

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 15, 2009

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

Intrada

John Marsh

VOTUM

SENTENCES *(responsively)*

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,

Restored me to life from among those gone down to the pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,

And give thanks to his holy name.

You have turned our mourning into dancing

and clothed us with joy.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns Psalms & Spiritual Songs 455*

All Creatures of Our God and King Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

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

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Dear Heavenly Father

We lower our heads before you

And we confess that we have

Too often forgotten that we are yours.

Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there were no God

And we fall short of being credible witnesses to you.

For these things we ask your forgiveness

And we also ask your strength.

Give us clear minds and open hearts

So that we may witness to you in our world.

Remind us to be who you would have us to be

Regardless of what we are doing or who we are with.

Hold us to you and build our relationship with you

And with those you have given us on earth. Amen.

RESPONSE *Sing! A New Creation 65*

Listen, **listen God is calling, through the Word inviting,**
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

RESPONSE *Sing! A New Creation* 77 (verse 1)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: I Corinthians 9:24-27

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This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: II Kings 5:1-14

p. 336

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*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Sing! A New Creation* 237

Crashing Waters at Creation

Tune: ARISE

SERMON

“Restored to be a Servant”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (*responsively*)

Who is this mediator true God and at the same time truly human and perfectly righteous?

Our Lord Jesus Christ, who was given to redeem us completely and to make us right with God.

Why is he called “Christ” meaning anointed?

Because he has been ordained by God the Father and anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who perfectly reveals to us the secret counsel of God for our redemption; our only high priest who has redeemed us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal King who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the redemption he has won for us.

How does baptism remind you and assure you that Christ’s one sacrifice on the cross is for you personally?

In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it gave the promise that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul’s impurity, in other words, all my sins.

What does it mean to be washed with the blood and Spirit of Christ?

It means to have forgiveness of sins from God, through grace, for the sake of Christ’s blood, which is shed for us in his sacrifice on the cross, and also to be renewed by the Holy Spirit and sanctified as members of Christ, so that we may more and more die unto sin and live in a consecrated and blameless way.

*HYMN *Sing! A New Creation* 238 (verse 3)

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

Tune: BEACH SPRING

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Paean

Colin Hand

ANTHEM

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands,

O sing praises to the honor of his name,

Make his praise to be glorious.

*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 *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 466
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Tune: AZMON

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Triumphant March

Christopher Tambling

+Latecomers will be seated.

*Those who are able may stand.

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

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.

Today is Fellowship Sunday. Please wear a nametag throughout the morning, so we are able to get to know one another better. Nametags can be found in the pew near the Friendship Folder.

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for **Third Sunday Pizza Lunch** following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

The flowers at the chancel today are given by Al and Jane Osman.

Receiving the sacrament of baptism this morning is Owen Brett Jian Holleman, son of Brett and Karen. We welcome him with joy into our covenant community.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Ruby Steketee and Dennis Gebben 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) Meridith Ridl, Kim McDonough; (11:00) Trygve and Kristen Johnson, Cal and Marilyn Rynbrandt, Bruce and Jane Reynolds; Ushers – Dennis and Nancy Gebben; Deacons – (8:30) Steve Bulthuis, Jeff Beird; (11:00) Jim Vander Meer, Tom Ten Hoeve, Jeff Voskuil, Rick Frens; Refreshment Servers – Tom and Joyce Bolhuis.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Jon and Deb Van Duinen.

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

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

LITTLE LAMBS: 3 year olds are invited to meet in room 14 at 9:40 a.m.

THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY ADULT EDUCATION CLASS is open to all and is experiential, participatory, and practical. Come and go as you are able. Meet in the Centennial Room downstairs.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 9:40-10:40 a.m., "Joy in Anxious Times!" led by Mark Walvoord in the chapel.

NEW MEMBER'S ORIENTATION, 9:40-10:40 a.m. in the office conference room. Please see Pastor Kent if you have questions or call him at 392-1459.

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.

