

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 27, 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 Voluntary in D Major Marc Antione Charpentier

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Joyful is the sound we make this morning!

Christ's resurrection liberates us from doubt and fear.

Thankful is the song we sing!

For this day moves us past darkness and despair.

Hopeful is the prayer upon our lips

For this day awakens in us long-awaited new life.

Jesus said, "Where two or more are gathered in my name,

I am there among them."

Christ lives here and now.

Christ is among us at this and every moment!

May the peace and presence of Christ be known to you.

And also to you. Amen.

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Tune: ELLACOMBE

*INVOCATION (*in unison*)

O God, worker of wonders,

you made this day for joy and gladness.

Let the risen Lord abide with us in our worship,

opening the scriptures and setting our hearts aflame,

that we may give you glory. 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*)

Living Christ,

We admit that we can find a lot of security in putting ourselves before others.

We find security and satisfaction in meeting our needs and wants.

Please raise our awareness of this tendency,

and increase our desire to stem it.

Help us to more readily identify with those who have less,

even when it leads us toward suffering.

We depend on you to help us transform our hearts and habits.

In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

KYRIE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 572

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

*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* 473

For the Beauty of the Earth

Tune: DIX

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fugue in A Major

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

+Latecomers will be seated.

*Those who are able may stand.

Worship Leaders: Mark Reynoso, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, Rev. John Nordstrom, liturgists; Ruby Steketee, 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.

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

We welcome Mark Reynoso as our guest preacher today. Mark is a senior at Western Theological Seminary and has served as our intern for three years. Mark has accepted a call to serve as Associate Pastor at Peace Reformed Church in Eagan, Minnesota.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Bill and Sarah Unzicker 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) – JoAnn Bremer, Walter and Carol Seidelman; (11:00) – Craig and Katie Kotwoski, Jerry Van Wyngarden, Jerry Mount, Carol Hoekenga; Ushers – Ed and Sandy

Stielstra; Deacons – (8:30) John Ruiter, Rick Frens; (11:00) Karin Ashcroft, Habeeb Awad, Linda Jacobs, Lynne Bonnette; Refreshment Servers – Don and LaVerne Lievense.

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

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 9:40-10:40 a.m., “The Cross in the Christian Faith” led by Leanne Van Dyk in the chapel. NEXT WEEK: “Key Moments in the Acts of the Apostles” led by Robert Van Voorst.

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.

YOUNG DISCIPLES, for children 3rd-5th grades, will meet during the 11:00 a.m. service.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be this evening 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, Peg Van Grouw. Three more parish elders still need to be selected.

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
12:15 p.m. Parish 1 and 2 Lunch
4:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
6:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Women’s Ministries Board

TUESDAY

9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:15 a.m. Men’s Bible Study
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints
8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers
6:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m. Moms of Young Children
7:00 p.m. Children’s Ministries Dream Team

FRIDAY

10:00 a.m. Women’s Prayer Group

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. Hospice House – Lois Van Oosterhout, Harold Verduin. Lakeside Vista – Bob Brinks, Don Ihrman, Rosey Maatman; Heartland of Holland – Elizabeth Bennett, Bernice Lievense. In the Military – Mark South, Christine Loman, David Mummert, Tom Piaget.

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.

SMILE! Or at least sit still for two minutes to have your photo taken for the new church pictorial directory in May. Sign-up sheets in the Gathering Place starting today!

CROP WALK: Thank you to all who participated in the Holland/Zeeland Crop Walk yesterday morning. We had a fine group of walkers who turned out at the HCHS starting site. There will be another opportunity to become involved today at Beechwood Reformed Church at 2:00 p.m. If you are walking at that time, please remember to bring canned goods and other non-perishable food items for our local food pantries. Our Dedication Sunday for all of the Crop Walk contributions will be held on Sunday, May 18. Please bring your completed walker envelopes and money with you on that day. Thank you for everything you have done to assist in making Crop Walk a meaningful time for us, but especially for those we have committed to help.

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.).

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.

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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 Interns	Mark Reynoso, David Ryder*
Children's Choir Director	Mary Van Voorst*
Secretaries	Kristen Beckner, Carol Ter Beek*
Custodian	Mark Faga
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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
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 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

Kim McDonough
Jay Mosterd
Jon Rietberg

Lynne Bonnette
Steve Bulthuis
Rick Frens
Laura Halsey
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Tom Ten Hoeve
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