

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Youth Sunday**

April 20, 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

Josey Beird

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Jordan Kamphuis

Praise the Lord, O my soul;  
all my inmost being praise his holy name.

**Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

Praise the Lord, you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

**Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts,  
you his servants who do his will.**

Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

**Praise the Lord, O my soul.**

—Psalm 103:1-2, 20-22

SALUTATION

+\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 487

When Morning Guilds the Sky

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI

\*INVOCATION

Justis Cook

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

**Gracious God, you are so good to us but  
we often do not recognize it.**

**Instead of recognizing your presence in prayer  
we are selfish with our time,**

**instead of encouraging others we complain,  
instead of loving, we fight;**

**instead of giving, we take;**

**instead of helping, we hurt;**

**instead of truth we choose deceit.**

**You have done so much for us yet we do so little for you.**

**Forgive us, O God.**

RESPONSE *Sing! A New Creation* 68

Your Mercy Flows

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Alex Faga

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE (*responsively*)

What is the first and greatest 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 that mean?

**Love is the fulfilling of the law.**

To what does this call us?

**To a life of faith working through love.**

YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM text and music anonymous

He is Lord, he is Lord, he is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is King, he is King, he will draw all nations to him; he is King!  
And the time shall be when the world shall sing that Jesus Christ is King.

He is Love, he is Love, he has shown us by his life that his is Love!  
All his people sing with one voice of joy that Jesus Christ is Love.

He is Life, he is life, he has died to set us free, and he is Life!  
And he calls us all to live evermore, for Jesus Christ is Life.

CHILDREN'S GATHERING AND DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

E b e n e z e r : G o d H a s B e e n G o d t o M e

**THE WORD OF GOD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Proverbs 3:5-6

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Stephen Bryson

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HOMILY

Ellen Reynolds

SONG *Sing! A New Creation* 86

Thy Word

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 61:1-3

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Matt Palmateer This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

Simon Cook

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He Is Exalted

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 5:1-5

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Raechel Kamphuis

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HOMILY

Benjamin Kamphuis

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

SOLO

Lauren Gras

words and music by Bart Millard, Barry Graul, Jim Bryson,  
Nathan Cochran, Mike Scheuchzer, Robby Shaffer

I can count a million times people  
asking me how I can praise You with all that I've gone through.  
The question just amazes me,  
can circumstances possibly change who I forever am in You?

Maybe since my life was changed long before these rainy days,  
it's never really ever crossed my mind  
to turn my back on You, oh Lord,  
my only shelter from the storm.  
But instead I draw closer through these times so I pray:

*Bring me joy, bring me peace, bring the chance to be free.  
Bring me anything that brings You glory and I know there'll be days when this life brings me pain. But if  
that's what it takes to praise You,  
Jesus, bring the rain.*

I am yours regardless of the clouds that may loom above,  
because You are much greater than my pain.  
You who made a way for me by suffering Your destiny.  
So tell me, what's a little rain? So I pray:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.

### THE RESPONSE TO GOD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Jonathan Hoffman

**I believe in the Jesus who healed  
and the Jesus who was arrested.  
I believe in the Jesus who was abused  
and the Jesus who abused not in return.  
I believe in the Jesus who was called a traitor  
and the Jesus who was a peacemaker.  
I believe in the Jesus who was falsely accused and  
the Jesus who turned those accusations back on his accusers.  
I believe in the Jesus who was crucified  
and the Jesus who forgave his crucifiers  
as they watched the breath of life leave him.  
I believe that the Jesus who was buried on Friday  
is the Christ who arose on Sunday,  
and because I believe this,  
I affirm Jesus to be the Christ, Son of the living God, Savior  
liberator, long-awaited Messiah,  
King of kings, and Lord of lords.  
I gladly proclaim the day of Christ's resurrection  
to be the Easter for all generations.  
Glory to God – our Savior lives!**

\*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**  
*(congregation may exchange the Peace)*

SIGNING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDER

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP *(responsively)*

We pray this morning for the safety  
and success of the Crop Hunger Walk.  
We begin by remembering why we walk.  
**We walk because too many people lack enough food to eat or safe water to drink.**  
We walk because violence forces millions to flee for their lives.  
**We walk because they walk!**  
We walk with others who share a common goal—  
communities responding to overcome poverty.  
**God of compassion, bless and renew us  
in our commitment to building a world  
where everyone has enough to survive.  
May the steps we take lead us further**

**on your path to peace for the entire human family. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Lord of all creation of water earth and sky  
The heavens are your Tabernacle  
Glory to the Lord on high.

