

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 28, 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 This Is My Father's World Arr. by Anna Laura Page

INTROIT *The Southern Harmony*, harmonized by Charles H. Webb
Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.
I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me with his arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.
—Joseph Hart

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known
that our ancestors have told us.
We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.

—Psalm 78:1-4

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 210
Our God, Our Help in Ages Past Tune: ST. ANNE

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
(*congregation may exchange the Peace*)

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Be gracious to us, O God. The ways of the world hold us captive, and we are weary of striving for power, success, and popularity. We have such good intentions – to turn our life around, to be kind and generous, and to take time for the people we love. But we don't do what we intend. We do the opposite, and we are being worn down. Hear our prayer and our cry for your help. In Jesus' name, Amen.

RESPONSE *Sing! A New Creation* 52

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE II Corinthians 5:17

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE Philippians 2:1-4

ANTHEM

Richard Farrant

Call to remembrance, O Lord, Thy tender mercy,
And Thy loving kindness, which have been ever of old.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth,
But according to Thy mercy think Thou on me, O Lord, for Thy goodness.
—Psalm 25:5, 6

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 17:1-7 p. 64
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21:23-32 p. 23
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Sing! A New Creation* 173
This Holy Covenant Was Made Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

SERMON "Sure Foundations for New Beginnings"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (*responsively*)
Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth;
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.
**And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**
And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"See the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
**he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place Johannes Brahms

*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)

We Are a New Creation

Tune: LANCASHIRE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Improvisation on "Diademata" Robert J. Hughes

+Latecomers will be seated.

*Those who are able may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, David Ryder, liturgists; Jim Buter, prayer for illumination; Matins Choir; Sanctuary Choir; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music; 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.

The rose by the font is in celebration of the birth of a daughter, Makayla Sue, on September 24 to Kristin Ver Hulst and Ken Slater.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Tony and Elly Muiderman 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) Tim, Deb, Henry, and Grace DuMez; (11:00) Harry and Mary Boersen, Gordon and Barbara Mummert, Tom and Barb Piaget; Ushers – Steve, Karen, Matt, Joel, and Abbie Palmateer; Deacons – (8:30) Steve Bulthuis, Jon Bechtel; (11:00) Scott Wolterink, Rick Frens, Jeff Voskuil, Lynne Bonnette; Refreshment Servers – Kurt, Amy, Maddie, and Taylor Van Allsburg.

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

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		

THE ADULT EDUCATION CLASS for Spiritual Formation is open to all and is experiential, participatory, and practical. Come and go as you are able. Meet in the Centennial Room downstairs. This week's

lesson: Spiritual Formation: The Prayer-filled Life; Next Week: The Virtuous Life.

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.

LITTLE LAMBS: 3 year olds are invited to meet in room 14 during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Please bring your children to room 14 before the service and pick them up following the service.

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

"Liturgy Among the Lilies:
Singing the Reformed Church in America Liturgy"
Worship Leader: James Hart Brumm

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Matins Choir
9:15 a.m. Youth Choir
9:15 a.m. Reading and Drama Group
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Children's Choir
2:00 p.m. Apple Picking at Dutch Market
6:00 p.m. Vesper Service
6:30 p.m. Pathfinders (High School)

MONDAY

12:00-6:00 p.m. Blood Drive

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
5:50 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.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Bob Gallup was transferred from Holland Hospital to Tender Care Health Center. Hospice House – Lois Van Oosterhout, Mark Ver Hulst. Pray for – Bob Brinks, Roger Prins. The Inn – Jantina Holleman, Barbara Lampen, Carlyle Neckers, Marjorie Rottschafer, Dorothy

Sheets, Crystal Teague. In the Military – Mark South, Christine Loman, David Mummert, Tom Piaget.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY

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.

NEEDED: We are looking for a canoe or kayak to use as decoration on the lower level until December. If you are able to help with this need please contact Pastor Kent at 392-1459 or kent.fry@trcholland.org.

GENERAL ITEMS

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

Sign up continues today for the Blood Drive on Monday, September 29, 12:00-6:00 p.m.

Our fall hike will be held at Ottawa County Park, Hemlock Crossing, on Sunday, October 5 at 3:30 p.m. With six miles of trails and Pigeon Creek running through colorful woodlands this will be a feast for the eyes and the soul. Bring a favorite fall dish to share following the hike at the picnic shelter. Check the Ottawa County Park's website for more information and pick up a flyer in the Gathering Place.

INQUIRER'S CLASS: A four week Inquirer's Class will begin Sunday, October 12 at 9:40 a.m. in the office conference room. This will be a series of informational sessions for persons interested in learning more about Third Reformed Church and possible membership. If you would like to participate in these sessions led by Pastor Kent, it would be helpful to him if you inform the secretary in the church office, 392-1459, or trc@macatawa.org, so he can prepare enough materials. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kent.

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.

After a few years' hiatus, Women's Ministries plans to make apple dumplings this fall. This is a huge but fun project; and we encourage anyone (men included) to join in the fellowship on Friday, October 24. Stop in the Gathering Place to sign up for both orders (\$5.00 per package of 4 dumplings) and to volunteer.

The AssessMe Team will be available Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights beginning October 5 to discuss the AssessMe results with those who have taken the inventory on the church website. We will also have available information about taking "AssessMe." The AssessMe Team is made up of Amanda Dykhouse, Jerry Mount, and Pastor Kent.

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