

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 2, 2007

10:00 a.m.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE Studies in English Folksong Ralph Vaughn Williams

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 478*

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven Tune: LAUDA ANIMA

*PRAYER *(in unison)*

**God, our Rock, our refuge, our resting place,
we come to you.
Out of another busy week of work,
out of our struggles to be meaningful in our world,
out of our desire to meet you and know you
as the center of our being,
we come to you, O unmovable Rock of our security. 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

Forgive us our sins, O Lord.
**Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age,
the sins of our soul and the sins of our body,
our secret and our whispering sins,
our presumptuous and our careless sins,
the sins we have done to please ourselves,
and the sins we have done to please others.
Forgive us the sins that we know,
and the sins that we know not;
forgive them, O Lord,
forgive them all because of your great goodness.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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* 55
Alleluia! Alleluia! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE

CHILDREN LEAVE FOR WORSHIP CENTER

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE TESTAMENT LESSON: Hebrews 13:1-6 p. 227
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

*PSALTER LESSON: *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 189
As Deer Long for the Streams Tune: ROCKINGHAM

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 14:1-14 p. 77
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "Choosing Your Guests"
ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Sing! A New Creation* 176

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

SIGNING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Studies in English Folksong Ralph Vaughn Williams

*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 *Sing! A New Creation* 282

Song of Hope

Tune: ARGENTINA

*BLESSING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Recessional

Colin Mawby

+Latecomers

will

be

seated.

*Those who are able may stand.

Worship Leaders: Dr. Richard Bates, preaching; Rev. William Unzicker, liturgist; Linda Dykstra, prayer for illumination; Amanda Dykhouse, violin; 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 by Bill and Margaret Thurber to the glory of God and in gratitude for His many blessings.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, George and Katherine Hunsberger 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 – Nate and Bekah Schipper, Mark and Janna Reynoso, Don and Lois Van Lare; Ushers – Janet Rund, Jane Hunter; Deacons – Rick Frens, Kim McDonough, Steve Bulthuis, Laura Halsey; Refreshment Servers – Tony and Elly Muiderman.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Sue Faga, Carol Doezema.

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

MONDAY

Church office closed

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. Staff

WEDNESDAY

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints
8:00 a.m. Morning Prayers
5:00 p.m. Pig Roast & Block Party
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
7:00 p.m. Worship Center Leaders

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kristin Gebben and Duncan Jackson who were married August 25.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bill and Margaret Thurber whose 64th wedding anniversary is Monday; and to Stan and Betty Boven whose 67th wedding anniversary is Friday.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital – Bill Charlton. The Inn – Jantina Holleman, Barbara Lampen, Marjorie Rottschafer, Dorothy Sheets, Crystal Teague. In the Military – Tom Piaget, German Moran, David Mummert.

GENERAL ITEMS

COOKBOOKS: There are only 2 Women's Ministries cookbooks left. Come get yours this week in the church office. The cost is \$10.00.

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE: Sunday, September 16 we will return to two service at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Registration for L.I.F.T. small group sessions will continue this morning. Please visit the table in the Gathering Place for information regarding this opportunity for "Living in Faith Together." Each group will involve 8 to 10 persons. The book to be used this year is available at the table and is also on display in the church library. Committee members will be available at the table to answer questions and assist with registration.

The Annual Pig Roast and Neighborhood Block Party is this Wednesday, September 5. We will be hosting this event with St. Francis from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Please plan on joining us for a night of great food and fellowship.

THE SUNRISE SAINTS will begin their fall program on September 5. We meet at 6:30 on Wednesday mornings with a simple breakfast, book discussion and prayer. All men are invited to join us. We will be reading and discussing the book "Simply Christian" by N.T. Wright. For our first meeting we will be studying Chapter 1. Books are available in the church office. In order to restock our pantry all men are asked to bring a box of cereal to the first meeting.

PARENTS: Please help us keep in touch with our college students and other away from home young people by calling the church office, 392-1459, with their address. Your help is appreciated.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC
Sunday, September 9 at 11:15 a.m.
Suggested Donations: \$7.50 per adult
Children free

To help us plan please fill out and return the coupon below and place it in the offering plate or bring to the church office by Wednesday, September 5.
Bring lawn chairs and blankets!

Adult: _____ Children: _____

Name: _____

CHOIRS: High School-Adult are invited to join the Sanctuary Choir which begins rehearsals this Wednesday, September 5 at 6:45 p.m. The Sanctuary Choir sings weekly in the 11:00 a.m. service

beginning Sunday, September 9. Matins Choir begins Sunday, September 9 at 8:00 a.m.

WOMEN OF THIRD: You are invited to attend the Women's Ministries opening meeting at 7:00 p.m. Monday, September 10. Carol Bechtel, the author of our new Bible study guide, will introduce us to "Above and Beyond: Hearing the Call in Jonah and Ruth." Copies of the study book are available for Circle members and newcomers in the Gathering Place today and next Sunday. Please take the book that has your name on it.

TASC: Third's After Supper Club will begin Wednesday, September 12. Dinner will start at 5:50 p.m. (note new time), 6:15 announcements, 6:20 worship/skits, 6:35 dismissal. Classes are available for all ages. Adult opportunities include: small group study, knitting ministry, sanctuary choir.

Please save empty cereal and cracker boxes and bring them to the church by Sunday, September 9 to be used for a TASC project.

DRIVERS NEEDED: One of our church rentals is home to a single mom with no means of transportation. She has been a joy for the church team to work with, and is really committed to succeeding in the program. She attends local meetings on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights. She also travels to Jonesville, Michigan to visit her young son several Saturdays a month. And occasionally she needs rides to daytime appointments. Some of the driving commitments include her 3 daughters. If anyone would be willing to hear more information, or join our driving rotation, we would really appreciate it. The time is minimal, but really important. Please call or e-mail Jay or Tammy Mosterd.

THE CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor	Richard Bates
Minister of Congregational Life	Kama Jongerius
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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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
Lorna Cook
Deb DuMez
Greg Dykhouse

Mark Hiskes
Kristen Johnson
John Nordstrom
Ed Stielstra

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Kathy Miedema (1)

Lynne Caskey (13)

Renske Karsen (2)
Charles Hunt (3)
Marilyn Norman (4)
Sarah Unzicker (5)
Katherine Hunsberger (6)
Anna Ritsema (7)
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Jan Benningfield (9)
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Roger Rietberg (11)
Wayne Westenbroek (12)

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Karin Ashcroft
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Jeff Beird
Lynne Bonnette
Steve Bulthuis
Rick Frens
Laura Halsey
Linda Jacobs

Milly Ten Brink (14)
Bill Doezema (15)
Scott Millen (16)
Jeff Maatman (17)
John Hoekstra (18)
Elaine Tanis (19)
(20)
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