

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 21, 2007

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

Toccatino

Thomas Richner

VOTUM

SENTENCES (*responsively*)

You showed favor to your land, O Lord;
you restored the hope of your people.

**You forgave the iniquity of your people
and covered all their sins.**

You set aside all your wrath and turned from your fierce anger.

**As we gather in your name, restore us again,
O God our Savior, and put away your displeasure toward us.**

—Adapted from Psalm 85

*SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 481

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

Tune: LLANFAIR

*PRAYER (*responsively*)

We come to worship God in our need,
bringing with us the needs of the world.

We come to God, who comes to us in Jesus,
and who knows by experience what human life is like.

We come with our faith and with our doubts,
we come with our hopes and with our fears.

We come as we are because it is God who invites us to come,
and God has promised never to turn us away.

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(congregation may exchange the Peace)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

**In the day of my trouble I will call to you,
for you will answer me.**

**When I have done what is wrong and displeasing in your sight,
O Lord, extend your love to correct me.**

**When I ignore those in need
and pretend that all is right with the world,**

O Lord, help me to face the truth.

**When I turn a blind eye to those
who have been stricken with poverty
and are facing the injustices that come along with it,**

O Lord, teach me your way.

**Enable me to extend your love; and give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear your name.**

**I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart;
and I will glorify your name forever. Amen.**

—adapted from Psalm 86

KYRIE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 572

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*responsively*)

Christ is our peace;
in his flesh he has broken down the dividing wall of hostility,
that he might create one new humanity in place of the two.
**He came and proclaimed peace to those who were far off
and peace to those who were near.**
Through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.
—Adapted from Ephesians 2:14, 18

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE

*RESPONSE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs 579*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEM (11:00) Sean E. Ivory

It makes no difference who we are, what language we may speak;
It makes no difference where we live, in city, town, or farm;
It makes no difference how we look, what color is our skin;
It makes a difference how we treat our neighbors and our friends.

God loves us all and hears our prayers—he knows our needs and cares.
—Doris Clare De Maree

CHILDREN LEAVE FOR WORSHIP CENTER

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Lamentations 3:1-3, 21-33 p. 766
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 18:1-8 p. 81
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON “Faith for the Long Haul”

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

HYMN (*see insert*)
Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ Tune: EVENTIDE

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (*responsively*)
God holds this world in sovereign love.
He kept his promise, sending Jesus into the world.
He poured out his Spirit and broadcast his news
that sinners who repent and believe in Jesus
can live and breathe and move again
as members of the family of God.

**We rejoice in the goodness of God,
renounce the works of darkness,
and dedicate ourselves to holy living.**

As covenant partners, called to faithful obedience,
and set free for joyful praise,
we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in his world.
With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended,
we expect the Day of the Lord.

**And we are confident
that the light that shines in the present darkness
will fill the earth when Christ appears.**

Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you.

—*Our World Belongs to God*, st. 5-6

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

SIGNING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Elevation

Louis Vierne

ANTHEM

Eugene Butler

Grace to you and peace from God the Father,
and the Lord Jesus Christ!
First of all then, I urge that prayers
and supplications be made for everyone;
That we may live godly in every way,
acceptable in the sight of God, our Savior, acceptable unto God!
For there is one God, and one mediator
between God and us, the Lord, Jesus Christ!
He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the spirit,
Seen by angels, preached among the nations,
believed on in the world, taken up in glory!
I beseech you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus,
Preach the Word! Be urgent in season! Convince! Exhort!
Be unfailing in patience and teaching.
I, Paul, have writ this with my own hand,
and may the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you.
—adapted from the Letters of Paul

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

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

INVITATION TO PRAYER (*responsively*)

We come to pray in all our need,
bringing with us the needs of the world.
We come to God, who comes to us in Jesus,
and who knows by experience what human life is like.
We come with our faith and with our doubts,
we come with our hopes and with our fears.
We come as we are because it is God who invites us to come,
and God has promised never to turn us away.
Let us pray...

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 Song* 272

O God, Your Justice Towers

Tune: COMPLAINER

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE Trumpet Dialogue Franklin D. Ashdown

+ Late comers will be seated.

