

**EASTER SUNDAY**

*April 8, 2007*

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

**THE APPROACH TO GOD**

PRELUDE

Solemn Entry

Richard Strauss

VOTUM

SENTENCES (*responsively*)

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and hope.**

**He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**He has brought us out of darkness.**

**He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

SALUTATION

+\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 123

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Tune: EASTER HYMN

\*PRAYER (*responsively*)

Lord God, early in the morning,  
when the world was young, you made life in all its beauty;  
you gave birth to all that we know. Hallowed be your name.

**Hallowed be your name.**

Early in the morning, when the world least expected it,  
a newborn child crying in a manger  
announced that you had come among us, that you were one of us.  
Hallowed by your name.

**Hallowed be your name.**

Early in the morning, surrounded by respectable liars,  
religious leaders, anxious statesmen, and silent friends,  
you accepted the penalty for doing good, for being God:  
You shouldered and suffered the cross. Hallowed by your name.

**Hallowed be your name.**

Early in the morning, a voice in a guarded graveyard  
and footsteps in the dew proved that you had risen,  
that you had come back to those and for those  
who had forgotten, denied, and executed you.  
Hallowed by your name.

**Hallowed be your name.**

This morning, in the multicolored company  
of your church on earth and in heaven, we celebrate your creation, your life, your death and  
resurrection, your interest in us, and your redemption of all creation!

**Hallowed be God's name, now and forever. Amen!**

ANTHEM

Malcolm Archer

Let the bright seraphim in burning row,  
their loud uplifted angel trumpets blow.  
Ring out, ye crystal spheres, and bless our human ears;  
and let your silver chime move in melodious time.  
If ye have power to touch our senses so,  
let the bass of heaven's mighty organ blow!  
And with the cherubim, and ninefold harmony,

Heavenly Host make up the full consort of the angelic symphony.  
And above him stood the seraphim,  
one came unto the other and said;  
Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

*(Commissioned in honor of their parents M. Carlyle and Doris Van Lente Neckers  
by sons Douglas, Bruce and Craig and their families.)*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*responsively*)

*silent confession*

If, at times, we deny you, God forgive.  
When the risks of discipleship are high,  
and we are nowhere to be found:

**God forgive.**

When we wash our hands of responsibility:

**God forgive.**

When we cast our lot with powerful oppressors  
and seek to buy freedom with silver:

**God forgive.**

When fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth,  
or prejudice keeps us from believing it:

**God forgive.**

In the bright light of Easter morning, O God,  
our sin is exposed, and your grace is revealed.

**Tender God,**

**raise us in your love so that, with joy,  
we may witness to your awesome deeds,  
in the name of Jesus, the risen one. Amen.**

RESPONSE *Sing! A New Creation* 68

Your Mercy Flows

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*responsively*)

Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the first fruits of those who have died.  
For since death came through a human being,  
the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being;  
for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

—I Corinthians 15:20-22, NRSV

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE

CHILDREN LEAVE FOR WORSHIP CENTER

**THE WORD OF GOD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 10:34-43

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This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:1-12

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 115

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Tune: ST. KEVIN

SERMON

“Why Believe It?”

ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

**THE RESPONSE TO GOD**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (*sung*)

Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN

**I believe in God the Father, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ, our Savior,  
God's own Son of matchless worth;  
By the Holy Ghost conceived, Virgin Mary bore, God's Son.  
He, in whom I have believed, God Almighty, Three in One.**

**Suffered under Pontius Pilate, crucified for me, He died,  
Laid within the grave so silent, gates of hell He opened wide,  
And the stone-sealed tomb was empty,  
on the third day He arose,  
Into heaven made his entry, Mighty Conqueror of His foes.**

**At God's right hand He is seated, 'til His coming, as He said;  
Final judgment will be meted to the living and the dead;  
I confess the Holy Spirit has been sent  
through Christ, the Son,  
To apply salvation's merit, God the Spirit – Three in One.**

**I believe the church of Jesus, wholly catholic remains.  
We are one through all the ages,  
with communion of the saints.  
I believe sins are forgiven, that our bodies will be raised,  
Everlasting life in heaven, Amen, let His Name be praised!**

SIGNING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDER

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY      This Joyful Eastertide      Keith Kolander

ANTHEM      Craig Courtney

Hark, ten thousand harps and voices sound the note of praise above!  
Jesus reigns, and heaven rejoices, Jesus reigns, the God of Love;  
See, He sits upon the throne; Jesus rules the world alone.  
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.  
Allelu! Alleluia! Amen.

Jesus, hail! whose glory brightens all above and gives it worth;  
Lord of life, Thy smile enlightens, cheers, and charms  
Thy saints on earth:  
When we think of love like Thine, Lord, we own it love divine.  
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.  
Allelu! Alleluia! Amen.

Savior, hasten Thine appearing; bring, O bring the glorious day  
When, the mighty summons hearing,  
heaven and earth shall pass away.  
Then with all the saints we'll sing, “Glory, glory to our King!”  
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.  
Allelu! Alleluia! Amen

—Thomas Kelly

\*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* 113

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

Tune: LLANFAIR

*(Those who would like to sing the Hallelujah Chorus are invited to go to the chancel or gallery during the last verse of the hymn. Scores will be available.)*

\*HALLELUJAH

CHORUS

\*BLESSING AND PEACE *(responsively)*

Go out in joy to serve the resurrected Lord.