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy,  
You are Holy, Holy.  
The universe declares your Majesty,  
and you are holy, holy.  
Lord of Heaven and Earth.*

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light  
When I stumble in the darkness I will call your name by night.

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.

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

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Lauren Gras

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* 356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Tune: NETTLETON

\*BENEDICTION Ellen Reynolds, Benjamin Kamphuis, Simon Cook

POSTLUDE

Anna Wolterink

+Latecomers will be seated.

\*Those who are able may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Josey Beird, Valerie Burke, Henry DuMez, Jonathan Hoffman, Olivia Husbands, Zoe Jongerius Zuidema, Matt Palmateer, Maddie Van Allsburg, skit; Valerie Burke, Mark Faga, Anna Finger, Scott and Michelle Millen, Samantha Miller, Nate and Bekah Schipper, youth group leaders; Kit Janssen Leggett, minute for mission; Youth Choir; Mary Van Voorst, director; Paul Connelly, organist.*

**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.

We are happy to welcome a delegation from the United Church of Christ in Japan to our worship service today. They have come to the states to express their thanks to the RCA for 150 years of mission work in Japan.

The flowers at the chancel today are given in memory of Doris Neckers by Carlyle Neckers.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Max and Esther De Pree 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, Ushers, Refreshment Servers – Youth Groups; Deacons – (8:30) Jon Rietberg, Steve Bulthuis; (11:00) Laura Halsey, Bekah Schipper, Tom Ten Hoeve, Jay Mosterd. CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Rick and Meg Frens.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 9:40-10:40 a.m., “The Cross in the Christian Faith” led by Todd Billings in the chapel.

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP: Children 4 years through 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

“Keeping Your Eyes on the New Kingdom”

Andrew Bossardet, worship leader

**THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY**

9:15 a.m. Youth Choir  
9:40 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Children’s Choir  
12:15 p.m. Third Sunday Pizza Lunch  
12:15 p.m. Confirmands Meeting  
3:00 p.m. Japanese Worship  
4:30 p.m. Handbell Choir  
6:00 p.m. Vesper Service

**MONDAY**

7:30 p.m. Martha Circle at Marcia Floding’s  
(1068 Cobblestone Rd.)

**TUESDAY**

9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Consistory  
8:15 p.m. Elders  
8:15 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  
5:30 p.m. Middle School Parents/Youth Night  
6:45 p.m. No Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY

12:00 p.m. Young Hearts

FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. Newsletter Assembly

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### **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 Dale Dykema and Cathy Morgan who were married on April 12.

SYMPATHY is extended to Renske and Wendell Karsen in the death of Renske's mother, Tina Greve, on April 11.

SYMPATHY is extended to John, Jennifer, Peter, Luke, and Elly Ruiter in the death of John's father, Allen L. Ruiter, on April 15 in Muskegon.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital – Howard Kooiker. Hospice House – Lois Van Oosterhout, Harold Verduin. Out of Town – Jo Rediger, 2304 Versailles Ct., Rockwall, TX 75032; Elisabeth Ten Zythoff, 1750 W. Bennett St., #3A, Springfield, MO 65807; Home – Jan Bosch, Gerry Tillema. In the Military – Mark South, Christine Loman, David Mummert, Tom Piaget.

### **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.

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: Don't miss out on the Crop Walk activities this weekend. We are planning a walkers' tailgate breakfast on Saturday, April 26 at 8:00 a.m. at the Holland Christian High School parking lot to kick off the beginning of the walk. You will also have the opportunity to walk on Sunday, April 27 at 2:00 p.m. at Beechwood Church. We are planning to have healthy snacks available for that route as well. To reach our goal of 100 walkers, we still need twelve individuals to pick up envelopes today and join our walking members either Saturday or Sunday. You can also call Kit Leggett for envelopes and information at 335-2678 or send an e-mail to [kleggett@chartermi.net](mailto:kleggett@chartermi.net) through Thursday, April 24.

