

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 31, 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

Allegretto

J. Stainer

INTROIT

R.S. Ambrose

One sweetly solemn thought comes to me o'er and o'er;
I am nearer home today, than I've ever been before;
Nearer my Father's house, where the many mansions be,
Nearer the great white throne, nearer the crystal sea;
Nearer the bounds of life, where we lay our burdens down.
Nearer leaving the cross, nearer gaining the crown.
But lying darkly between, winging adown tho' the night,
Is the silent, unknown stream, that leads at last to the light.
Father, be near when my feet are slipping o'er the brink,
For it may be, I am nearer home, nearer now, than I think.

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

It's not the season of Lent. Today isn't Good Friday. In fact, it is Labor Day weekend when so many people are enjoying one last weekend of summer.

Why the cross? Why now?

We hear the urgency of the Gospel of Matthew: "From that time on (after Peter's confession), Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering...and be killed, and on the third day be raised."

This was the first time he mentioned this topic.

Then Jesus told his disciples, if any want to become my followers,

Let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

For those who want to save their life will lose it,

And those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life?

Or what will they give in return for their life?

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs 371*

Lift High the Cross

Tune: CRUCIFER

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(congregation may exchange the Peace)

WORDS OF WELCOME

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Have mercy on us, Lord;

you have set your way before us,

and we tremble to see it.

It is not just suffering we are afraid to bear,

but also the weight of your call:

your command to excel in love,

**rejoice in hope, and live peaceably with all—
your appeal to overcome evil with good.
Who are we to live in such a way?
We do not merit your confidence.
Merciful God, forgive our fear and faithlessness.
Help us to see what you see,
to follow where you go,
and to live in awe at your presence,
which is our help and encouragement.**

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 5:8-11

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE Romans 12:9-21

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 3:1-15 p. 50

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 16:21-28 p. 18

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Sing! A New Creation* 81 Cry of My Heart
SERMON "What It Means to be a Spiritual Person"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (*in unison*)

**I am called Christian
because by faith I am a member of Christ
and so I share in his anointing.**

**I am anointed
to confess his name,
to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks,
to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil
in this life,
and afterward to reign with Christ
over all creation
for all eternity.**

**We call him "our Lord"
because—**

**not with gold or silver,
but with his precious blood—**

**he has set us free
from sin and from the tyranny of the devil,
and has bought us,
body and soul,
to be his very own.**

—from Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A's 32, 34

*SONG OF AFFIRMATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 372

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian Tune: I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY An Offering K. Keil

SOLO Ferd. Hiller

Lord! in my heart's love deep I hide Thee, Be near me still!
Thou tow'r of strength, whate'er betide me, Be Thou with me.
Oh be my guard in life's bright places, Lest pride prevail,
When fear or self mistrust o'er ride me, Be near me still!
Like dew upon the vine Thy grace is, I'm naught alone,
But when I storm the heights, then guide me
To do thy will; Be near me still!
O thou my hope, my pow'r unshaken,
My soul's true sun.
Till earth's dark days shall be forsaken,
Be near me still! Be near me still!
Till earth's dark days shall be forsaken,
Be near me, near me still!

*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* 267

Will You Come and Follow Me

Tune: KELVINGROVE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fugue in F Major J.S. Bach

+Latecomers will be seated.

*Those who are able may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; Linda McCombs, prayer

for illumination; Sarah Ashcroft, soloist; Lori Maatman, 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 Al and Jane Osman.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Bill and Sarah Unzicker 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 – Trygve and Kristen Johnson, John, Jenny, Peter, Luke, and Elly Ruiten, Don and Lois Van Lare; Ushers – Scott, Heather, Anna, Ethan, and Jane Wolterink; Deacons – Andy Mulder, Tom Ten Hoeve, Steve Bulthuis, Laura Halsey; Refreshment Servers – Bob and Jan Benningfield.

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

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

Church office closed

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints

8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers

5:00 p.m. Pig Roast/Block Party

7:00 p.m. Worship Center Leaders

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry Orientation

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.

SYMPATHY is extended to Bill and Betty Arendshorst in the death of Betty's sister, Catherine Millett, on July 11 in Lebanon, Ohio.

SYMPATHY is extended to Ann Romeyn in the death of her brother, Alvin J. Bos, on August 21.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital – Mark Ver Hulst. Louise Brackett has moved to Appledorn Living Center. Pray for – Bob Brinks, Roger Prins. Hospice House – Lois Van Oosterhout. The Inn – Jantina Holleman, Barbara Lampen, Roger Prins, Marjorie Rottschafer, Dorothy Sheets, Crystal Teague. In the Military – Mark South, Christine Loman, David Mummert, Tom Piaget.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY

PAINTING DAY: Everyone is welcome to help paint the Youth Room this Saturday, September 6, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

DECORATING TEAM: Pastor Kent and Marcia Floding would like to invite anyone who would like to help with decorating the education area of the church to an initial session on Monday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Pastor Kent if you have questions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF will be next Sunday, September 7. Worship will be in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. Third graders will receive their Bibles during the service. Everyone is invited to the picnic, on the church lawn, following the service.

READING AND DRAMA GROUP: All 7th -12th graders are invited to join the Reading and Drama group, led by Pastor Kama, on Sunday mornings 9:15-9:35 a.m. in the Youth Room beginning September 14. We will do skits, scripture readings, and other stuff.

GENERAL ITEMS

PIG ROAST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: A few volunteers are still needed for the St. Francis/Third Pig Roast on Wednesday, September 3. If you are interested in assisting with children's games, cleaning up or "running" needed supplies/food between the kitchen and the food lines please stop by the table set up in the Gathering Place today.

SUNRISE SAINTS: We will begin our fall program September 3. We meet at 6:30 on Wednesday mornings with a simple breakfast, book discussion and prayer. All men are invited to join us. We will be reading and discussing the book, *Paul, for Everyone* by N.T. Wright. This week we will be studying 1 Corinthians 11:2-34 (pp. 138-152). In order to restock our pantry all men are asked to bring a box of cereal to the first meeting. If you have any questions call Bill Unzicker (355-9559) or Elton Bruins (396-5809).

BAKERS STILL NEEDED: For August/September 2007 we baked 38 cakes. This year for August/September we will be baking 80 cakes! Please see Sandy Stielstra or call 335-9614 if you can help.

COME AND CELEBRATE with Women's Ministries Monday, September 8, at 7:30 p.m. to hear Chris and Mark Walvoord present the introduction to "Jubilee" an exploration of Luke and this year's Women's Ministries Bible study.

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE: Sunday, September 14 we will return to two services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

PARENTS: Help us keep in touch with our college students and other away from home young people by calling the church office, 392-1459, with their address. Your help is appreciated!

CHOIRS: High School-Adult are invited to join the Sanctuary Choir which begins rehearsals on Wednesday, September 10 at 6:45 p.m. The Sanctuary Choir sings weekly in the 11:00 a.m. service beginning September 21. Matins Choir begins Sunday, September 21 with rehearsal starting at 8:00 a.m. in the choir room.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC
Sunday, September 7 at 11:15 a.m.
Suggested donations: \$7.50 per adult
Children free

Bring lawn chairs and blankets!

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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
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Rick Frens
Laura Halsey
Jim Hensley
Andy Mulder

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Jon Rietberg
Bekah Schipper
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Jim Vander Meer
Jeff Voskuil
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