

**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

July 13, 2008

10:00 a.m.

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

**THE APPROACH TO GOD**

PRELUDE

Toccata and Melody

Andrew Gant

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Praise is due to you, O God, you who answer prayer.

**By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,  
O God of our salvation.**

You silence the roaring seas; you visit the earth and water it;  
you provide the people with grain.

**You are the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas.**

You crown the year with your bounty;  
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

The pastures of the wilderness overflow  
and the hills gird themselves with joy.

**By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,  
O God of our salvation.**

The meadows clothe themselves with flocks,  
the valleys deck themselves with grain,  
and they shout and sing together for joy.

**You are the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas.**

SALUTATION

+\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 554

Let All Things Now Living

Tune: ASH GROVE

WORDS OF WELCOME

RECEPTION OF A NEW MEMBER

\*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*)

**Gracious God,  
in Christ Jesus you fulfilled the just requirement of the law  
and set us free from sin and death.**

**Now your Spirit dwells within us,  
training us in life and righteousness.**

**We confess the many ways we despise this heritage.**

**We are shallow in faith,  
so that trials uproot us, and we fall away from you.**

**We are deep in ambition, anxiety, and greed,  
so the cares of the world and the lure of wealth  
choke off the life and Spirit you graciously bestow.**

**We hear, but make little effort to understand.**

**We receive your gifts, but bear scant fruit for you.**

**O God, forgive us, renew us, tend to us,  
that we might incline our hearts to you  
and live in submission to your will.**

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Your Mercy Flows

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Romans 8:1-4

INVITATION TO FOLLOW GOD'S LAW Psalm 119:105-112

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE (*responsively*)

As we are to walk humbly with our God in lives of gratitude,  
let us hear again his Word:  
God commands us to serve him alone as God,  
to serve him according to his Word,  
to speak of him only with deep respect and love,  
to attend faithfully the assembly of God's people on the day of rest,  
and every day to let the Lord work in us through his Spirit;  
to respect and cooperate with all God-given authority,  
to live purely and joyfully with the gift of sex,  
to nurture human life as God's precious gift,  
to use the resources of this earth as stewards of God's creation,  
to use the gift of speech for promoting the truth in love,  
and to exercise purity of heart in all of life.

**May the Spirit of God guide us to be obedient to this Word.  
Amen.**

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**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 25:9-14

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This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Sing! A New Creation* 10

From Varied Hills

Tune: BOOKENDS

SERMON

“A Wasteful God ?”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

## **THE RESPONSE TO GOD**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (*responsively*)

How is this church preserved?

**This holy church is preserved by God  
against the rage of the whole world,**

**even though for a time  
it may appear very small  
in the eyes of humankind—  
as though it were snuffed out.**

How big is this church?

**This holy church is not confined,  
bound, or limited to a certain place or certain persons.**

**But it is spread and dispersed  
throughout the entire world,  
though still joined and united  
in heart and will,  
in one and the same Spirit,  
by the power of faith.**

—based on Belgic Confession, Art. 27

\*SONG OF FAITH *Sing! A New Creation* 278

Go into All the World

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Grandioso

Betty Roe

ANTHEM

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven:  
—F.S. Pierpoint

\*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* 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Tune: HYFRYDOL

\*BENEDICTION Ephesians 3:20

POSTLUDE Festival March Norman Warren

+Latecomers will be seated.

\*Those who are able may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Amanda Dykhouse, liturgist; Krystal Bulthuis, prayer for illumination; Combined Choirs; 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 in loving memory of Ann Van Lente by her family.

We joyfully welcome Dorothy Lunn into our Christian faith community this morning.

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 service. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer following the service (located in the south hallway on the main level).

ASSISTING TODAY: Greeters – Scott, Stacey, Madelaine, and Savannah Van Dyke, Arlene Barton, Ruby Steketee, Urs, Martha, Benjamin, and Ellie-Rose Waldvogel; Ushers – Don Bruggink, John Heyns; Deacons – Bekah Schipper, Tom Ten Hoeve, Jay Mosterd, Jon Bechtel; Refreshment Servers – Lee and Milly Ten Brink.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, John and Jenny Ruiter, Sarah Boersen.

