

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 5, 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 Christ for the World We Sing H. Willan

### VOTUM

*(Swahili)* Our help is in the name of the Lord, creator of heaven and earth.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*(Spanish)* Lord our God,

Your glory reaches beyond the stars. Even the babble of infants declares your strength, your power to halt the enemy.

*(Arabic)* I see your handiwork in the heavens: the moon and the stars you set in place.

*(Russian)* What is humankind, that you remember us, the human race that you care for us?

*(Japanese)* You have made us a little lower than the angels, crowned us with glory and honor; giving us dominion over the works of your hands.

*(Dutch)* Lord, our God, the whole world tells the greatness of your name.

### SALUTATION

*(Swahili)* May grace and peace be yours in abundance, in the knowledge of God, and of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

+\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 466

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing Tune: AZMON

### \*PEACE

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

*(congregation may exchange the Peace)*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

**Merciful God, we humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

RESPONSE *Sing! A New Creation* 52

**Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Psalm 103:12

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE John 13:34

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

### THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Genesis 12:1-3

Psalm 49:1, 72:17, 113:3

Isaiah 6:3, 45:22, 52:10

Zephaniah 2:11, 3:9

Luke 2:10, 11

John 3:16, 12:32

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

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 439  
In Christ There Is No East or West Tune: ST. PETER

SERMON "God's Great Passion"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

### THE RESPONSE TO GOD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *(in unison)*  
**We sing to our Lord a new song;  
We sing in our world a sure Hope:  
Our God loves this world,  
God called it into being,  
God renews it through Jesus Christ,  
God governs it by the Spirit.  
God is the world's true hope.**  
**We pray for the fruits of the Spirit of Christ  
who works for peace on earth,  
commands us to love our enemies,  
and calls for patience among the nations.**

**Come, Lord Jesus:  
We are open to your Spirit.  
We await your full presence.  
Our world finds rest in you alone.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Richard Shephard

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,  
By whom the words of life were spoken  
And in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed  
And be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.  
—Reginald Heber

\*DOXOLOGY *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 592  
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

MEANING OF COMMUNION

*(Dutch)* Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Supper we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope. We come remembering that our Lord Jesus Christ perfectly fulfilled the law, even to death on the cross. Because of God's eternal covenant of grace, we are accepted. We will never be forsaken.

*(Japanese)* We come to commune with this same Christ who has promised to be with us always. Christ is the true bread which nourishes us and the Vine in whom we must live if we are to bear fruit. The Holy Spirit unites us into one body and in communion with all the saints. So we receive this supper in Christ's love and our affection for one another.

*(German)* We come in hope believing that as surely as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we will be raised from the dead into eternal life.

This is the Lord's table. Come, for all things are now ready.

COMMUNION PRAYER *(responsively)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,...

...we lift up our hearts in joyful praise, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Gracious God...

...Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*(Arabic)* The Lord Jesus, the same night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me."

After the same manner also, he took the cup when they had supped, saying "This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

#### COMMUNION

Communion will be served in the pews. When you pass the elements to your neighbor, please say (in any language), "The body of Christ, given for you," or "The blood of Christ shed for you."

Communion hymns – During the passing of the bread *Sing! A New Creation* 258 (after the choir sings verse 1, the congregation will join them singing verses 1-3)

During the passing of the cup *Sing! A New Creation* 246

#### THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION *(responsively)*

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

**and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**and forget not all his benefits,**

who forgives all your iniquity,

**who heals all your diseases,**

who redeems your life from the Pit,

**who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

He does not deal with us according to our sins,

**nor requite 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;**

so far as the east is from the west,

**so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

As a father pities his children,

**so the Lord pities those who fear him.**

Who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, and will also give us all things with him.

**Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord, from this time forth forevermore. Amen.**

#### PRAYERS FOR THE WHOLE WORLD

Creator God, we give you thanks for feeding us at your table. Breathe into us the sweet aromas of life, that we may taste the fruits of your promise even now...

*(Swahili)* ...in Africa, where your church grows rapidly; where a bright mosaic of culture shows the world the vibrancy of your love. But there is also pain, famine, and thirst. Violent unrest and ethnic strife fill many lives. Help us stand with those who suffer, respond when we are called, and give in appropriate ways so that your realm may be realized.

*(Japanese)* ...in Asia, full of many religions, but where the church is small and often faces persecution. Help us to witness effectively to the gospel of Jesus Christ in these needy lands where there is great spiritual hunger.

*(Arabic)* ...in the Middle East: the cradle of the church, the birthplace of our Lord; the land we call holy. Where the pain of the cross is so vivid; where the dry earth is watered by the tears of its children. Show us again that we cannot feed the hungry with threats. We cannot quench thirst with religious tolerance. We cannot build for the future on sands of hate.

*(Dutch)* ...in Europe, where art, music, and architecture inspire generations with the beauty and majesty of your gospel message; and where entire peoples have fallen away from faith in you. Help us to believe in your eternal promises. Point us toward the pathway of peace.

*(Spanish)* ...in Latin America, where your church struggles valiantly for the weak and the poor; Where martyrs are made; So rich in the bounties of creation and so misused by outsiders; Where we have made mistakes in your name and brought a gospel soiled with our greed. Your servants in Latin America have taught us by example. Kindle within our hearts our own integrity of faith.

