

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*April 29, 2007*

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

**THE APPROACH TO GOD**

PRELUDE      The Peace May Be Exchanged      Dan Locklair

VOTUM

SENTENCES (*responsively*)

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;

**Sing praises to the Lord.**

Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel;

And whose power is in the skies.

**Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel;**

**He gives power and strength to his people.**

**Blessed be God!**

—Psalm 68:32, 34, 35

SALUTATION

+\*HYMN OF PRAISE    *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 118

The Day of Resurrection!

Tune: LANCASHIRE

\*PRAYER (*in unison*)

**O Christ,**

**who lived to show what life is like,**

**who died to show that sin is death,**

**who rose to raise us up to life eternal,**

**help us to follow you and love you forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*responsively*)

**Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired;**

**new love where we have turned hard-hearted;**

**forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded;**

**and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where**

**we are prisoners of ourselves.**

*silent confession*

To all and to each,

on his community and on his friends,

where regret is real,

Jesus pronounces his pardon

and grants us the right to begin again.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Amen.**

RESPONSE    *Sing! A New Creation* 68

Your Mercy Flows

GRATITUDE FOR SERVICE

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

PREPARATION

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

\*CONGREGATIONAL VOW (*responsively*)

Do you promise to love, encourage, and support this child

by teaching the gospel of God's love,

by being an example of Christian faith and character, and

by giving the strong support of God's family  
in fellowship, prayer, and service?

**We do.**

\*APOSTLES' CREED (*in unison*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING  
THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT  
DECLARATION, BLESSING AND WELCOME

CHILDREN LEAVE FOR WORSHIP CENTER

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: *Sing! A New Creation* 181          Psalm 23

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:22-30          p. 104

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

SERMON          "Living in Suspense"

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

## **THE RESPONSE TO GOD**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:          (*responsively*)

This is the good news that we have received,  
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

**Christ died for our sins, was buried,  
was raised on the third day,  
and appeared first to the women,  
then to Peter and the Twelve,  
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe Jesus is the Christ,  
the Anointed one of God,**



*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 flowers at the chancel today are given by Susie Vander Kolk in memory of her mother, Peggy Frantz.

Receiving the sacrament of baptism this morning is Henry Robert Cash Menkveld, son of Joel and Sarah Menkveld. We welcome him with joy into our covenant community.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Wendell and Renske Karsen 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) – Tony and Elly Muiderman; (11:00) Gene and Elaine Jekel, Jane, Madeline, and Aidan Eppard, Gordon and Barbara Mummert; Ushers – Tom and Sue Ten Hoeve; Deacons – (8:30) Nancy Nordstrom, Jeff Beird; (11:00) Jon Van Duinen, Linda Jacobs, Habeeb Awad, Jennifer Boersen; Refreshment Servers – Carl and Barb Folkert.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Scott and Stacey Van Dyke, Betsy Morton.

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, *Living and Dying, Four Things that Matter Most* led by Matt Floding in the chapel. Next Week: *Global Warming: Causes, Consequences, and Solutions* led by Eldon Greij.

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 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be this evening at 6:00 p.m. We will elect elders and deacons, hear a State of the Church Report and receive information about various areas of church operations. Consistory nominees are: Program Elders – Lorna Cook, Greg Dykhouse, Kristen Johnson; Parish Elders – Kate Bolt, Lynne Caskey, Kathy Miedema, Barb Moreau, Marilyn Norman, Roger Rietberg, Anna Ritsema; Deacons – Rick Frens, Jon Rietberg, Bekah Schipper, Jeff Voskuil.

YOUNG DISCIPLES, for children in grades 3-5, will meet in the chapel during the 11:00 service.

**THIS WEEK**

SUNDAY

9:15 a.m.	Youth Choir
9:40 a.m.	Sunday School

9:40 a.m. L.I.F.T. Group – room 17  
10:30 a.m. Children's Choir  
6:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting

**MONDAY**

12:00-6:00 p.m. Blood Drive

**TUESDAY**

10:00 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

7:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Dream Team at Van Duinen's  
(82 W. 12<sup>th</sup> St.)

