

**PALM SUNDAY**

*April 1, 2007*

*8:30 and 11:00 a.m.*

**THE APPROACH TO GOD**

PRELUDE Hosanna, Loud Hosanna J. Wayne Kerr  
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)*

Recall the words of the scriptures:  
“A great crowd who had come to the feast heard  
that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.  
So they took branches of palm trees  
and went out to meet him, crying,  
**Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!”**

SALUTATION

+\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 89  
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Tune: ELLACOMBE

\*PRAYER *(responsively)*

Merciful Christ, as we carry these branches and worship you,  
**Open our eyes to see your glory.  
Open our ears to hear your wisdom.  
Open our hands to offer you gifts.  
Open our mouths to sing your praise.  
Open our hearts to offer our love.  
You are Lord!**

\*PEACE

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

*silent confession*

**Living Christ, we have a hard time getting it right:  
We know that you deserve to be lauded,  
but even as we carry the palms this morning our minds can be full of insignificant  
preoccupations.  
We know that you chose a painful path for the good of others, but we prefer a smooth path  
aimed mostly at our own comfort or gain.  
We enter passion week with great passion  
about spring break, time off from school and work,  
or other small and self-centered goals.  
Forgive us for the ways in which we miss the mark.  
In your mercy keep turning us back to you.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 118:1, 2; 19-29 p. 565

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 19:28-40 p. 83

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Sing! A New Creation* 133

Filled with Excitement

Tune: HOSANNA

SERMON "Not Getting it Right"

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

### THE RESPONSE TO GOD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Portions of Article 26:

The Intercession of Christ – Belgic Confession *(in unison)*

**We believe that we have no access to God  
except through the one and only Mediator and Intercessor:**

**Jesus Christ the Righteous.**

**He therefore was made man,  
uniting together the divine and human natures,  
so that we human beings**

**might have access to the divine Majesty.**

**Otherwise we would have no access.**

**But this Mediator,**

**whom the Father has appointed between himself and us,  
ought not terrify us by his greatness...**

**For neither in heaven nor among the creatures on earth  
is there anyone who loves us  
more than Jesus Christ does.**

**Although he was "in the form of God,"**

**he nevertheless "emptied himself,"**

**taking the form of "a man" and "a servant" for us;**

**and he made himself "completely like his brothers."**

**We should not plead here**

**that we are unworthy—  
for it is not a question of offering our prayers  
on the basis of our own dignity  
but only on the basis of the excellence and dignity  
of Jesus Christ,  
whose righteousness is ours  
by faith.**

SIGNING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDER

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY I Want Jesus to Walk with Me Raymond Henry

ANTHEM

Robert J. Powell

Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen,  
Who thy glory hidest 'neath these shadows mean;  
lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed,  
tranced as it behold thee shrined within the cloud;  
Taste and touch and vision to discern thee fail;  
faith, that comes by hearing pierces through the veil.  
I believe whatever the son of God hath told;  
what the Truth hath spoken, that for truth I hold.  
O memorial wondrous of the Lord's own death;  
living Bread that givest all thy creatures breath,  
grant my spirit ever by thy life may live,  
to my taste thy sweetness never failing give.  
Jesus whom now hidden, I by faith behold,  
what my soul doth long for that thy word foretold;  
Face to face thy splendor, I at last shall see,  
in the glorious vision, blessed Lord, of thee. Amen.  
—St. Thomas Aquinas, c. 1260

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

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

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* 130

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Tune: SOJOURNER

\* 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: Rev. Kama Jongerius Zuidema, preaching; Dr. Richard Bates, liturgist; Katie Callam, prayer for illumination; 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.

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

The calla lilies at the chancel today are given by Bruce and Susan Formsma in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bosman, Mr. and Mrs. Arend Bosman, and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Bosman; and by Ed and Diana Marsilje in memory of their son, Karl.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Charles and Lois Hunt 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) Al and Jane Osman; (11:00) Dave and Jody Vanderwel, Greta Floding, Katie Callam, Mark and Janna Reynoso; Ushers – Bill and Barb Tenpas; Deacons – (8:30) John Ruitter, Brandon Graham; (11:00) Jennifer Boersen, Karin Ashcroft, Habeeb Awad, Lynne Bonnette; Refreshment Servers – Greg and Amanda Dykhouse.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Lauren Gras, John and Kara Green.

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

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS There will be no Adult Education Class on April 1 and 8.

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. There will be no Little Lambs next Sunday, April 8. Children are welcome to go to the nursery.

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.

### **VESPER SERVICE**

6:00 p.m. in the Chapel

“Youth in Japan”

Worship Leaders: Rev. Ryosaku Inoue and Nathan Brownell

### **THIS WEEK**

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Matins Choir

4:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

6:00 p.m. Vesper Service

7:15 p.m. Parish 1 & 2 L.I.F.T Group at Stielstras  
(A-6560 146<sup>th</sup> Ave.)

**TUESDAY**

10:30 a.m. Staff

**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

**THURSDAY**

9:30 a.m. Moms of Young Children

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service

**FRIDAY**

12:00 p.m. Church Office Closed

**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.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Laura-Lee Pike is at The Inn. The Inn – Libby Boven, George Claver, Jantina Holleman, Barbara Lampen, Marjorie Rottschafer, Dorothy Sheets, Crystal Teague. In the Military – Tom Piaget, German Moran, Patrick Muir, David Mummert.

**GENERAL ITEMS**

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. Nursery care will be available during this service. A

Good Friday Service will be held at Pillar Christian Reformed Church, 57 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St., at 12:10 p.m. Rev. Trygve Johnson will give the meditation.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Four volunteers are needed to help in the nursery next Sunday, April 8 during the 11:00 worship service. If you are able to help with this need please contact Jane Zoerman at 875-7856.

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, coffee, and some creative Easter activities for children. Hosted by the youth groups.

CROP WALK: This year the Holland/Zeeland CROP Walk will pass \$3,000,000 raised to help local food banks and to fight hunger around the world. You can help continue the work of Christ in this world by walking on Saturday, April 29 or Sunday, April 30. Pick up your walker envelope from Mark Walvoord today and find out how you might be able to raise an additional \$50 for CROP just by walking.

**ORDER EASTER LILIES**

**Today is last day to order a lily.**

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.

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*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

### **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*
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Minister of Music Emeritus	Roger J. Rietberg

\*indicates part time staff

### **MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT**

Jaime Amaro, Monterrey, Mexico  
Martha Amaro, Monterrey, Mexico  
Roger De Young, Mission Stewardship and Coordinator  
for Mexico and Venezuela  
Lance and Elizabeth Edwards, Mozambique  
James and Sharon Heneveld, Chiapas, Mexico  
Wayne and Miho Jansen, Japan  
Rowland, Jr. and Jane Van Es, Kenya  
Betty Voskuil, Coordinator, Reformed Church World Service and  
Diaconal Ministries  
Japanese Ministry in West Michigan

### **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  
Karin Ashcroft  
Habeeb Awad  
Jeff Beird  
Jennifer Boersen  
Lynne Bonnette  
Steve Bulhuis  
Brandon Graham

Laura Halsey  
Linda Jacobs  
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