

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 7, 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

Adoration

Felix Borowski

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

If you would be happy:
never walk with the wicked,
never stand with sinners,
never sit among cynics,
**but delight in the Lord's teaching
and study it night and day.**

You will stand like a tree
planted by a stream,
bearing fruit in season,
its leaves never fading
its yield always plenty.
**May our roots grow deep in Christ
through worship, fellowship and service.**

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE (*see insert*)

Christ's Partners All Are We

Tune: MADRID

*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*)

Sovereign God, we confess that we have denied you when we have neglected to worship you. We have denied you through our lack of faithful response to your direction. We do not listen for guidance through you or through the community. We easily turn in our own direction, thinking of how we can serve ourselves rather than how we can serve you and others. Forgive us for our wandering ways. Draw us back to you again, and again, and yet again. In Jesus' name. Amen.

silent reflection

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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.**

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE Romans 8:3-5

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Sing! A New Creation 79 (sung twice)*
Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil Tune: GOOD SOIL

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 18:15-20 p. 20
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "Where Two or Three Are Gathered"

GROWING IN FAITH AT THIRD

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed *(in unison)*

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

**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.**

**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 Children of the Heavenly Father
Arr. by Richard A. Nichols

*DOXOLOGY Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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 274*

If You and I Believe in Christ

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE I Sing the Mighty Power of God Arr. by Anna Laura Page

+Latecomers will be seated.

*Those who are able may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Emily, Alex, and Brian Knowles, Sam Holleman, Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgists; Bill Segrist, prayer for illumination; Jennifer Walvoord, violin; Andrew Le, Lori Maatman, piano.

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.

The flowers today are given by Bill and Margaret Thurber to the glory of God and in gratitude of His many blessings.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Carol Segrist and Reno Lamanian 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: Deacons – Jon Bechtel, Jeff Voskuil, Jay Mosterd, Jim Vander Meer.

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

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

11:15 a.m. Church Picnic

MONDAY

6:30 p.m. Decorating Committee
7:30 p.m. Women's Ministries Program

TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Ruth Circle at Mary De Witt's
(11556 N. Lake Dr.)
9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
9:30 a.m. Elizabeth Circle – chapel
9:30 a.m. Hannah Circle – library
7:00 p.m. Deacons

WEDNESDAY

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints
8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers
1:30 p.m. Rachel Circle – library
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

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| | 7:00 p.m. | Teachers' Meeting |
| THURSDAY | | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Special Education Ministry |
| FRIDAY | | |
| | 7:00 a.m. | S & A Ministry Group |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Play Group |

PERSONAL

Share your prayer concerns by using the prayer request cards found in the Friendship Folders. Place the requests in the offering plate. Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Carlyle Neckers has moved to assisted living at The Inn. Pray for – Bob Brinks, Roger Prins, Mark Ver Hulst. Hospice House – Lois Van Oosterhout. Out of Town – Ann Romeyn, Tender Care of Wyoming, 2786 56th St. SW, Wyoming, MI 49418; Elisabeth Ten Zythoff, 1750 W. Bennett St. #3A, Springfield, MO 65807; Joyce Vander Well, Grand Rapids; Home – Jan Bosch, Gerry Tillema. In the Military – Mark South, Christine Loman, David Mummert, Tom Piaget.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY

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.

YOUNG DISCIPLES, for children 3rd-5th grades, will begin meeting next Sunday, September 14 in the chapel during the 8:30 a.m. service.

TASC: Third's After Supper Club will begin Wednesday, September 17. Dinner will start at 5:50 p.m., 6:25 games/singing, 6:45 classes for **all ages**. Children Pre K-5th grade will meet in the chapel; Middle School Youth Group will meet in the Youth Room; High School Bible Study will meet in the Prayer Room; Adult offerings include L.I.F.T. Book study on "The Essential Bible" facilitated by Jane Dykstra; Marriage Renewal facilitated by Mike and Beverley Rannow; Sermon Text Study facilitated by David Ryder; Knitting Ministry will meet in the library; Sanctuary Choir will meet in the choir room.

GENERAL ITEMS

The "Faith, Hope, and Love" banners on the west wall were donated by the Women's Ministries in memory of Carol Gargano.

Pastor Kent will be taking Mondays as a day off. The parsonage number is 298-2320.

Tape Deliverers: There will be not be a tape made of today's service. There will be bulletins in the library tomorrow if you would like to take your shut-in a copy.

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. Study books will be available at the meeting.

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.

ADULT EDUCATION: Adult Education classes begin next Sunday, September 14 at 9:40 a.m. The first

class will be "From Swords to Shalom: War and Peace in the Book of Numbers" led by David Stubbs in the chapel.

VESPER SERVICE: Vesper Services will begin next Sunday, September 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel. "Mission in India" will be presented by Linn Gann.

SINGERS/MUSICIANS NEEDED: Calling anyone who loves to sing or play an instrument to be a part of the new TASC Praise Team. Interested?...call Mark Faga at 392-1459 ASAP TASC begins Wednesday, September 17!

LOST AND FOUND: The Lost and Found table and coat rack are located in the hall just outside the south door of the room we are worshipping in this morning. There are a number of adult sized jackets and shirts that were left this spring. If they are not picked up during the next two weeks, we will donate them to the Community Action House. Also check the items on the table.

WHAT'S FOR DINNER? will return Friday, September 26. Sign up begins today.

BLOOD PRESSURE: You will have the chance to have your blood pressure checked next Sunday, September 14 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the library.

TRC HEALTH MINISTRY: Are you a health care professional (doctor, nurse, therapist, dietician, etc) looking for a way to serve to improve the health of the Third Reformed Church family and our neighborhood? Please join us on Sunday, October 12 at 9:30 a.m. Contact Jennifer Boersen Kroll for details at jenniferboersen@msn.com or 616-283-2123.

THE CHURCH STAFF

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| Director of Children's Ministries | Marcia Floding* |
| Youth Director | Nate Schipper |
| Young Disciples Director | Michelle Millen* |
| Children's Choir Director | Mary Van Voorst* |
| Minister of Music | Linda K. Strouf* |
| Seminary Interns | Lindsey De Kruijff*, David Ryder* |
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| Calling Pastor | William Unzicker* |
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| Treasurer/Interim Administrator | Harvey J. Buter* |
| Secretaries | Kristen Beckner, Carol Ter Beek* |
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| Kitchen Coordinator | Judy Bosch* |
| Recording Treasurer | Delwyn Van Dyke* |
| Archivist/Historian | Elton J. Bruins* |
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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

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Jaime Amaro, Monterrey, Mexico
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