

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 20, 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

Largo

Betty Roe

VOTUM, CALL TO WORSHIP AND SALUTATION (*responsively*)
of our God,

Our help is in the name

who made heaven and earth. **Amen.**

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving.

Make music upon the harp.

How good it is to celebrate God's presence
and sing praise throughout each day!

How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God!

Our God rebuilds the people of earth.

The wandering ones are gathered together,
the brokenhearted are healed, the hungry are fed,
the prisoners are freed, the blind are given sight,
the lonely are befriended.

How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God!

All of nature sings aloud the goodness of God—
clouds, rain, grass, creatures great and small.

Our God creates and sustains our world
with his ever-growing, never-ending love.

How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God!

Grace and peace be yours in abundance
through the knowledge of God and of Christ Jesus, our Lord. **Amen.**

—based on Psalm 147; II Peter 1:2

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 551

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come Tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

WORDS OF WELCOME

*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, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. We question your judgment when your will conflicts with our own. We are reluctant to follow the course you prescribe. Our patience grows thin when you intrude in life's journey, causing us to veer from the path we pursue. We seek to be faithful and obey your directions, but our own desires delay us in fulfilling your will. Have mercy upon us and deliver us from self deception. Amen.

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Your Mercy Flows

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE Galatians 6:7-10

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Welcome your new brother in Christ.

**Joyfully we receive you into the body of Christ.
Join us as we give witness in the world to the good news,
for we are all on in Christ Jesus. Alleluia.**

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 28:10-19a p. 25
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 p. 14
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 408
Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life (verses 1, 2, 5, and 6)

Tune: GERMANY

SERMON "Living with Ambiguity"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *(responsively)*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Adagio

Richard Shepherd

ANTHEM

H.T. Burleigh

Oh, by an' by, by an' by,
I'm goin' to lay down dis heavy load.

I know my robe's gonna fit me well,

I tried it on at de gates ob Hell.
Oh, some-a dese mornin's bright an' fair,
Gwine to take-a my wings an' cleave de air.

*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* 123

Bring Forth the Kingdom

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Stanley Vann

+Latecomers will be seated.

*Those who are able may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Jeanette Beagley, Rev. Darrell Franken, liturgists; Florence Van Der Wilk, prayer for illumination; Linda Dykstra, soloist; 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 worship service.

The flowers at the chancel today are given by Martin and Mimi Keller in memory of Mimi's son, Todd.

Receiving the sacrament of baptism this morning is Evander Todd, son of Todd and Galyna Franken. We welcome him with joy into our covenant community.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Charles and Lois Hunt 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 – Frank and Coiene Smith, Brett, Karen, Sam, Annika, and Owen Holleman, Tim, Deb, Henry, and Grace DuMez; Ushers – Ed and Sandy Stielstra; Deacons – Jeff Voskuil, Jeff Beird, Jim Vander Meer, Laura Halsey; Refreshment Servers – Kathy and Fred Van Tubbergen.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Mary De Young, Carol Doezema

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Children 4 years through 2nd grade will be ushered from the sanctuary during the worship service to continue worship in **room 7**.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

11:15 a.m. Pizza Lunch and Open House at the Parsonage

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
8:30 p.m. Women's Softball Game at East Saugatuck

WEDNESDAY

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

FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. Newsletter Assembly

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 Kit Janssen Leggett in the death of her mother, Esther Janssen, on July 12.

CONGRATULATIONS to Florence Holleman whose 90th birthday is Monday.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ron and Gloria South whose 52nd wedding anniversary is Monday; and to Gene and Mary Heideman whose 56th wedding anniversary is Wednesday.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Spectrum Hospital – Mark Ver Hulst. Marie Van Eerden is at Resthaven Care Center. Hospice House – Lois Van Oosterhout. Lakeside Vista – Bob Brinks, Rosey Maatman; Heartland of Holland – Elizabeth Bennett, Bernice Leivense. In the Military – Mark South, Christine Loman, David Mummert, Tom Piaget.

CAMPER'S CORNER

Cran-Hill Ranch

July 20-25

Katie Rietberg

Camp Geneva

July 21-23

Olivia Voskuil

Young Life Wilderness Camp

July 24-August 2

Emily Knowles

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

THE TRC GREEN TEAM is promoting July as "Go Green to Third" month. If you walk, bike, bus or carpool to church on a Sunday in July, please pick up a green ribbon by the display board. Wearing it might give you an opportunity to start a conversation with someone about Third Reformed Church or energy use.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT to safely dispose of any item that has an electrical cord or uses batteries. Items may be dropped off for free (\$10 for TVs) at Hope Church parking lot on Saturday, August 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You can help to keep dangerous materials out of landfills and support Comprenew Environmental, a division of World Wide Christian Schools. Thanks from the Green Team.

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!

Sign up begins today for the Blood Drive on Monday, July 28, 12:00-6:00 p.m. If you would be willing to bring cookies or bars for the blood drive please pick up a container at the table in the Gathering Place.

SPECIAL SERVICES: Everyone is invited to attend the ordination service of Lynne Kammeraad and Judy Van Dyke on Thursday, July 24 at 7:00 p.m. at New Community/Fourth Reformed Church (238 W. 15th St.) Lynne Kammeraad will be serving part time under contract New Community/4th as the Pastor of Community Life. Judy Van Dyke will be serving as the Congregational Resources and Training Manager at Good Samaritan Ministries. Sunday, July 27, the installation service for Rev. Jason Semans as Associate Pastor at Maplewood Church will be held at Maplewood Church, 133 E. 34th St., at 4:00 p.m.

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*
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Youth Director	Nate Schipper
Young Disciples Director	Michelle Millen*
Seminary Interns	Mark Reynoso, David Ryder*
Children's Choir Director	Mary Van Voorst*
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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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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 CONSISTORY

PROGRAM ELDERS

Jerry Bakker
Lorna Cook
Deb DuMez
Greg Dykhouse

Mark Hiskes
Kristen Johnson
John Lunn
Cal Rynbrandt

PARISH ELDERS

Kathy Miedema (1)
Eleanor Van Dyke (2)
Peg Van Grouw (3)
Marilyn Norman (4)
Sarah Unzicker (5)
Jane Dykstra (6)
Tom Ter Haar (7)
Marilyn Brown (8)
Betty Balk (9)
Carol Cox (10)
Elly Muiderman (11)
Wayne Westenbroek (12)

Lynne Caskey (13)
Milly Ten Brink (14)
Bill Doezema (15)
Martin Keller (16)
Jeff Maatman (17)
Alan Beagley (18)
Elaine Tanis (19)
Ruby Steketee (20)
Phyllis Brown (21)
Barb Moreau (22)
Lucille Schroeder (23)
Kate Bolt (24)

DEACONS

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

Jay Mosterd
Jon Rietberg
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