

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

March 9, 2008

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*Let the first note of the prelude be a call for  
personal meditation in preparation for worship*

**THE APPROACH TO GOD**

PRELUDE

Ah, Holy Jesus

Dale Wood, USA

INTROIT

Tomas Boström, Sweden

Lo, God is here, let us adore! How awe-inspiring is this place!  
Let all within us feel the power and silent bow before God's face.  
Who know this power, God's grace who prove,  
Serve God with fear, with reverent love.  
—Gerhard Tersteegen, Germany

VOTUM

SENTENCES (*responsively*)

From the deepest places in our lives we cry to God,  
**God, hear my voice, do not be far from me.**  
Let us not forget God's steadfast love and power to redeem.  
**We wait for God, and in God's Word we find hope.**

SALUTATION

+\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Songs & Spiritual Songs* 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Tune: HYFRYDOL

\*PRAYER (*in unison*)

**O, Lord God, who takes pleasure in your people; set our hearts afire with the thought of your goodness, and send upon us the spirit of prayer and devotion; that we may worthily praise him who suffered and died, that he might open for us the gates of everlasting life; our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 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*)

Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord.  
**Lord, hear our cry!**  
If you should mark iniquities, who could stand?  
**Our sins have crippled us, bound us, buried us,—  
they cut us off from you, who is life itself.**  
But there is forgiveness with you.  
With you is great power to redeem.  
**Breathe into us your breath, O God.  
Breathe into us your Spirit.**  
Open our graves and call us to you,  
**that we may live in full knowledge of your power  
and steadfast love. 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* 68      Your Mercy Flows  
CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE

CHILDREN'S GATHERING AND DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS (11:00)

**THE WORD OF GOD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ezekiel 37:1-14      p. 806      This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: John 11:1-45      p. 104

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 321  
Holy Spirit, Truth Divine      Tune: SONG 13

SERMON      "The Breath of Life"

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

**THE RESPONSE TO GOD**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The 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.**

\*GLORIA PATRI *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 579      Gloria Patri

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

SIGNING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY      Ah, Dearest Jesus      Wilbur Held, USA

ANTHEM      William Billings, USA

When Jesus wept, the falling tear  
In mercy flowed beyond all bound;  
When Jesus groaned a trembling fear seized  
All the guilty world around.

—from the New England Psalm Singer, 1770

\*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* 326

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart      Tune: MORECAMBE

\*SUNG BENEDICTION

Chilean folksong, arr. by John L. Bell, Scotland  
*(sung twice by choir and congregation)*

**Sent by the Lord am I; my hands are ready now  
to make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes.**

**Sent by the Lord am I; my hands are ready now  
to make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes.**

**The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain  
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.**

**The task is mine to do, to set it really free.**

**Oh, help me to obey; help me to do your will.**

—Jorge Maldonado, Ecuador

+Latecomers will be seated.

\*Those who are able may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Rev. William Unzicker, preaching; Rev. Jeanette Beagley, liturgist; Jim Buter, 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.

Please join us in the Gathering Place for refreshments and fellowship after the worship service.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Mike and Beverley Rannow 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 Plasman, Tom Raar; (11:00) Norm and Ellen Rieck, Don and Lois Van Lare, Anne Bakker, Andrew Gras, Lauren Gras, Elton and Elaine Bruins; Ushers – John Heyns, George Lievens; Deacons – (8:30) Jon Rietberg, Rick Frens; (11:00) Lynne Bonnette, Kim McDonough, Habeeb Awad, Tom Ten Hoeve; Refreshment Servers – Bob and Jan Benningfield.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Greg and Amanda Dykhouse.

There will be no Sunday School or Adult Education classes today.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Children 4 years through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be ushered from the sanctuary during the 11:00 a.m. worship service to continue worship in the Worship Centers on the lower level.

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **SUNDAY**

8:00 a.m. Matins Choir  
9:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic  
12:15 p.m. College Group  
3:00 p.m. Japanese Worship – WTS  
6:00 p.m. L.I.F.T. Groups

#### **MONDAY**

7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle at Lucille Schroeder's  
(299 Winter Oaks West)

#### **TUESDAY**

8:00 a.m. Ruth Circle at Barbara Stegink's  
(102 W. 13<sup>th</sup> St.)  
9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting  
9:30 a.m. Hannah and Elizabeth Circles  
7:00 p.m. Deacons

#### **WEDNESDAY**

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints  
8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers  
1:30 p.m. Rachel Circle  
5:50 p.m. TASC Potluck 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

#### **SATURDAY**

Newsletter Deadline

### **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 Ada Ver Hulst whose 96<sup>th</sup> birthday is Wednesday; and to Bob Brinks whose

91<sup>st</sup> birthday is Friday.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Resthaven Care Center – Arnolda Otting, Joe Otting, Helen Van Zanden, Ada Ver Hulst; Maple Woods – Vesta Speet; Oakcrest Manors – Alma Kuiper. In the Military – Mark South, Christine Loman, David Mummert, Tom Piaget, Joel Zuidema.

