

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

March 30, 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 That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright Dale Wood

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Awake, O harp and lyre!

I will awaken the dawn.

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;

I will sing praises to you among the nations.

For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens;

Your faithfulness extends to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.

Let your glory be over all the earth.

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Songs & Spiritual Songs* 457

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Tune: TOULON

*INVOCATION *(in unison)*

God of glory,

Fill your church with the power that flows from Christ's resurrection so that our sinful world may witness the beginning of a renewed humanity, risen to new life with Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(congregation may exchange the Peace)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Almighty God,

in raising Jesus from the grave,

you shattered the power of sin and death.

We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,

bound by the ways that lead to death.

We overlook the poor and the hungry

and pass by those who mourn;

we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed

and indifferent to calls for peace;

we despise the weak

and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy.

Help us to trust your power

to change our lives and make us new,

that we may know the joy of life abundant

given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE *Sing! A New Creation* 155

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEM (11:00)
The Lord is risen, yes, indeed! Alleluia!

Wim ter Burg

Here's the news an angel gives: "He was dead, but now he lives."
"Just remember his own word, which not long ago you heard."
"Seek him not among the dead. Sing a song of joy instead."
—based on Matthew 28:1-6

HANDBELL CHOIR SELECTION (11:00)

CHILDREN'S GATHERING AND DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON: I Peter 1:3-9 p. 232
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 399
We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight Tune: DUNLAP'S CREEK

GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19-31 p. 115
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "What Difference Does It Make?"

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *(in unison)*
**Following the apostles, the church is sent—
sent with the gospel of the kingdom,
to make disciples of all nations, to feed the hungry,
and to proclaim the assurance that in the name of Christ
there is forgiveness of sin and new life
for all who repent and believe—
to tell the news that our world belongs to God.
In a world estranged from God,
where millions face confusing choices,
this mission is central to our being,
for we announce the one name that saves.
We repent of leaving this work to a few,
we pray for brothers and sisters who suffer for the faith,
and we rejoice that the Spirit is waking us to see
our mission in God's world.**

—"Our World Belongs to God" part 44

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

SIGNING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDER

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Come, You Faithful Raise the Strain
Robert Buckley Farlee

ANTHEM (8:30)

Michael Haydn

Praise the Lord, all ye people, sing praise to our God and King;
Sing praises all ye people.
Tell of his righteousness, his wonder and majesty.

HANDBELL CHOIR SELECTION (11:00)

*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* 147

Christ Is Risen

Tune: W ZLOBIE LEZY

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Alleluia! Resurrexit!

Andrew Fletcher

+Latecomers will be seated.

*Those who are able may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Mark Walvoord, preaching; Rev. John Nordstrom, Rev. Kama Jongerius, David Ryder, liturgists; Eileen Nordstrom, prayer for illumination; Kit Janssen Leggett, minute for mission; Children's Choir; Mary Van Voorst, director; Arkansas State University Ringers; Ellis Julien, director; Matins 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.

The flowers at the chancel today are given by Al and Jane Osman.

We welcome Rev. Mark Walvoord as our guest preacher today. Mark is a former Associate Pastor and current member of Third Reformed Church.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Charles and Lois 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) Edward and Diana Marsilje; (11:00) Roger and Janet De Young,

Don and Lois Van Lare, Greg and Lynne Caskey; Ushers – Matt and Marcia Floding; Deacons – (8:30) ; John Ruiter, Rick Frens; (11:00) Karin Ashcroft, Habeeb Awad, Lynne Bonnette, Jeff Voskuil; Refreshment Servers – Jerry and Barb Bakker

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Craig and Katie Kotwoski.

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 |

There will be no Sunday School classes next Sunday, April 6.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 9:40-10:40 a.m., “A Study of The Belhar Confession” led by John Hesselink in the chapel.

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.

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY RINGERS

6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

Directed by Dr. Ellis Julian,

The 13 member choir will ring a program entitled

“In His Footsteps: Reflections on the Passion of Christ.”

A nursery will be provided and a reception will follow the program to greet the ringers. A freewill offering will be collected to help defray the expenses of the choir’s trip.

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 Esther Vande Bunte in the death of her sister, Martha Van Der Meulen, on March 22.

