis (22)
Roger Rietberg (11)	Lucille Schroeder (23)
Wayne Westenbroek (12)	Betty Balk (24)

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