

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 12, 2007

10:00 a.m.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

A Solemn Prambule

Stanley Vann

VOTUM

SENTENCES *(responsively)*

There is none like you, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.

**All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.**

**For you are great and do wondrous things,
you alone are God.**

—from Psalm 86:8-10, NRSV

*SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms & Spiritual Songs 464*

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore thee

Tune: HYMN TO JOY

*PRAYER *(responsively)*

Creator God,
because you make all that draws forth our praise
and the forms in which to express it,

we praise you.

Because you make artists of us all,
awakening courage to look again at what is taken for granted,
grace to share these insights with others,
vision to reveal the future already in being,

we praise you.

Because you form your Word among us,
and in your great work embrace all human experience,
even death itself, inspiring our resurrection song,

we praise you.

Yours is the glory. 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

Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion,
cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us a clean heart, O God,

**and renew a right spirit within us.
Do not cast us from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

—based on Psalm 51:10-12

KYRIE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs 572*

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

Tune: LEAD ME, LORD

CHILDREN LEAVE FOR WORSHIP CENTER

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 11:1-12 p. 225
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 12:22-34 p. 74
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs 422*

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending Tune: BEACH SPRING

SERMON “The Trouble with Faith”
ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 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.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

MISSION REPORT

SIGNING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

G.F. Handel

I know that my Redeemer liveth,
And that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.
And though worms destroy this body,
Yet in my flesh shall I see God.
For now is Christ risen from the dead,
the first fruits of them that sleep.

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

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF 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* 375

Lord of All Good

Tune: TOULON

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Scherzetto

Michael Higgins

+Latecomers

will

be

seated.

*Those who are able may stand.

Worship Leaders: Dr. Richard Bates, preaching; Melanie Rund, liturgist; Frank Pettinga, prayer for illumination; Pam Van Tol, mission report; Cathy Vander Meer, soloist; 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 service.

The flowers at the chancel today are given in memory of Gerrit and Jennie Sprietsma, and daughter Helen Sprietsma Wolf, by Gerrit Wolf.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Lars and Carol Granberg will be available to pray with you following today's worship service. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer following the service (located in the south hallway on the main level).

ASSISTING TODAY: Greeters – Bill and Sarah Unzicker, Roger and Donna Prins, Dennis and Kathy Nienhuis; Deacons – Karin Ashcroft, Laura Halsey, Kim McDonough, Habeeb Awad; Refreshment Servers – Ruth Sill.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Rick and Meg Frens, Mark and Lynne Bonnette.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Children 4 years through 2nd grade will be ushered from the sanctuary during the worship service to continue worship in room 12 on the lower level.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

3:00 p.m. Japanese Worship – WTS

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. Staff

WEDNESDAY

Newsletter Deadline
6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:00 a.m. Morning Prayers
1:00 p.m. Summer Reading Club at New Community Fourth
6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group Picnic at Schippers
(811 Pine Ave.)

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m. Moms of Young Children

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.

SYMPATHY is extended to Walter and Carol Seidelman in the death of their brother-in-law, Robert Stille, on August 5.

CONGRATULATIONS to Carlyle Neckers whose 95th birthday is Saturday.

CONGRATULATIONS to Don and Erma Bruggink whose 54th wedding anniversary is Monday; and to Don and Lynne Ihrman whose 55th wedding anniversary is Wednesday.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Out of Town – Alma Halko, 10025 Polk, Zeeland, 49464; Jo Rediger, 2304 Versailles Ct., Rockwall, TX 75032; Elisabeth Ten Zythoff, 1750 W. Bennett St. #3A, Springfield, MO 65807; Home – Glenn Bruggers, Jan Bosch, Tina Greve, Ethel Swets, Gerry Tillema. In the Military – Tom Piaget, German Moran, David Mummert.

CAMPER'S CORNER

Camp Geneva

August 13-17

Taylor Van Allsburg

Jane Wolterink

Elizabeth Halsey

Elizabeth Hoekstra

Katherine Hoekstra

Zoe Jongerius Zuidema

Hava Jongerius Zuidema

Camp Roger

August 17-21

Joel Palmateer

Brian Knowles

GENERAL ITEMS

PUG: If you haven't signed up yet to greet, usher, or serve coffee and juice this summer please stop in the Gathering Place and sign up today. We especially need greeters for next Sunday, August 19.

COOKBOOKS: There are only 14 Women's Ministries cookbooks left. Come get yours this week in the church office. The cost is \$10.00.

THE LIBRARY is missing two books which were not checked out and we would appreciate their return: "New Seeds of Contemplation" by Thomas Merton and "Leadership Is an Art" by Max De Pree.

BAKERS NEEDED! We have received orders for over 60 cakes so far for Hope students! Twenty-seven of them need to be made/delivered before the first Circles meet. If you can help please see Sandy Stielstra in the Gathering Place after worship or call 335-9614.

THE LIBRARY has an offer we hope some of you can't refuse – free magazines. Come in and help yourself.

BLOOD DRIVE: Sign up begins today for the Blood Drive on Monday, August 20 12:00-6:00 p.m.

Study Books for the Sunrise Saints are available in the church office.

The Holland Historic Neighborhood is partnering with the City of Holland Commercial Improvement Program to restore and beautify the Commercial District at 13th and Maple. They are raising funds through the sale of engraved bricks for the sidewalks in front of the shops. The association invites you to make a tax-deductible donation of \$50-75 for a brick engraved with your name or your family's name. This is an excellent way to support our historic neighborhood and contribute to its improvement! You can find a board with a picture of the proposed improvements along with envelopes for your donation on the literature table in the Gathering Place. Questions? Contact Ruth Sill at 546-9335. The deadline is September 5.

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*indicates part time staff

MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT

Jaime Amaro, Monterrey, Mexico
Martha Amaro, Monterrey, Mexico
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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
Lorna Cook
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Greg Dykhouse

Mark Hiskes
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Ed Stielstra

PARISH ELDERS

Kathy Miedema (1)
Renske Karsen (2)
Charles Hunt (3)
Marilyn Norman (4)
Sarah Unzicker (5)
Katherine Hunsberger (6)
Anna Ritsema (7)
Sherrill Ball (8)
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Mike Van Doornik (10)
Roger Rietberg (11)
Wayne Westenbroek (12)

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Milly Ten Brink (14)
Bill Doezema (15)
Scott Millen (16)
Jeff Maatman (17)
John Hoekstra (18)
Elaine Tanis (19)
(20)
Phyllis Brown (21)
Barb Moreau (22)
Lucille Schroeder (23)
Kate Bolt (24)

DEACONS

Karin Ashcroft
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