SYMPATHY is extended to Judy Bosch in the death of her mother, Marian Schurman, on March 24.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital – Marian Vande Bunte, Lynne Ihrman. Henrietta Bonnette has returned home from the hospital. Hospice House – Lois Van Oosterhout, Harold Verduin. Don Ihrman is temporarily at Lakeside Vista. Lakeside Vista – Bob Brinks, Tina Greve, Rosey Maatman; Heartland of Holland – Elizabeth Bennett, Bernice Lievense. In the Military – Mark South, Christine Loman, David Mummert, Tom Piaget, Joel Zuidema.

GENERAL ITEMS

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.

CROP WALK: Please help restock local food pantries by bringing needed items to the Crop Walk on April 26 or 27. The food you donate helps raise extra money through the \$1,000,000 Feinstein Foundation Challenge Grant. Pick up more information at the Crop Walk table located in the Gathering Place, and sign up to walk today. Thank You!

WHAT’S FOR DINNER? will be back on Friday, April 25. Sign-up will be Sundays, April 13 and 20. Questions please call Susan Formsma, 399-1007 or Sue Ten Hoeve, 546-3511.

PARENTS’ CLUB PRESENTS: A Taste of Italy – April 4. Child care will be available in the church

nursery from 5:30-8:00 p.m. So drop off the kids and enjoy an evening of fellowship with other Third Reformed Church parents at Jon and Deb Van Duinen's (82 W. 12th St.) Italian hors d'oeuvres, meats, cheeses, and wines provided. Come with ideas as we plan to discuss future events as we look to establish deeper relationships among Third Reformed Church parents. Please RSVP to Dave and Lynn Ryder at berryryder@yahoo.com by April 1 so we can have a final headcount.

PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: Over the last couple of months much has been talked about with regards to High School ministry. This includes a parent meeting at the DuMez house, individual meetings with Nate and High School parents and some meetings with regards to a renovation of the youth room. Nate will be presenting what he has heard and compiled from these meetings and asking you to join him at a meeting on Sunday, March 30 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service in the youth room. Please plan to attend if able, thank you.

INQUIRER'S CLASS: A four week Inquirer's Class will begin Sunday, April 13 at 9:40 a.m. in the office conference room. This will be a series of informational sessions for persons interested in learning more about Third Reformed Church and possible membership. We will review the basic history and teachings of the Reformed church, the particular history, organization, and mission of Third Reformed Church, and the procedures for persons becoming members. If you would like to participate in these sessions led by John Nordstrom, it would be helpful to him if you inform the secretary in the church office, 392-1459 or trc@macatawa.org, so he can prepare enough materials for everyone.

SIGN UP continues today for the Blood Drive on Monday, March 31, 12:00-6:00 p.m.

THE PLUNGE: For the last two years area churches have come together to impact our community through a day of service called The Plunge. The Plunge is a one-day, large scale volunteer service effort. Last year over 1800 people from area churches participated. Our church is taking part this year and will be doing work at our CHP houses on the N.E. corner of 13th and Pine. We will be doing mostly yard work and painting. The date is Saturday, April 26 (same day as the Crop Walk). For more information please contact Jay Mosterd at 836-4012 or jay@qualitydoor.biz. Sign ups will begin today.

DIAPERS: Diapers are needed for the people in our Good Samaritan CHP houses – sizes 1, 5, and 6. Please drop off at the church office. Any questions see, call, or e-mail Jay Mosterd 836-4012, jay@qualitydoor.biz.

The congregation is invited to help Special Education Ministries celebrate their 40th anniversary on Thursday, April 17. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary with refreshments served afterwards.

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Jaime Amaro, Monterrey, Mexico

Martha Amaro, Monterrey, Mexico

Roger De Young, Mission Stewardship and Coordinator

for Mexico and Venezuela

Ruth Estell, China

Linn Gann, India

IRM Community Development, Mozambique
Wayne and Miho Jansen, Japan
Rowland, Jr. and Jane Van Es, Kenya
Nakajima/Ministry with Japanese People

THE CHURCH STAFF

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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 Interns | Mark Reynoso, David Ryder* |
| Children's Choir Director | Mary Van Voorst* |
| Secretaries | Kristen Beckner, Carol Ter Beek* |
| Custodian | Mark Faga |
| Kitchen Coordinator | Judy Bosch* |
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*indicates part time staff

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)
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