

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 23, 2007

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. by Vernon Charter

VOTUM

SENTENCES *(responsively)*

Praise the Lord!

Servants of God, praise, praise the name of the Lord.

Bless the Lord's name now and always.

**Praise the Lord's name here and in every place
from east to west.**

—Psalm 113:1-3

*SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs 460*

Holy God, We Praise Your Name Tune: GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

*PRAYER *(responsively)*

We give thanks to you, God our Father,
for mercy that reaches out,
for patience that waits our returning,
for your love that is ever ready to welcome sinners.

We praise you that in Jesus Christ

you came to us with forgiveness,

and that, by your Holy Spirit,

you move us to repent

and receive you love.

Though we are sinners,

you are faithful and worthy of all praise.

We praise you, great God,

in 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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(responsively)*

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned,

and done what is evil in your sight,

**so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.**

You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

**Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.**
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
**Do not cast me from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

—Psalm 51:1-4, 6, 9-11, NRSV

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 *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 LESSON: I Timothy 1:1-11, 18-20 p. 207
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 15:1-7 p. 78
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Sing! A New Creation 77*
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light Tune: HOUSTON

SERMON “Leadership for the Church”

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *(in unison)*

**I am made right with God
only by true faith in Jesus Christ.
Even though my conscience accuses me
of having grievously sinned against all God’s commandments
and of never having kept any of them,
and even though I am still inclined toward all evil,
nevertheless,
without my deserving it at all,
out of sheer grace,
God grants and credits me
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ,
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,
as if I had been as perfectly obedient
as Christ was obedient for me.**

**All I need to do
is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.
When I say that by faith alone I am right with God;
it is not because of any value my faith has
that God is pleased with me.
Only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness
make me right with God.
And I can receive this righteousness and make it mine
in no other way than by faith alone.**

—from Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A's 60-61

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

SIGNING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Aria

Craig Phillips

ANTHEM

John Rutter

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest,
Thy perfect love close in my breast
That I thee love and never rest:
And make me love thee of all thing best,
And wound my heart in thy love free,
That I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

—15th Century

*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 229

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE O God, Our Help in Ages Past arr. by Vernon Charter

+ L a t e c o m e r s w i l l b e s e a t e d .

*Those who are able may stand.

Worship Leaders: Dr. Richard Bates, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; Martin Keller,

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.

The flowers at the chancel today are given by Esther Heyns and John Heyns in memory of Roger Heyns.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Carol Segrist and Reno Lamanian 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) Bruce, Jane, and Ellen Reynolds; (11:00) Ev and Barb Albers, Trudy Berkel, Peg Van Grouw, Gus and Barb Feenstra; Ushers – Ron and Gloria South; Deacons – (8:30) John Ruiter, Jeff Beird; (11:00) Jay Mosterd, Linda Jacobs, Jeff Voskuil, Lynne Bonnette; Refreshment Servers – Alan and Jeanette Beagley.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Jay and Tammy Mosterd, Jeff and Vicki Voskuil.

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. Next Week: "Project Report on Natural Church Development" led by the Natural Church Development Team.

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.

VESPER SERVICE

6:00 p.m. in the chapel

"RCA Global Missions"

Worship Leaders: Roger De Young

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m.	Matins Choir
9:15 a.m.	Youth Choir
9:40 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Children's Choir
2:00 p.m.	Apple Picking at Dutch Market
4:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir
6:00 p.m.	Vesper Service
7:15 p.m.	L.I.F.T. Groups

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Women's Ministries Board

TUESDAY

9:15 a.m. Staff
3:00 p.m. L.I.F.T. Groups at Freedom Village

WEDNESDAY

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints
8:00 a.m. Morning Prayers
5:50 p.m. TASC Dinner
6:45 p.m. TASC Classes
6:45 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry

FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. Newsletter Assembly

SATURDAY

1:00 p.m. Middle School Retreat

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.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital – Henrietta Bonnette. Stephanie Buter has returned home from the hospital. Beverly Pershing is at Heartland of Holland. Resthaven Care Center – Arnolda Otting, Helen Van Zanden, Ada Ver Hulst; Maplewoods – Joe Otting, Vesta Speet; Oak Crest Manor – Alma Kuiper. In the Military – Tom Piaget, German Moran, David Mummert, Joel Zuidema.

GENERAL ITEMS

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 continues today for “What’s for Dinner?” October 12 and November 9.

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.

Are you interested in getting to know people of other cultures? Do you look for experiences where your entire family can serve together? A family of four with two children ages 9 and 13, are resettling in Holland from Cuba. They will need furniture and household goods and people who are interested in walking alongside of them as they make Holland their home. If you are interested in serving on a team with Deacons or helping in some way, please contact Linda Jacobs for details at 616-396-3398 or ljacobs@goodsamministries.com.

OFFICE CHAIRS: The Youth Groups are selling used office chairs for \$10.00 each. The chairs for sale are in the south hallway of the Gathering Place.

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.

The congregation at New Community Fourth Reformed Church invites you to attend their World Communion Service on Sunday, October 7 at 10:00 a.m. We would love to worship with you, share communion, pray for your church or community organization, and thank you for your help. Jonathan Brownson will be leading in a time of prayer for our community, our churches, community organizations, and our world. We know everyone has prayer needs that we can pray over as a united body. Please take some time and write some prayer concerns and take them in an envelope that morning.

THIRD REFORMED CHURCH

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THE CHURCH STAFF

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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*
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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)

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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
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