

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*May 6, 2007*

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

**THE APPROACH TO GOD**

PRELUDE Humoresque “L’organo Primitivo” Pietro A. Yon

VOTUM

SENTENCES (*responsively*)

Praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!  
**Praise him, all his angels; praise him all his hosts!**  
Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!  
**Young men and women alike,  
old and young together!**  
Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above the earth and heaven.  
**Praise the Lord!**

SALUTATION

+\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs 252*  
O Lord, You Are My God and King Tune: JERUSALEM

\*PRAYER (*in unison*)

**God of glory,  
fill your church with the power  
that flows from Christ’s resurrection  
so that, in the midst of the sinful world,  
it may signal the beginning of a renewed humanity,  
risen to new life with Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave  
and crowned him Lord of all.  
We confess that we have not bowed before him  
or acknowledged his rule in our lives.  
We have gone along with the way of the world  
and failed to give him glory.  
Forgive us and raise us from sin,  
that we may be your faithful people,  
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.**

KYRIE *Sing! A New Creation 54*

Kyrie. **Kyrie.** Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Christe. **Christe.** Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Kyrie. **Kyrie.** Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE

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 (*responsively*)

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Revelation 21:1-6

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This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:1-7

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION (*see insert*)

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

Tune: ST. PETER

SERMON

"The Conversation"

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

ANTHEM

Thomas Tallis

If ye love Me, keep my commandments,  
And I will pray the Father,  
And He shall give you another Comforter;  
That He may abide with you forever;  
Even the Spirit of truth.  
—John 14:15-17

**THE RESPONSE TO GOD**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Our Song of Hope*, st. 4 (in unison)

**Jesus Christ is the hope of God's world.  
In his death,  
the justice of God is established;  
forgiveness of sin is proclaimed.  
On the day of his resurrection,  
the tomb was empty; his disciples saw him;  
death was defeated; new life had come.  
God's purpose for the world was sealed.**

\*PEACE

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

SIGNING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDER

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY O Filii et Filiae Christopher Tambling

\*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* 422

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending Tune: BEACH SPRING

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

+Latecomers will be seated.

\*Those who are able may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Dr. Richard Bates, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius Zuidema, liturgist; George Magee, 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 flowers at the chancel today are given in loving memory of and gratitude for the life of our son and brother, Tommy, by Roger and Evelyn Rietberg, Jon, Robbi, and Amy.

Receiving the sacrament of baptism this morning is Savannah Faith Van Dyke, daughter of Scott and Stacey Van Dyke. We welcome her with joy into our covenant community.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Carl Folkert and George and Joyce Magee 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) – Erv and Sandy Ter Haar; (11:00) Don and LaVerne Lievense, Tom and Joyce Bolhuis, Ruby Stekete, Alma Holkeboer; Ushers – George and Katherine Hunsberger; Deacons – (8:30) Laura Halsey, Jeff Beird; (11:00) Laura Halsey, Linda Jacobs, Kim McDonough, Jay Mosterd; Refreshment Servers – Roger and Janet De Young.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Jane Eppard, Jane Zoerman.

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

Last day of Sunday School will be Sunday, May 20.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS: 9:40-10:40, *Global Warming: Causes, Consequences, and Solutions* led by Eldon Greij in the chapel. Next Week: *Singing the Faith* led by Amanda Dykhouse. Last day of Adult Education classes will be Sunday, May 20.

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.

## VESPER SERVICE

6:00 p.m. in the chapel

“Mission in Mexico”

Worship Leader: Jim and Sharon Heneveld

## 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
4:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir
5:00 p.m.	Confirmands
6:00 p.m.	Vesper Service

TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Ruth Circle at Betty Van Wyngarden's  
(282 Winter Oaks West)  
9:00 a.m. Staff  
9:30 a.m. Elizabeth and Hannah Circles  
7:00 p.m. Deacons

WEDNESDAY

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

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.

SYMPATHY is extended to Dena and Earle Van Heyningen in the death of Dena's sister, Hattie Fischer, on April 25.

SYMPATHY is extended to Gerb and Kay Duthler in the death of Gerb's brother, Joe, on April 25.

SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of George Claver who died April 30.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital – Tom Lievense. Glenn Bruggers has returned home from Resthaven Care Center. The Inn – Jantina Holleman, Barbara Lampen, Laura-Lee Pike, Marjorie Rottschafer, Dorothy Sheets, Crystal Teague. In the Military – Tom Piaget, German Moran, Patrick Muir, David Mummert.

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*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

**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.

We're sorry that Hope student Samantha Miller was omitted from our teaching volunteers list last week. Samantha taught Middle School Sunday School from September to December before she began an internship in Washington D.C. this winter. Thanks Sam!

CROP WALK: Please bring in your CROP Walk envelopes on May 20. We will have a dedication service on that morning. If you cannot bring your envelope on the 20<sup>th</sup>, please get it to Mark Walvoord by the 27<sup>th</sup> (we need all the envelopes returned regardless of whether you collected or not.) Thank you to all who walked and pledged.

At Sunday night's congregational meeting, the search committee announced that it was reopening the search process for a senior pastor. The leading candidate the committee was focusing on has withdrawn, and the committee is reviewing other candidates. The profile of the person being sought continues to be someone "with strong relational and communication skills, who builds relationships among staff and lay people, and who empowers people to do the work they are called to do. Strong preaching skills are expected with messages that are grounded in Scripture, have relevance to current societal challenges, and are appealing to all ages."

BLOOD PRESSURE: You will have the chance to have your blood pressure checked next Sunday, May 13 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the library.

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE: Summer worship will begin on Sunday, May 27 with one service at 10:00 a.m.

GRADUATES: If you have a graduate (high school or college) in your family, please notify the church office, 392-1459, by May 15 so we can recognize them in the June newsletter.

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.

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.

COOKBOOKS: The cookbooks have arrived. Please come to the church office during the week to pick yours up. Cost is \$10.00 each.

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."

The Center for Women in Transition is asking for our help in providing "May Baskets" for their clients. There is a laundry basket in the Gathering Place for personal care and household cleaning products. the laundry basket will be delivered to the Center for Women in Transition on May 18.

#### **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)	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)

#### DEACONS

John Amell	Laura Halsey
Karin Ashcroft	Linda Jacobs
Habeeb Awad	Kim McDonough
Jeff Beird	Jay Mosterd
Jennifer Boersen	Nancy Nordstrom
Lynne Bonnette	John Ruiter
Steve Bulthuis	Jon Van Duinen

Brandon Graham