

TRINITY SUNDAY

May 18, 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

Holy, Holy, Holy

Piet Post

VOTUM

SENTENCES (*responsively*)

Jesus prayed that we, the church, would be one,
just as he and the Father are one.

**Today we offer our praise and prayer together,
as one body, in Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit.
In harmony, let us glorify God – Father, Son, and Spirit.**

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Tune: NICAEA

*PRAYER OF ADORATION (*in unison*)

**Father, we praise you;
through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things.
You reveal your salvation in all the world
by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
Through your Holy Spirit
you give us a share in your life and love.
Fill us with the vision of your glory,
that we may always serve and praise you,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. 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*)

God, you are beyond our naming.
As we focus on the wholeness and fullness of
your being, we know that we are sometimes
tempted to reduce you into a God we find
manageable and more comfortable.

(*Silent reflection*)

Pardon us, O God.

Call us on toward your truth.

Forgive us, O God, if we settle for keeping you
in some distant place, far enough away to be
vague and nonconfrontive, general enough to
blur the sharp edges of your call to us.

(*Silent reflection*)

Pardon us, O God.

Call us on toward your truth.

Forgive us, O God, if we have created you in
our own image, so that we lose the profound

holiness of your eternal life and majesty of things unseen.

(Silent reflection)

Pardon us, O God.

Call us on toward your truth.

We know that we can never fully know you, but
forgive us if we do not seek you in the heights
and depths of life, confining you to early
learning and staying in safe places of certainty.

(Silent reflection)

Pardon us, O God.

Call us on toward the grandeur of your truth.

This we pray in your holy name. Amen.

RESPONSE *Sing! A New Creation 65*

Listen, **listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE

YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM words and music by Natalie Sleeth

God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong,

Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.

God of land and sky and sea, God of life and destiny,
God of never ending power, yet beside me every hour,

God of silence, God of sound, God to whom the lost are found,
God of day and darkest night, God whose love turns wrong to right,

God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,
God of now and days before, God who reigns forevermore,

CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN, YOUTH MINISTRIES AND GRADUATES

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs 162*

O Lord, Our God, How Excellent Tune: WINCHESTER OLD

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 28:16-20

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*HYMN OF ILLUMINATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs 137*

We All Believe in One True God Tune: WIR GLAUBEN ALL' AN EINEN GOTT

SERMON "We Have No Other God but the Trinitarian God"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *(in unison)*

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**
—*A Brief Statement of Faith*

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Holy God, We Praise Your Name Barbara Harbach

ANTHEM Setting by John Ferguson
Te Deum laudamus: te Dominum confetemur.
(O GOD, we praise Thee: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.)

Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all we bow before you.
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.
Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising:
Cherubim and Seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising
Fill the heavens with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord!"
Lo, the apostolic train join your sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow;
And from morn to set of sun through the Church the song goes on.
Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit three we name you,
Though in essence only one; undivided God we claim you
And, adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery.
—ascribed to Iganx Franz, translated by Clarence Walworth

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

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER FOR DEDICATION OF CROP WALK ENVELOPES

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 294*

Go to the World!

Tune: ENGELBERG

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Glory to God, We Give You Thanks J. Wayne Kerr

+Latecomers will be seated.

*Those who are able may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; Jerry Bakker, prayer for illumination; Steve Bulthuis, minute for mission; Youth Choir; Mary Van Voorst, director; Etta Hesselink, 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, Wendell and Renske Karsen 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) – Deb Kraai, Ken Riksen; (11:00) – El and Jill Slenk, Lorene Duin, Isabelle Hanse, Joe and Fran Hall; Ushers – Martin and Mimi Keller; Deacons – (8:30) John Ruiter, Jeff Beird; (11:00) Lynne Bonnette, Jeff Voskuil, Laura Halsey, Bekah Schipper; Refreshment Servers – Harry and Mary Boersen.

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

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

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., "Key Moments in the Acts of the Apostles" led by Robert Van Voorst 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.

