

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 20, 2007

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

Versetti

Anon. 18th Century Italian

VOTUM

SENTENCES (*responsively*)

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.**

The LORD is king, he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength.

He has established the world; it shall never be moved.

Since, then, we have a great priest
who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

**Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy**

and find grace to find help in time of need.

—Psalm 47:1-2; 93:1; Hebrews 4:14, 16, NRSV

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 151

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Tune: DIADEMATA

*PRAYER (*responsively*)

O God of all power and majesty,
you created the heavens and stretched them out.
You formed the earth and all that comes from it.
You give the breath of life to all who walk on the face of the earth.
Jesus, you conquered sin and death and now reign victorious.
You are Lord; glory is due your name.
The former things have come to pass;
we now await the new things you will bring through the Holy Spirit.
**We rejoice to be gathered in your name.
Alleluia! Accept our praises and petitions. Amen.**

*PEACE

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

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*responsively*)

silent prayers of confession

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life
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 ways 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.**
Kyrie, **Kyrie,** eleison. **eleison.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE *Sing! A New Creation* 68

Your Mercy Flows

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE

YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM

arr. by Vicki Hancock Wright

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world, he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, oh, let me never forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world, why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring! God reigns, let earth be glad.
—Maltbie D. Babcock

RECOGNITION OF TEACHERS AND GRADUATES

CHILDREN LEAVE FOR WORSHIP CENTER

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 1:1-11

p. 118

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:44-43

p. 91

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Sing! A New Creation* 154

God Has Gone Up with Shouts of Joy! Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART

SERMON

“Christ for Us”

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Sing! A New Creation* 156

Psalm 47: Clap Your Hands All You Nations Tune: MARIUS
(Choir will sing the first verse, congregation joins on verses 2-5)

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Q & A 46 & 49 (*responsively*)

What do you mean by saying, “He ascended to heaven”?
**That Christ was taken up from the earth into heaven
before the very eyes of his disciples and remains
there on our behalf until he comes again**

to judge the living and the dead.
How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?
**First, he is our advocate in heaven
in the presence of his Father.**
**Second, we have our flesh
as a full guarantee in heaven that Christ our head,
will also take us, his members up to himself.**
**Third, he sends us, as a guarantee on earth,
his Spirit by whose power we seek what is above,
where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God,
and not things that are on earth.**

SIGNING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDER

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Pel Post Communio Anon. 18th Century Italian

ANTHEM setting by Richard Erickson
Come away to the skies, my beloved,
 arise and rejoice in the day you were born:
On this festival day, come exulting away,
and with singing to Zion return.
For the glory we were first created to share
both the nature and kingdom divine.
Now created again, that our lives
may remain throughout time and eternity thine.
We with thanks do approve the design of that love
which has joined us to Jesus' name;
So united in heart, let us nevermore part,
till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.
Hallelujah we sing to our Father and King,
and our rapturous praises repeat:
To the Lamb that was slain, hallelujah again;
sing, all heaven, and fall at his feet.
—Charles Wesley

*DOXOLOGY *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 592
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GRATITUDE FOR SERVICE

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* 155

Rejoice, the Lord Is King Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Fantasia on St. Anne

Alfred V. Fedak

+Latecomers will be seated.

*Those who are able may stand.

Worship Leaders: Dr. Richard Bates, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius Zuidema, Rev. Mark Walvoord, liturgists; Cal Rynbrandt, prayer for illumination; Youth Choir; Mary Van Voorst, director; Handbell Choir; Matins Choir; Sanctuary Choir; Mary Van Voorst, flute; 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.

Today is Fellowship Sunday. Please wear a nametag throughout the morning, so we are able to get to know one another better. Nametags can be found in the pew near the Friendship Folder.

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for **Third Sunday Pizza Lunch** following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The next Third Sunday Pizza Lunch will be July 15.

The flowers at the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Donald Ian Bruggink by his family.

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) – Edgar Lampen, Ken Riksen; (11:00) Gordon and Barbara Mummert, Don and LaVerne Lievens; Ushers – Bill and Kirsten Paarlberg; Deacons – (8:30) John Amell, Jeff Beird; (11:00) Steve Bulthuis, Linda Jacobs, Kim McDonough, Jon Van Duinen; Refreshment Servers – Gus and Barb Feenstra.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Lauren Gras, Barbara Hartgerink.