**FRIDAY**

10:00 a.m. Women's Prayer 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 – Esther Heyns. Heritage – Lillian Tazelaar; Oak Crest Manors – Alma Kuiper, Libby Boven; The Laurels of Hudsonville – John De Kraker. In the Military – Tom Piaget, German Moran, Patrick Muir, David Mummert.

**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*
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Minister of Music Emeritus	Roger J. Rietberg

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**GENERAL ITEMS**

**MISSION AND SERVICE – Sunday, May 20**

On May 20 we will be celebrating the many areas of mission and service in which our members are invested. Please share this information (for yourself or others in the congregation) with us by filling out the information below.

Member	Place of service
_____	_____
_____	_____

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Please place in the offering plate or bring to the church office by Sunday, May 13.

**CROP WALK:** Thank you to all who participated yesterday in the Holland/Zeeland CROP Walk. If you missed Saturday’s walk, you can still walk today at 2:00 p.m. at Beechwood Reformed Church. Remember to bring your non-perishable food items and canned goods. Together we can make a difference for the hungry in our community and around God’s world. We will dedicate our CROP Walk contributions on Sunday, May 20, please bring your completed envelopes and money with you.

Are you tired of being assigned to usher the week you will be on vacation? Great news! You will now decide when to usher, greet church members, or serve juice. Sign up in the Gathering Place for summer church services. We need your help.

**VESPER SERVICE:** Next Sunday, May 6 Jim and Sharon Heneveld will join us to share about their mission in Mexico.

Don’t throw out your Easter lilies! Drop them off near the door leading from the parking lot and we will put them in the church garden.

It’s **TULIP TIME** again and we will be serving two meals. Volunteers are needed for May 7 and 9 in the afternoon and evening. Sign up sheets are in the Gathering Place or call Sarah Unzicker at 335-9559. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun and help.

**SIGN UP** today to reserve your copy of the Women’s Ministries Cookbook. The recipes in this book were given by members and friends of Third Reformed Church. Cookbooks will be \$10.00.

**SIGN UP** continues today for the Blood Drive on Monday, April 30 12:00-6:00 p.m.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** In gratitude for dedicated service to God and Third Reformed Church a “Celebration of Service” dinner will be held for Consistory members on Tuesday, May 22 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. This evening will also be an orientation session and an opportunity for outgoing, current and incoming members to learn from each other. If you would like to assist with meal serving or another aspect of this “thank you” dinner, please call Jennifer Boersen at 283-2123 or e-mail at [jenniferboersen@msn.com](mailto:jenniferboersen@msn.com).

If you would like to join us in our summer reading club at New Community Fourth by reading to a neighborhood child please visit our sign up poster in the Gathering Place. We will begin Wednesday, June 13 and continue throughout the summer. If you have questions, please see Krystal Bulthuis or call Marcia Floding at 392-1459.

**OUR TRIP TO AFRICA:** Learn more about how you can participate in Nate and Bekah Schipper’s summer mission trip to Africa. The Schippers depart for an RCA/TRC endorsed, six-week trip to

Malawi on June 19. Their work, to be done under the direction of Save Orphans Ministries, presents each of us with an opportunity to support Nate and Bekah as well as participate in a worthy mission project with tremendous needs. Stop by the table in the Gathering Place to learn how you too can get involved in "Our Trip to Africa."

Join us for an exciting evening of dessert and discussion! The Children's Ministry Dream Team will be meeting on Thursday, May 3 at Deb Van Duinen's house, 82 W. 12<sup>th</sup> St., from 7:00-9:00 p.m. If you have ideas/suggestions for our team, or if you just want to surround yourself with passionate and thoughtful people, we encourage you to come or contact us. Talk to Krystal Bulthuis or Deb Van Duinen for more information.

#### **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)

Steve Van Grouw (13)  
Milly Ten Brink (14)  
Bill Doezema (15)

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)

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  
Habeb 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