WHAT'S FOR DINNER? will be back on Friday, April 25. Sign-up continues today. Questions please call Susan Formsma, 399-1007 or Sue Ten Hoeve, 546-3511.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be Sunday, April 27 at 6:00 p.m. We will elect elders and deacons, hear a State of the Church report, and receive information about various areas of church operations. Nominees are: Program Elder – Jerry Bakker, John Lunn, Cal Rynbrandt; Deacon – Jon Bechtel, Jim Hensley, Andy Mulder, Jim Vander Meer, Scott Wolterink; Parish Elders – Betty Balk, Alan

Beagley, Marilyn Brown, Carol Cox, Jane Dykstra, Martin Keller, Lucille Schroeder. Four more parish elders still to be selected.

YOUNG HEARTS: Tomorrow is the last day to make reservations for the April Young Hearts Luncheon on Thursday, April 24 at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Jerry and Betty Van Wyngarden will give a presentation on their trip to Australia and New Zealand. Price for lunch is \$4.00. Please make your reservations by calling the church office, 392-1459. Transportation is available on request.

REMINDER: Parish 1 and 2 brunch following the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, April 27. If NOT able to attend, please RSVP to Kathy Miedema (269) 543-8510 or Eleanor Van Dyke at 396-2156.

ATTENTION SINGLES: Do you enjoy going to events such as concerts, ball games, plays, etc...but not attending alone? Here's another opportunity to get together with a group from Third who enjoy the same things. Our next outing will be a free organ recital by Diane Bish (in memory of former Third Reformed Church member Ethel Swets) on Tuesday, April 29. Meet in the back of Dimnent Chapel at 7:15 p.m. Coffee and dessert will follow at the home of Jane Dykstra (349 Wildwood Dr.).

THE PLUNGE: The plunge is a one-day, large scale volunteer service effort. Last year over 1800 people from area church participated. Our church is taking part this year and will be doing work at our CHP houses on the NE corner of 13<sup>th</sup> 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 up will continue today.

Thank you to all who placed Easter lilies in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Now that they have bloomed, don't throw them away! If you drop them off at the door (parking lot, outside) we will place them in the garden at church for all to enjoy for years to come. We will take tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils, too.

ANNOUNCING EARLY CHILDHOOD MUSIC CLASSES: Dr. Christina Hornbach from Hope College will be offering a short six-week spring session starting on Wednesday, May 7 at Third Reformed Church. Your child will participate in forty-five minutes of informal, structured guidance in music [Infant/Toddler (0-3) at 10:00 a.m. and Preschool (ages 3-5) at 11:00 a.m.]. Attending an early childhood music class, taught by a professional musician and teacher, will give your child the opportunity for exposure to an extensive music vocabulary and to play and experiment with music. Contact Christina Hornbach (hornbach@hope.edu) for more information or to register.

#### **THE CHURCH STAFF**

Minister of Congregational Life	Kama Jongerius
Calling Pastor	William Unzicker*
Coordinator of Congregational Care	Delores Bechtel*
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Director of Children's Ministries	Marcia Floding*
Youth Director	Nate Schipper
Young Disciples Director	Michelle Millen*
Seminary Interns	Mark Reynoso, David Ryder*
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Secretaries	Kristen Beckner, Carol Ter Beek*
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**MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT**

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Martha Amaro, Monterrey, Mexico

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Rowland, Jr. and Jane Van Es, Kenya

Nakajima/Ministry with Japanese People

## THE CONSISTORY

### PROGRAM ELDERS

Irwin Brink  
Lorna Cook  
Deb DuMez  
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Mark Hiskes  
Kristen Johnson  
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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)  
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John Hoekstra (18)  
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(20)  
Phyllis Brown (21)  
Barb Moreau (22)  
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Kate Bolt (24)

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Laura Halsey  
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