

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 17, 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

En Bateau

Claude Debussy

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP *Sing! A New Creation 281*

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs 555*

Now Thank We All Our God

Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

WORDS OF WELCOME

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

*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, we confess to you that we are drawn toward fear and despair. We are guilty of losing hope and wallowing in worry over ourselves. We have failed to trust in you and your promise that you are with us always and that nothing shall separate us from your love. Forgive us for placing our fears above your promises. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

RESPONSE *Sing! A New Creation 74* Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

**Surely it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
And he will be my Savior.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Romans 11:1-2, 29-32

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE Proverbs 3:5-6

HARP SOLO

Josefin's Dopvals

Traditional from Sweden

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 45:1-15

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 15:21-28
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

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*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Sing! A New Creation* 205
Healer of Our Every Ill

Tune: HEALER

SERMON "Faith"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *(in unison)*

**I am made right with God
only by true faith in Jesus Christ.
Even though my conscience accuses me
of having grievously sinned
against all God's commandments
and of never having kept any of them,
and even though I am still inclined toward all evil,
nevertheless,
without my deserving it at all,
out of sheer grace,
God grants and credits to me
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ,
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,
as if I had been as perfectly obedient
as Christ was obedient for me.**

**All I need to do
is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.
When I say that by faith alone I am right with God;
it is not because of any value my faith has
that God is pleased with me.
Only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness
make me right with God.
And I can receive this righteousness and make it mine
in no other way than by faith alone.**

—from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A's 60-61

*HYMN *Sing! A New Creation* 187

In God Alone

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

O God, Thou Faithful

S. Karg-Elert

*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* 383

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Tune: OLIVET

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Grand Jeu

P. du Mage

+Latecomers will be seated.

*Those who are able may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; Doug Haan, prayer for illumination; Linn Gann, minute for mission; Martha Waldvogel, harpist; Roger Rietberg, 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.

Please join us in the Gathering Place for refreshments and fellowship after the worship service.

The flowers at the chancel today are given by Don and Lois Van Lare in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday.

We joyfully welcome the following members into our Christian faith community this morning: Marcia Forsman, Joyce Fry, Becky Fry, and Robert Pott. There will be a receiving line after the worship service where you may greet these new members.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Carl and Lucille Schroeder 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 – Mark, Tracy, Zane, and Zoe Tanis, Doug and Andrea Rasmussen, John and Etta Hesselink; Ushers – Ron and Barbara Hartgerink; Deacons – Jeff Voskuil, Andy Mulder, Jay Mosterd, Scott Wolterink; Refreshment Servers – Brad and Eleanor Warren.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Scott and Stacey Van Dyke.

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

MONDAY

11:30 a.m. 8th Grade Service Project

TUESDAY

9:00 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
	8:00 a.m.	Wednesday Morning Prayers
	6:30 p.m.	Third's Backyard Bash
SATURDAY		
	9:00 a.m.	Youth Group Car Wash

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 Walter and Carol Seidelman in the death of Carol's sister, Charlotte De Jong, on August 9 in Grand Rapids.

CONGRATULATIONS to Marinus Pott whose 97th birthday is today; and to Carlyle Neckers whose 96th birthday is Monday.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jerry and Betty Van Wyngarden whose 54th wedding anniversary is Tuesday; to Gus and Barb Feenstra whose 53rd wedding anniversary is Wednesday; and to Gerald and Cornelia Tillema whose 68th wedding anniversary is Friday.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Linda Strouf has moved to Mary Free Bed Hospital from Spectrum Downtown. Hospice House – Lois Van Oosterhout. Pray for – Bob Brinks, Roger Prins, Mark Ver Hulst. Alma Holkeboer has returned home. Lakeside Vista – Rosey Maatman. Heartland of Holland – Elizabeth Bennett, Bernice Lievens. In the Military – Mark South, Christine Loman, David Mummert, Tom Piaget.

GENERAL ITEMS

STUFF THE BUS! – Third Sunday for Hunger. We have had a tremendous response to the June and July food drives. Let's make August the biggest one yet as we stuff our church bus with personal care items. Please consider adding toilet paper, deodorant, shampoo, and toothpaste to your shopping. Our youth will be delivering and stocking these items at a local social service agency tomorrow. The Deacons thank you for your participation!

Join us this Wednesday, August 20 at 6:30 p.m. here in Third Reformed Church's parking lot for our Backyard Bash. This Wednesday will include a climbing wall along with food, crafts, games, and a storyteller.

BAKERS NEEDED: We have received orders for many birthday cakes for Hope College students. If you are able to help bake/deliver these cakes please see Sandy Stielstra in the Gathering Place today or call 335-9614.

PIG ROAST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The annual Pig Roast with St. Francis will be on September 3, 5:00-7:00 p.m. We need people to assist with greeting, serving food, making desserts, children's activities and clean up. Please stop by the table in the Gathering Place for more information and to sign up.

FURNITURE FOR SALE: The furniture in the youth room is available for purchase: TV cabinet – free; couch and chairs – make an offer. If you are interested in any of the above items, please contact Nate Schipper at 392-1459.

DIRTY CARS NEEDED: The youth groups will be having a car wash on Saturday, August 23 from 9:00

a.m. to noon to raise money for the youth room renovation.

Everyone is invited to attend the Ordination Services on Sunday, August 24 of Timothy Alicki at Maplewood Reformed Church, 133 E. 34th St., at 2:00 p.m. and of Nicholas Knebl at Beechwood Reformed Church, 895 Ottawa Beach Rd., at 4:00 p.m.

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)	Ruby Steketee (20)
Betty Balk (9)	Phyllis Brown (21)
Carol Cox (10)	Barb Moreau (22)
Elly Muiderman (11)	Lucille Schroeder (23)
Wayne Westenbroek (12)	Kate Bolt (24)

DEACONS

Jon Bechtel	Jay Mosterd
Jeff Beird	Jon Rietberg
Lynne Bonnette	Bekah Schipper
Steve Bulhuis	Tom Ten Hoeve
Rick Frens	Jim Vander Meer
Laura Halsey	Jeff Voskuil
Jim Hensley	Scott Wolterink
Andy Mulder	

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*
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Ruth Estell, China

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Rowland, Jr. and Jane Van Es, Kenya

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