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 **room 7**.

There will be a congregational information meeting following this morning's worship service in the Fellowship Hall, to learn more about the youth room renovation project.

### **THIS WEEK**

#### SUNDAY

11:20 a.m. Congregational Meeting  
3:00 p.m. Japanese Worship

#### TUESDAY

Newsletter Deadline  
9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
8:30 p.m. Women's Softball Game at South Olive

#### WEDNESDAY

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers

#### THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Fellowship Committee at Susan Formsma's  
(100 N. Lakeshore Dr.)

#### FRIDAY

9:30 a.m. Youth Groups Service Project  
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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Betty Boven whose 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday is Monday.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital – Sharon Bos; Cleveland Clinic – Andy Lampen; Mary Free Bed Hospital – Mark Ver Hulst. Roger Prins is at The Inn. Hospice House – Lois Van Oosterhout. Out of Town – Elisabeth Ten Zythoff, 5100 Randol Mill Rd. #3320, Fort Worth, TX 76112; Home – Jan Bosch, Gerry Tillema. In the Military – Mark South, Christine Loman, David Mummert, Tom Piaget.

### **CAMPER'S CORNER**

#### **Cran-Hill Ranch**

**July 13-18**

Audrey Morton

#### **Camp Geneva**

**July 14-19**

Elizabeth Hoekstra

Katherine Hoekstra

Raechel Kamphuis

Katie Rietberg

#### **Camp Roger**

**July 14-21**

Eliza Beird

Grace DuMez

Matt Palmateer

## **GENERAL ITEMS**

**THIRD SUNDAY FOR HUNGER:** Next Sunday, July 20, 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, July 20 following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

The congregation is invited to an open house at the parsonage following the Pizza Lunch on July 20. Ice cream will be served.

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.

With vacations this summer many of the staff will be unreachable. You are able to contact Pastor Kent at 298-2320 in case of an emergency.

**HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS:** Do you want to show your love for your neighbor and Christ? Come ready to paint this Friday at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided following our service project. Hope to see you there!

Join us at our three “Backyard Bash” parties in August! Please come, have fun, and talk with our neighbors. Sign up to help at one of our three “bashes,” August 6, August 13, and August 20. Hope to see you there!

The Classis of Holland announces the ordination of Dawn Vagle to the office of Minister of Word and Sacrament. The service will occur on Thursday, July 17 at Beechwood Reformed Church, 895 Ottawa Beach Rd. Dawn will be commissioned to serve as the Pastor for Wholeness Ministries at Beechwood Church. Everyone is invited in this special event for the Vagle family.

## **THIRD REFORMED CHURCH**

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Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, & Chapel  
wired with an Induction Hearing Loop.

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

### **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 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

### **THE CONSISTORY**

#### **PROGRAM ELDERS**

Jerry Bakker	Mark Hiskes
Lorna Cook	Kristen Johnson
Deb DuMez	John Lunn
Greg Dykhouse	Cal Rynbrandt

#### **PARISH ELDERS**

Kathy Miedema (1)	Lynne Caskey (13)
Eleanor Van Dyke (2)	Milly Ten Brink (14)
Peg Van Grouw (3)	Bill Doezema (15)
Marilyn Norman (4)	Martin Keller (16)
Sarah Unzicker (5)	Jeff Maatman (17)
Jane Dykstra (6)	Alan Beagley (18)
Tom Ter Haar (7)	Elaine Tanis (19)

Marilyn Brown (8)  
Betty Balk (9)  
Carol Cox (10)  
Elly Muiderman (11)  
Wayne Westenbroek (12)

DEACONS

Jon Bechtel  
Jeff Beird  
Lynne Bonnette  
Steve Bulthuis  
Rick Frens  
Laura Halsey  
Jim Hensley  
Andy Mulder

Ruby Steketee (20)  
Phyllis Brown (21)  
Barb Moreau (22)  
Lucille Schroeder (23)  
Kate Bolt (24)

Jay Mosterd  
Jon Rietberg  
Bekah Schipper  
Tom Ten Hoeve  
Jim Vander Meer  
Jeff Voskuil  
Scott Wolterink

