

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 14, 2008

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE Silent Wood, Opus 68, No. 5

Antonin Dvořák

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:

“I will sing to the Lord for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

**The Lord is my strength and my might,
and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him,
my father’s God, and I will exalt him.”**

—Exodus 15:1-2

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 155

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Tune: DARWALL’S 148TH

*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*)

“Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.”

So we pray, O God; yet we confess

our lives show forth little mercy.

We pass judgment on people

who think and live differently than do we.

Suspicion, jealousy, and quarrels infect our relationships,

and keep us from building communities

where everyone feels welcome and known.

Merciful God, again we ask your forgiveness.

Teach us and guide us to extend to others

what we have received so abundantly from you:

gracious acceptance, saving help,

and love that will bind us together.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*responsively*)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—

who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,

nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is his steadfast love

toward those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,

so far he removes our transgressions from us.

—Psalm 103:2-3; 10-12

RESPONSE *Sing! A New Creation* 52

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE Romans 14:10-12

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE SUNDAY EDUCATION TEACHERS

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 14:1-12 p. 163

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 18:21-35 p. 20

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 358
Help Us Accept Each Other Tune: BARONITA

SERMON "Often the Hardest Thing to Do"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 126
What does the fifth request mean? *(responsively)*

**Forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors means
Because of Christ's blood,
do not hold against us, poor sinners that we are,
any of the sins we do
or the evil that constantly clings to us.
Forgive us just as we are fully determined,
as evidence of your grace in us,
to forgive our neighbors.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY Adagio Corelli Schuster

*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 (*see insert*)

Christ Has Called Us to New Visions

Tune: IN BABILONE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Go Forth with Purpose

Thomas Chesterton

+Latecomers will be seated.

*Those who are able may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; Bill Segrist, prayer for illumination; Robert Ritsema, cello; 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 Esther Vande Bunte in memory of her husband, Richard Vande Bunte, and his mother, Vera Hintz.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Bill and Carol Doezema will be available to pray with you following today's worship services. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer following the service (located in the south hallway on the main level).

ASSISTING TODAY: Greeters – (8:30) Al and Jane Osman; (11:00) Frank and Coiene Smith, Kathy Foster, Phyllis Graham, Alan and Jeanette Beagley; Ushers – Tom and Joyce Bolhuis; Deacons – (8:30) Jeff Beird, Rick Frens; (11:00) Jim Hensley, Scott Wolterink, Bekah Schipper, Andy Mulder; Refreshment Servers – Skip and Jane Keeter.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:40-10:40 a.m., nursery care available

3 year olds	nursery	4 & 5 year olds, K	room 15
1 st & 2 nd grades	room 6	3 rd grade	room 9
4 th grade	room 10	5 th grade	room 11
6 th , 7 th , & 8 th grade	room 22		

30's-40's BOOK STUDY in the Centennial Room.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 9:40-10:40 a.m., "From Swords to Shalom: War and Peace in the Book of Numbers" led by David Stubbs in the chapel

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Children 4 years through 2nd grade will be ushered from the sanctuary during the worship service to continue worship in the Worship Centers on the lower level.

YOUNG DISCIPLES, for children 3rd-5th grades, will meet in the chapel during the 8:30 a.m. service.

VESPER SERVICE
6:00 p.m. in the chapel

"Mission in India"
Worship Leader: Linn Gann

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

9:15 a.m. Youth Choir – room 7
9:15 a.m. Reading and Drama Group
9:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Children's Choir – room 7
6:00 p.m. Vesper Service
6:30 p.m. Pathfinders (High School)

MONDAY

Newsletter Deadline

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
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints
8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers
5:50 p.m. TASC Dinner
6:45 p.m. TASC Classes
6:45 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
6:45 p.m. Passage (High School)
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry

FRIDAY

10:00 a.m. Women's Prayer 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.

SYMPATHY is extended to Darrell and Marilyn Franken in the death of Darrell's brother, Robert Franken, on September 3 in Vancouver, B.C.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Zeeland Hospital – Henrietta Hoksbergen. Marie Van Eerden has returned home from Resthaven Care Center. Pray for – Bob Brinks, Roger Prins, Mark Ver Hulst. Hospice House – Lois Van Oosterhout. Lakeside Vista – Rosey Maatman; Heartland of Holland – Elizabeth Bennett, Bernice Lievens; Appledorn Living Center – Louise Brackett. In the Military – Mark South, Christine Loman, David Mummert, Tom Piaget.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY

TASC: Third's After Supper Club will begin this 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 and room 11; Adult offerings include L.I.F.T. Book study on "The Essential Bible" facilitated by Jane Dykstra will meet in the Centennial Room; Marriage Renewal facilitated by Mike and Beverley Rannow will meet in room 17; Sermon Text Study facilitated by David Ryder will meet in the office conference room; Knitting Ministry will meet in the library; Sanctuary Choir will meet in the choir room.

PARENTS: Please pick up your children from worship centers 1 and 2 within five minutes of the end of the service. Please pick up your 4 year olds-2nd graders from room 7 at 10:45 a.m. and grades three on up at 10:40 from their Sunday School rooms.

Willing to prepare snacks? The Middle School Youth Group is looking for volunteers to help bring a snack once a semester to youth group. If you are willing please contact Nate Schipper at 392-1459 or nate@trcholland.org.

GENERAL ITEMS

THIRD SUNDAY FOR HUNGER: The Community Action House contacted the Deacons with a plea for food donations to replenish their pantry that has been nearly cleaned out by the highest levels of requests for food assistance the agency has ever experienced. The Deacons are asking for your continued participation in our monthly food drive to help address this critical need.

THIRD SUNDAY PIZZA LUNCH will be next Sunday, September 21 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

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.

BLOOD PRESSURE: You will have the chance to have your blood pressure checked this morning beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the library.

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

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!

LOST AND FOUND: The Lost and Found table and coat rack are located in the south hall of the Gathering Place. There are a number of adult sized jackets and shirts that were left this spring. If they are not picked up during the next week, 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 continues today.

APPLE PICKING: Join us for our annual apple picking at The Dutch Market (196 and 109th Ave. – exit 26) on Sunday, September 28 at 2:00 p.m.

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.

Four west Michigan chapters of the American Guild of Organists will be celebrating the International Year of the Organ with a service/concert September 15 at 8:00 p.m. at Hope College's Dimnent Chapel. The public is welcome to attend. The program will feature Dr. Huw Lewis on the organ, a select choir led by Dr. Karl Schrock plus congregational singing.

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Minister of Congregational Life	Kama Jongerius
Senior Pastor	Kent Fry

*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)	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 Bulthuis	Tom Ten Hoeve
Rick Frens	Jim Vander Meer
Laura Halsey	Jeff Voskuil

Jim Hensley
Andy Mulder

Scott Wolterink

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