And the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*(please exchange the peace with others as you leave)*

POSTLUDE

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Robert Hobby

+Latecomers will be seated.

\*Those who are able may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Dr. Richard Bates, preaching; Rev. William Unzicker, liturgist; Wendell Karsen, prayer for illumination; Bruce Formsma, Tammy Wolters, Richard Bates, trumpet; Fred Gordon, horn; Marshall Elzinga, Paul Connelly, trombone; Jeff Brown, tuba; Peter Van Kempen, timpani/cymbals; 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.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Bill and Carol Doezema 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) Tim, Deb, Henry, and Grace DuMez; (11:00) Gerry and Barb Bakker, Dennis and Nancy Gebben, Anne Bakker, Andrew and Lauren Gras; Ushers – Greg and Lynne Caskey; Deacons – (8:30) Steve Bulthuis, John Ruiter; (11:00) Jennifer Boersen, Kim McDonough, Lynne Bonnette, Jay Mosterd.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Lucille Schroeder, Amanda Dykhouse, Elly Muiderman, Peg Van Grouw.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - There will be no Sunday School today.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS There will be no Adult Education Class today. NEXT WEEK: *Art in Lent and Easter* led by Nella Kennedy.

LITTLE LAMBS: There will be no Little Lambs today. 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.

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **SUNDAY**

9:30 a.m. Easter Brunch

#### **MONDAY**

8:30 a.m. Gifts & Memorials Committee  
7:30 p.m. Miriam Circle at Phyllis Bruggers'  
(570 Appletree Dr.)

#### **TUESDAY**

8:00 a.m. Ruth Circle at Nella Kennedy's  
(302 Winter Oaks West)  
9:30 a.m. Elizabeth and Hannah Circles  
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  
1:30 p.m. Rachel Circle  
6:30 p.m. Middle School Cookie Baking  
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

#### **THURSDAY**

7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry

#### **FRIDAY**

7:00 a.m. S & A Ministry Group

### **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: Holland Hospital – Glenn Bruggers, Carol Gargano. Out of Town – Elisabeth Ten Zythoff, 1750 W. Bennett St., #3A, Springfield, MO 65807, Jo Rediger, 2304 Versailles Ct., Rockwall, TX 75032; Home – Jan Bosch, Rosey Maatman, Gerry Tillema. In the Military – Tom Piaget, German Moran, Patrick Muir, David Mummert.

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### **GENERAL ITEMS**

**EASTER BRUNCH:** Celebrate Easter morning with your church family! Between services this morning (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.

**THIRD SUNDAY FOR HUNGER:** Next Sunday, April 15, non-perishable food and other necessities will be collected for our monthly food drive. Donated items can be placed in the designated box in the Gathering place.

**THIRD SUNDAY PIZZA LUNCH** will be next Sunday, April 15 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Remember that some members have severe allergic reactions to perfume. Please refrain from using perfume or other scented cosmetics when you know you will be sitting in a large group. Thank you.

**CROP WALK:** Help restock local food pantries by bringing needed items to the CROP Walk on April 28 or 29. The food you bring also helps raise funds through the \$1,000,000 Feinstein Foundation Grant. Last year, CROP Walks across the country raised funds for relief and development efforts in Sudan, South East Asia, the U.S. Gulf coast and Holland, Michigan. Get information at the table in the Gathering Place and sign up to walk with Mark Walvoord today!

Several people have asked how they can be supportive of Pastor Kama during this time. In addition to your prayers and notes, a team has been formed to coordinate efforts of various kinds. Please contact the church office and leave your name and, if necessary, any special offering of help you wish to make. Your name will be forwarded to the support team. Thank you.

Sign up will continue next week for the next What's for Dinner? on April 27.

**SUMMER MISSION MEETING:** Come and talk about opportunities for mission this summer and in the following year. Plan to meet with Nate after/during the pizza lunch next Sunday.

Can food be sacramental? How do you create community with food? These and other areas will be explored in *Just Eating? Practicing our Faith at the Table* – a seven week curriculum for Christian congregations interested in exploring eating as a practice of their faith. Training to lead this curriculum is being held in Holland at two different times on May 3, 2007. Cost of materials, a simple meal, training, and 2 contact hours is \$10.00. For a brochure or more information, contact Pat Whitaker at Our Lady of the Lake at 399-1962 or Sue Lassa at Holland Hospital at 394-3412.

## **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*
Custodian	Mark Faga
Kitchen Coordinator	Judy Bosch*
Treasurer/Interim Administrator	Harvey J. Buter*
Recording Treasurer	Delwyn Van Dyke*
Archivist/Historian	Elton J. Bruins*
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	John Nordstrom
Deb DuMez	Ed Stielstra
Marilyn Franken	Dale Van Lente
Mark Hiskes	Doug Walvoord

### **PARISH ELDERS**

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)  
Jan Benningfield (9)  
Mike Van Doornik (10)  
Roger Rietberg (11)  
Wayne Westenbroek (12)

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 Bulthuis  
Brandon Graham

Laura Halsey  
Linda Jacobs  
Kim McDonough  
Jay Mosterd  
Nancy Nordstrom  
John Ruiter  
Jon Van Duinen