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 for the World We Sing

Tune: ITALIAN HYMN

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise God the Lord

J.G. Walther

+Latecomers will be seated.

\*Those who are able may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Kama Jongerius, preaching; Rev. Kent Fry, David Ryder, Habeeb Awad (Arabic), Jeanette Beagley (Dutch), John Dykstra (German/Russian), John and Etta Hesselink (Japanese), Karen Holleman (Spanish), Victor Kanyi (Swahili), liturgists; Henry DuMez, Jon Hoffman, Elliot Husbands, Maddie Van Allsburg, Zoe Zuidema, scripture readers; Florence Van Der Wilk, 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.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Lars and Carol Granberg 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) Ken and Arloa Koning; (11:00) Phong, Dawn, John, and Tom Nguyen, Don Maatman, Kurt, Emily, Alex and Brian Knowles, Norm and Shirley Japinga; Ushers – Linda and Garret Jacobs, Jerry Mount; Deacons – (8:30) Jeff Beird, Jim Hensley; (11:00) Tom Ten Hoeve, Jim Vander Meer, Andy Mulder, Laura Halsey; Refreshment Servers – Joe, Heather, McKenna, Kyle, Nicholas, and Ryan Stam.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Ryan and Leslie Baker.

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

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|---|---------|-----------------------|---------|
| 3 year olds   | nursery | 4 & 5 year olds, K    | room 15 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> grades                    | room 6  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade | room 9  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> grade                                       | room 10 | 5 <sup>th</sup> grade | room 11 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , & 8 <sup>th</sup> 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 Virtuous Life; Next Week: The Spirit-Empowered 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. NEXT WEEK: "Dutch Pietism in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century" led by Carl Schroeder.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Children 4 years through 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

#### VESPER SERVICE

6:00 p.m. in the chapel

"Critical Issues – Global Health Crisis  
Surgery – the Mission Response"

Worship Leader: Harvey & Margaret Doorenbos

#### 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          |
| 6:00 p.m.  | Vesper Service            |
| 6:30 p.m.  | Pathfinders (High School) |

MONDAY

8:30 a.m. Gifts & Memorials Committee

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                |
|           | 1:30 p.m.  | Rachel Circle                            |
|           | 4:00 p.m.  | Worship Ministry Group                   |
|           | 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    |            |  |
|           | 7:00 a.m.  | S & A Ministry Group                     |
|           | 9:30 a.m.  | Play Group                               |
| SATURDAY  |            |  |
|           | 11:00 a.m. | Memorial Service for Lois Van Oosterhout |

### 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 Janet Tazelaar in the death of her sister-in-law, Lois Van Oosterhout, who died September 26. A service will be held in memory of Lois on Saturday, October 11 at 11:00 a.m.

SYMPATHY is extended to Milly and Lee Ten Brink in the death of Milly's brother-in-law, Howard Kiel, on September 27 in Sioux Center, Iowa.

SYMPATHY is extended to Gene Vander Well in the death of his wife, Joyce, on September 29.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital – Makayla Slater; Spectrum Hospital – P.J. Booi; Zeeland Hospital – Bill Kennedy. Hospice House – Mark Ver Hulst. Pray for – Bob Brinks, Bob Gallup, Roger Prins. Out of Town – Ann Romeyn, Tender Care of Wyoming, 2786 56<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Wyoming, MI 49418; Elisabeth Ten Zythoff (recovering from a broken hip) c/o Cora Latta, 6447 Franwood Terrace, Ft. Worth, TX 76112; Home – Jan Bosch, Andy Lampen, Gerry Tillema. In the Military – Mark South, Christine Loman, David Mummert, Tom Piaget.

### GENERAL ITEMS

Our fall hike will be held at Ottawa County Park, Hemlock Crossing, this afternoon 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 next 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](mailto:trc@macatawa.org), so he can prepare enough materials. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kent.

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. Sign up on the bulletin board at the west entrance for both orders (\$5.00 per package of 4

dumplings) and to volunteer or call Sunny Boeve, 392-9681, or Diana Marsilje, 335-3800.

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.

YOUNG HEARTS: The next Young Hearts (Senior Adults) will be Thursday, October 23 at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Price for the lunch is \$4.00. Nella and Bill Kennedy, Mimi Keller, and Jon and Dee Bechtel, who traveled to Turkey with Don Bruggink of Western Theological Seminary, will present the program "Turkey: Cradle of Christianity." Please make your reservations by calling the church office, 392-1459. Transportation is available on request.

CHILI SUPPER AND SQUARE DANCE: There will be an All-Church Chili Supper and Square Dance on Saturday, October 25. Supper will be at 6:00 p.m. and the Square Dance will begin at 7:00 p.m. Reservations are required. Sign up in the Gathering Place begins next Sunday, October 12 in the Gathering Place. Child care will be provided if requested.

FLU/PNEUMONIA VACCINE CLINIC will be held on Sunday, October 26 9:15-11:15 a.m. The cost for a flu shot is \$30.00. Be sure to wear short sleeves and to bring your Medicare card or a copy of it. Call your reservations in to the church office by Monday, October 20. Children must be 9 or older and accompanied by an adult.

The church office will temporarily be closing at 3:30 p.m. on Fridays, beginning this week.

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