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

Today is the last day of Sunday School.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS: 9:40-10:40, *Singing the Faith* led by Amanda Dykhouse in the chapel. Today will be the last day of Adult Education.

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. Today will be the last day of Little Lambs.

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.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m.	Matins 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
 12:15 p.m. Third Sunday Pizza Lunch

MONDAY
 7:00 p.m. Women's Ministries Program

TUESDAY
 9:00 a.m. Staff
 6:00 p.m. Consistory Celebration of Service Dinner
 8:30 p.m. Softball Game at South Olive

WEDNESDAY
 6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers
 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
 7:00 p.m. Knitting Ministry at Tina Greve's
 (360 W. 40th St. Apt. 214)

THURSDAY
 12:00 p.m. Young Hearts Luncheon

FRIDAY
 9:00 a.m. Newsletter Assembly

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 Bill Arendshorst whose 91st birthday is Thursday.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Spectrum – Jay Mosterd. Betty Boven and Crystal Teague have returned home from the hospital. Lakeside Vista – Bob Brinks, Henry Tenpas, Rosey Maatman; Hospice House – Ruth Thompson; Heartland of Holland – Elizabeth Bennett, Bernice Lievens. In the Military – Tom Piaget, German Moran, Patrick Muir, David Mummert.

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
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Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, & Chapel
 wired with an Induction Hearing Loop.

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

GENERAL ITEMS

THIRD SUNDAY FOR HUNGER: Non-perishable food and other necessities will be collected today for

our monthly food drive. Donated items can be placed in the designated box in the Gathering place.

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

COOKBOOKS: The cookbooks have arrived. Please come to the church office during the week to pick yours up. Cost is \$10.00 each. If you picked up a cookbook last week and did not get the correction page that goes in it please come to the church office to get one.

All women are invited to the next Women's Ministries program on Monday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will include a budget meeting, installation of officers, and the program "I Remember Mama – A Loving Tribute to the Women Who Shaped Our Lives."

YOUNG HEARTS: The next Young Hearts Luncheon is this Thursday, May 24 at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Christian Kleinjans will join us to give a presentation on the North Russia Expeditionary Force. Please make your reservations by calling the church office by Monday, May 21. Transportation is available on request. There is no charge for lunch.

NEWLY ELECTED Elders and Deacons will be ordained and installed on Sunday, June 3. Elected were: 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, Tom Ten Hoeve, Jeff Voskuil.

This June, the Moms of Young Children Bible Study will be discussing a thought-provoking book by self-proclaimed radical, Shane Claiborne, entitled, "The Irresistible Revolution." This book prompts Christians to do the hard work of considering what it truly means to love and follow Jesus, and encourages all of us to ponder the difference we could make in the world by taking a marked stand for social justice. Get your copy and read it during May, and then join us on June 7 and 21 for great discussions! Call Jane Graham with questions 896-0241.

INQUIRER'S CLASS: A four week Inquirer's Class will begin June 3 at 11:15 a.m. in the office conference room. This class is for anyone who is interested in learning more about our church, especially those who may be contemplating church membership. The sessions are designed to be informative and responsive to both general and specific questions the inquirers may have. No assumptions will be made about your intentions regarding church membership. All you have to bring is your own curiosity.

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."

Anyone interested in hearing up-to-date information about Christians in Palestine is invited to Elliot Tanis' home, 79 W. 13th St., at 7:00 p.m. tonight. Danny Awad, brother of Habeeb and teacher at Bethlehem Bible College, will share information about his church and life in Bethlehem.

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
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Recording Treasurer
Archivist/Historian
Minister of Music Emeritus
*indicates part time staff

Kristen Beckner, Carol Ter Beek*
Mark Faga
Judy Bosch*
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Elton J. Bruins*
Roger J. Rietberg

THE CONSISTORY

PROGRAM ELDERS

Irwin Brink
Deb DuMez

John Nordstrom
Ed Stielstra

Marilyn Franken
Mark Hiskes

Dale Van Lente
Doug Walvoord

PARISH ELDERS

Carol Segrift (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 Bulthuis
Brandon Graham

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