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

“Songs about Bible People”

Worship Leader: Mike Van Doornik

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
12:00 p.m. Third Sunday Pizza Lunch
4:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
6:00 p.m. Vesper Service

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle at Lois Van Lare's
(573 Central Ave.)
7:30 p.m. Martha Circle at Jeanette Beagley's
(2768 E. Chester, Zeeland)

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
5:45 p.m. Parish Elders
7:00 p.m. Consistory
8:15 p.m. Elders
8:15 p.m. Deacons

WEDNESDAY

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
7:00 p.m. Youth Room Renovation Team

THURSDAY

12:00 p.m. Young Hearts

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 Bill Arendshorst whose 92nd birthday is Saturday.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Hospital in Rockwall, Texas – Jo Rediger. Muskegon Hospital – Max De Pree. Hospice House – Lois Van Oosterhout. Louise Brackett is at Resthaven Care Center. Out of Town – Jo Rediger, 2304 Versailles Ct., Rockwall, Texas 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.

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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.

The Installation of Rev. Kent Fry as Senior Pastor at our church is scheduled for June 1 at 4:00 p.m. Lawful objections to this action may be filed with the clerk (or vice-president) by May 27. Everyone is invited to attend the Installation Service of Kent Fry. There will be a reception following the service.

CROP WALK: Today is the dedication service for our Crop Walk efforts. Please present your completed envelopes, whether or not you were able to walk. A basket will remain in the office for your convenience until May 23. After that date, please return your envelopes to Kit Janssen Leggett. Thank you to all who walked or pledged.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD OFFERING OF LETTERS: Please stop by the tables in the Gathering Place following the worship service and sign some pre-addressed letters urging our U.S. Senators and Representative to increase funding for poverty-focused development assistance as well as pass the Global Poverty Act. This act of caring only takes a few minutes and we will make sure it gets to the post office!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Summer services will begin on Sunday, May 25 with one worship service at 10:00 a.m.

INQUIRER'S CLASS: A three week Inquirer's Class will begin Sunday, June 8 at **11:20-12:10 in the library**. 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 Kent Fry and John Nordstrom, it would be helpful to them if you inform the secretary in the church office, 392-1459 or trc@macatawa.org, so they can prepare enough materials for everyone.

YOUNG HEARTS: The May Young Hearts Luncheon is May 22 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Alisa Crawford, the miller at the De Zwaan Windmill will present "Windmill Sails, Miller's Tales." There is no charge for any retiree to come and share in this day, but reservations are necessary. Call the church office, 392-1459, by Monday, May 19 to make your reservations. If you need transportation, let the church office know.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES: All women of Third Reformed Church are invited to the Women's Ministries Tea on Saturday, May 31 at 2:00 p.m. Several members will speak about a favorite personal object that represents a special blessing in their lives. Our own young people will provide musical treats during the tea-time. There is no fee for the tea, but you are asked to give your name to your circle chair or the church office, 392-1459, to assist the planning committee.

General Synod of the Reformed Church of America is meeting at Hope College June 5 through 10. We, in western Michigan, have the opportunity to share our smiling faces, welcoming spirit, common faith, and helping hands with delegates arriving from across the United States and Canada, as well as with international guests of the General Synod. There are several ways volunteers can help. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the church office, 392-1459.

MIDDLE SCHOOL: There is a table in the Gathering Place for Middle Schoolers to sign up for the Camping Retreat in Muskegon June 6-8.

THE CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor	Kent Fry
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*
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
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	Mark Hiskes
Lorna Cook	Kristen Johnson
Deb DuMez	John Nordstrom
Greg Dykhouse	Ed Stielstra

PARISH ELDERS

Kathy Miedema (1)	Lynne Caskey (13)
Eleanor Van Dyke (2)	Milly Ten Brink (14)
Charles Hunt (3)	Bill Doezema (15)
Marilyn Norman (4)	Scott Millen (16)
Sarah Unzicker (5)	Jeff Maatman (17)
Katherine Hunsberger (6)	John Hoekstra (18)
Anna Ritsema (7)	Elaine Tanis (19)
Sherrill Ball (8)	(20)
Jan Benningfield (9)	Phyllis Brown (21)
Mike Van Doornik (10)	Barb Moreau (22)
Roger Rietberg (11)	Lucille Schroeder (23)

Wayne Westenbroek (12)

DEACONS

Karin Ashcroft
Habeb Awad
Jeff Beird
Lynne Bonnette
Steve Bulthuis
Rick Frens
Laura Halsey
Linda Jacobs

Kate Bolt (24)

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