**GENERAL ITEMS**

THIRD SUNDAY FOR HUNGER: Next Sunday, March 16, non-perishable food and other necessities will be collected for our monthly food drive. Donated items can be placed in the designated box in the Gathering place.

THIRD SUNDAY PIZZA LUNCH will be next Sunday, March 16 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Remember that some members have severe allergic reactions to perfume. Please refrain from using perfume or other scented cosmetics when you know you will be sitting in a large group. Thank you.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: Join the choir for a special Maundy Thursday service featuring the new cantata, “The Weeping Tree” by Joseph M. Martin. The choir will be joined by a small chamber orchestra, soloist, and readers. The service will include the liturgy of communion and is being held at 7:30 p.m. March 20 in the Fellowship Hall. A Good Friday Service will be held at Pillar CRC, 57 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St., at 12:10 p.m. Dr. Leanne Van Dyk will give the message.

EASTER BRUNCH: Celebrate Easter morning with your church family! Between services on March 23 (9:30-10:45 a.m.) come to Fellowship Hall for hot cross buns, muffins, fruit, juice, and coffee. Hosted by the youth groups.

Families with children are invited to process with palms at both services next Sunday, March 16. Plan to meet at the back of the sanctuary about 5 minutes before the service.

**ORDER EASTER LILIES**

Last day to order lilies will be Sunday, March 16

No. of plants \_\_\_\_\_ \$6.00 each Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In memory/honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

I will pick up my lily after the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

I am unable to pick up my lily; please deliver it to a shut-in.

If you filled out the above form last week and did not list who the lily was given by please call Kristen in the church office, 392-1459, and let her know.

HELP! Each year about 25 beautiful lilies remain in the sanctuary after the 11:00 a.m. worship service waiting to be shared with a member of our church who is not able to participate in the glorious Easter Day worship service. Help is needed to pick up several of these lilies and deliver them later Easter Day. If you are able to help in this joyous ministry please sign up on the line below or call the church office, 392-1459, so plans can be made. Dee Bechtel will have the names, cards, and instructions ready for you in the sanctuary following the second service. Thank you for caring and sharing.

BLOOD PRESSURE: You will have the chance to have your blood pressure checked this morning beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the library.

TASC: This Wednesday, March 12 is the last TASC for the school year. Dinner will be a potluck, if you are able please bring a dish to share. Please come to dinner even if you are not able to make a dish. There is plenty of food to share. Thank you to the cooks who have made many wonderful meals this year.

Consistory, at its February meeting asked John Nordstrom to act as our Senior Pastor until Kent Fry arrives May 12. John has accepted the invitation and will post his office hours when he returns from Florida in mid-March. We will continue to have guest preachers until Rev. Fry arrives.

Be sure to pick up your copy of this week's "Taking Faith Home" bulletin. They can be found at the West entrance to the sanctuary and on the literature table in the Gathering Place.

THE WOMEN'S MINISTRIES welcomes all Third Reformed Church women to join them for the Wednesday, March 19 Lenten Brunch. Brunch will begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by a program of stained glass sermons, given by circle members. Names of participants should be given to circle chairs or the church office by Monday, March 17.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES continues this Wednesday, March 12 at 12:10 p.m. at Pillar Church (corner of 9<sup>th</sup> St. and College Ave.). On the Campaign Road with Jesus: "You have heard it said, but I say to you... About Parochialism and Perfection" led by Rev. Lynn Pier-Fitzgerald of First United Methodist church. Following the service, a soup and bread lunch will be served.

LEGOS FOR AFRICA: Donations of new or used lego pieces are needed for our TASC service project on March 12. A collection bin is located in the Gathering Place.

HELP IS NEEDED at the Community Kitchen on Mondays to serve pizza from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you are able to help with this please call the church office at 392-1459.

### **THIRD REFORMED CHURCH**

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*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

### **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, David Ryder*
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)  
Eleanor Van Dyke (2)  
Charles Hunt (3)  
Marilyn Norman (4)

Lynne Caskey (13)  
Milly Ten Brink (14)  
Bill Doezema (15)  
Scott Millen (16)

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)

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 Ruiten  
Bekah Schipper  
Tom Ten Hoeve  
Jeff Voskuil