

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 16, 2007

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

Toccata in C

Johann Pachelbel

VOTUM

SENTENCES *(responsively)*

We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart;
we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

**We will be glad and exult in you;
we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

—from Psalm 9:1-2, NRSV

*SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs 379*

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Tune: SOLID ROCK

*PRAYER *(responsively)*

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing
on the church in this place.

**Here may the faithful find salvation,
and the careless be awakened.**

**Here may the doubting find faith,
and the anxious be encouraged.**

**Here may the tempted find help,
and the sorrowful find comfort.**

**Here may the weary find rest,
and the strong be renewed.**

**Here may the aged find consolation
and the young be inspired;**

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(congregation may exchange the Peace)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Carl F. Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;

and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors thy ways;

and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

—Psalm 51:10-13

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

**Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD,
and of your steadfast love,**

for they have been from of old.

**Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,**

for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

Good and upright is the LORD;

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

For your name's sake, O LORD,

**pardon my guilt, for it is great.
Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.
Relieve the troubles of my heart,
and bring me out of my distress.
Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.**

—Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18, NRSV

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*responsively*)

Hear the good news!
Who is in a position to condemn?
**Only Christ,
and Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ
is a new creation.
The old life has gone;
a new life has begun.**
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.
Thanks be to God.

—based on Romans 8:34; II Corinthians 5:17

RESPONSE *Sing! A New Creation* 55

Alleluia! Alleluia! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE (*responsively*)

What is the first and great commandment?
**Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.**
What is the second commandment like it?
Love your neighbor as yourself.
What does this mean?
Love is the way we can show our obedience to God.
To what does this call us?
To live in faith, doing everything with love.

CHILDREN LEAVE FOR WORSHIP CENTER

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 146

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

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EPISTLE LESSON: I Peter 1:3-9

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

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*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 210
Our God, Our Help in Ages Past Tune: ST. ANNE

SERMON “Audacious Hope”

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *(in unison)*

**This is the good news that we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast;
that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God.**

—based on Matthew 16:16; Mark 16:9; John 20:28;
I Corinthians 15:1-6; Revelation 22:13

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

SIGNING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Choral Prelude on “Adam’s Fall” Johann Pachelbel

*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

Sing! A New Creation 284

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Tune: AR HYD Y NOS

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE Fugue in d Johann Pachelbel

+ Late comers will be seated.

*Those who are able may stand.

Worship Leaders: Dr. Dennis Voskuil, preaching; Dr. Richard Bates, Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgists; Lisa Walcott, 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.

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 flowers at the chancel today are given by Martin and Mimi Keller in memory of Marie, Douglas, Edwin, and Dick Elzinga.

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) JoAnn Bremer, Karla Duryee; (11:00) John and Linda Dykstra, Bill and Charlotte Garlough, Martin and Mimi Keller; Ushers – Joe and Fran Hall; Deacons – (8:30) Jon Rietberg, Rick Frens; (11:00) Karin Ashcroft, Tom Ten Hoeve, Lynne Bonnette, Bekah Schipper; Refreshment Servers – Tom and Joyce Bolhuis.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Deb and Grace DuMez, Cindy Hiskes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:40-10:40 a.m., nursery care available

3 year olds	nursery	4 & 5 year olds	room 15
Kindergarten & 1 st	room 6	2 nd grade	room 8
3 rd grade	room 9	4 th grade	room 10
5 th grade	room 7	6 th , 7 th , & 8 th grade	room 11

HIGH SCHOOL/ADULT CLASS, 9:40-10:40 a.m., Nooma Video Series, Youth Room

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 9:40-10:40 a.m., "Reunited by a Common Heritage: Is there an RCA/CRC Future?" led by Donald Luidens and Roger Nemeth, in the chapel. "Prayer and Parenting" led by Lucille Schroeder in the Centennial Room.

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 Centers on the lower level.

YOUNG DISCIPLES, for children 3rd-5th grades, will meet during the 8:30 a.m. service.

VESPER SERVICE
6:00 p.m. in the chapel

“Our Trip to Malawi”

Worship Leaders: Nate & Bekah Schipper

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 Alma Holkeboer in the death of her sister-in-law, Eleanor Vander Hill, on September 10.

CONGRATULATIONS to Henrietta Hoksbergen whose 93rd birthday is Tuesday; and to Jan Bosch whose 95th birthday is Wednesday.

CONGRATULATIONS to Judy Bosch on the birth of a grandson, Kaleb Monroe, to Jill and Kevin Grant on September 8 in Texas.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital – Beverly Pershing. Lakeside Vista – Bob Brinks, Rosey Maatman; Heartland of Holland – Elizabeth Bennett, Bernice Lievens. In the Military – Tom Piaget, German Moran, David Mummert, Joel Zuidema.

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.

CONSISTORY has issued a call to the Reverend Kent Frens to be our Senior Pastor. It would be encouraging to Kent and Betsy if you could take a minute and send them a note. Let them know you are looking forward to them coming to share our life together. Kent and Betsy can be reached at 909 N. Fletcher, Kalamazoo, MI 49006, kbfrens@juno.com.

SIGN UP begins today for “What’s for Dinner?” October 12 and November 9.

SIGN UP today for Third Reformed’s Annual Apple Picking at Dutch Market (196 and 109th Ave – exit 26) on Sunday, September 23 at 2:00 p.m. To help you get into the spirit, donut holes and cider will be served.

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, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday nights. She also travels to Jonesville, Michigan to visit her young son several Saturdays a month. 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, 566-7189, or e-mail, tmosterd@yahoo.com, Jay or Tammy Mosterd.

The congregation is invited to attend the Installation Service of Rev. Aaron Anderson as pastor at Grace Community Church. The service will be Sunday, September 30 at 4:00 p.m. at Grace Community Church, 945 136th St.

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THE CHURCH STAFF

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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*
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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
Lorna Cook
Deb DuMez
Greg Dykhouse

Mark Hiskes
Kristen Johnson
John Nordstrom
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)
Jan Benningfield (9)
Mike Van Doornik (10)
Roger Rietberg (11)
Wayne Westenbroek (12)

Lynne Caskey (13)
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
Habeeb Awad
Jeff Beird
Lynne Bonnette
Steve Bulthuis
Rick Frens
Laura Halsey

Kim McDonough
Jay Mosterd
Jon Rietberg
John Ruiter
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Tom Ten Hoeve
Jeff Voskuil

Linda Jacobs