*Those who are able may stand.

Worship Leaders: Dr. Richard Bates, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; Arlene Barton, prayer for illumination; Steve Bulhuis, minute for mission; Children's Choir; Mary Van Voorst, director; Mike Van Doornik, piano; 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 Al and Jane Osman

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Lois and Charles Hunt 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) Tim, Deb, Henry, and Grace DuMez; (11:00) Trygve and Kristen Johnson, Gordon and Barbara Mummert, John and Eileen Nordstrom; Ushers – Max and Esther De Pree; Deacons – (8:30) Jeff Beird, Kim McDonough; (11:00) Tom Ten Hoeve, Linda Jacobs, Jeff Voskuil, Bekah Schipper; Refreshment Servers – Roger and Janet De Young.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, John and Jenny Ruiter.

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

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| 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., "Families of Grace" led by Jaco Hamman.

INQUIRER'S CLASS, 9:40-10:40 a.m. in the office conference 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.

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

"Rolling Through God's Country
Worship Leaders: Steve and Mary De Young

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Matins Choir
9:15 a.m. Youth Choir
9:15 a.m. Flu Clinic
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
9:40 a.m. Inquirer's Class
10:30 a.m. Children's Choir
12:15 p.m. Third Sunday Pizza Lunch & Congregational Forum
4:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
6:00 p.m. Vesper Service
7:15 p.m. L.I.F.T. Groups
7:15 p.m. Congregational Forum

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints
8:00 a.m. Morning Prayers
5:00 p.m. Youth Sunday Planning Team
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

12:00 p.m. Young Hearts
7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry

FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. Newsletter Assembly
7:00 p.m. Bunko
7:30 p.m. Young Adult Celebration

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 Henrietta Bonnette whose 92nd birthday is Friday.

CONGRATULATIONS to Howard and Winifred Kooiker whose 64th wedding anniversary is Friday.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Resthaven Care Center – Arnolda Otting, Helen Van Zanden, Ada Ver Hulst; Maple Woods – Joe Otting, Vesta Speet; Oak Crest Manors – Alma Kuiper; The Laurels of Hudsonville – John De Kraker. In the Military – Christine Loman, German Moran, David Mummert, Tom Piaget, 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.

A YOUNG ADULT’S CELEBRATION: If you are a young adult (define that as you will), please join us on Friday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m. for board games and fellowship. Please bring a Halloween-themed munchie to share. Beverages will be provided. For more information and to RSVP please contact Kathy Schoon Tanis (kathyschoontanis@yahoo.com, 392-3477) or Jon Van Duinen (jon.van.duinen@gmail.com, 392-3578).

SIGN UP continues today for Bunco on Friday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a finger food to share. Beverages and prizes provided.

YOUNG HEARTS: Tomorrow is the last day to make reservations for the October Young Hearts Luncheon on Thursday, October 25 at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is \$4.00. Wendell Karsen will join us to tell us about his “Journey to the Roof of the World.” Please make your reservations by calling the church office, 392-1459. Transportation is available on request.

The special envelope in your offering pack, on October 28, is designated for All Saints’ Sunday. This is the one time during the year that we ask the congregation to make a memorial gift to honor a loved one. The funds are then endowed in our Mission Memorial Fund and will forever aid the global mission of the Reformed Church in America.

Anyone interested in hearing more about a trip to Mexico Spring Break 2008 bring your pizza to the youth room this Sunday for more information, or contact Michelle Millen at 392-8263.

The Classis of Holland will meet at Crossroad Reformed Church (287 Lincoln Ave.) on Sunday, October 28, 4:00 p.m. to ordain Mark Swart to the Office of Minister of Word and Sacrament. Mark is a recent graduate of Western Seminary and has accepted a call to the North Branch Reformed Church in Bridgewater, N.J. Everyone is welcome to this special worship service.

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Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, & Chapel

wired with an Induction Hearing Loop.

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

THE CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor

Richard Bates

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| 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* |
| Recording Treasurer | Delwyn Van Dyke* |
| Archivist/Historian | Elton J. Bruins* |
| 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
Linda Jacobs

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