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

Worship Leader: Lindsey De Kruijff, WTS Intern

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

	Newsletter Deadline
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
3:00 p.m.	Japanese Worship – Western Theological Seminary

	3:00 p.m.	Senior Singles at Herrick Library
	4:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir
	6:00 p.m.	Vesper Service
	6:30 p.m.	Pathfinders (High School)
MONDAY		
	3:00 p.m.	Monday Fun Day
	7:30 p.m.	Martha Circle at Marcia Floding's (1068 Cobblestone Rd.)
TUESDAY		
	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Personnel Committee
	5:45 p.m.	Parish Elders
	6:30 p.m.	AA 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
	4:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
	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		
	6:30 p.m.	AA Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Special Education Ministry
FRIDAY		
	9:30 a.m.	Playgroup
	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. Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.

SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Harold Van Dyke who died on February 6.

SYMPATHY is extended to Phyllis Mahy in the death of her sister, Evelyn Winn, in Taunton, England.

SYMPATHY is extended to Dennis and Nancy Gebben, Daniel Gebben, Katie, Craig, Josie, and Stella Kotowski, Kristin Gebben and Duncan Jackson, Kara, John, Will, and Lucy Green in the death of their mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Ada Ver Hulst, on February 12.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Kara Green has returned home from the hospital. Helen Voogd has returned home from Heartland of Holland. Pray for – Bob Brinks. The Inn – Jantina Holleman, Barbara Lampen, Carlyle Neckers, Marjorie Rottschafer, Dorothy Sheets, Crystal Teague, Marian Vande Bunte, Helen Walvoord. In the Military – Mark South, Christine Loman, Tom Piaget.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

If you ordered a DVD copy of the Children's Christmas program they are now available in the church office.

GENERAL ITEMS

COLLEGE STUDENTS: All college students are invited to have lunch at Third Reformed Church on

Sunday, March 1 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

THIRD SUNDAY FOR HUNGER: Non-perishable food and other necessities will be collected today for our monthly food drive. Donated items can be placed in the designated box in the Gathering place.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: There will be a Joint Ash Wednesday Service held at Third Reformed Church at 12:10 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25. Father Charlie Brown, from St. Francis, will give the message.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT: Need a winter getaway? Pack your bags and join us March 6-8. Your trip will start with friends on a comfortable chartered bus (\$20.00/person). You'll arrive at Timberwolf Lake Lodge with fireplaces blazing. You're welcomed and shown to your accommodations, with bedding and towels provided. Then you're invited to a gathering with live music and Mark Husbands speaking on "What shapes us?" After a snack, it's off to bed, because the next day there is lots to do. You can choose to go tubing, hiking, cross country ski, play in the gym or game room, participate in two book clubs with Mark Hiskes, or just relax. The day will end with more live entertainment and hanging out with friends. After brunch and a worship service, your final morning will be spent saying "goodbye" to some new friends, before the bus carries you home. All this food, lodging, and fun is \$100/adult, \$50/child (3-12), or family maximum of \$250. The adult guest lodge (for seniors) is \$150/person. We hope you come!

THIRD SENIOR SINGLES...Let's gather together this afternoon to enjoy a concert featuring The Panning Family at Herrick Library at 3:00 p.m. after which you're invited to Betty Balk's condo, 10962 Cranberry Ct., for a light supper. Even if you can't attend the concert please come for fellowship at Betty's. Questions call 772-2472.

THE WOMEN'S MINISTRIES general meeting for March 4, is the Lenten Brunch at 10:00 a.m. The theme for the program is "Celebrating Our Spiritual Journey." The Hope Reformed Church women will be our guests. Please make your reservation by February 25 by signing up in the church office or by calling the church, 392-1459. Come celebrate together!

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY GROUPS: Once more Lenten groups will meet at 6:00 p.m. Sundays at church, March 8-29, April 5 (skip Easter Sunday) and April 19. In addition, one group for parents with school age children will meet during the Sunday School hour, and one group will meet 6:00 p.m. at Freedom Village. We will use Indermark's "Gospelled Lives" for our guide. Register today in the Gathering Place.

Our congregation is seeking a Director of Children's Ministries. Qualified applicants will have experience in children's ministry, enthusiasm for nurturing the spiritual lives of children, and excellent communication and organizational skills. A degree in child development or education is preferable. The position is 27 hours per week. To request a job description, contact Rev. Kama Jongerius, Third Reformed Church, at 392-1459 or trc@macatawa.org. Submit resume by March 16, 2009.

ETHNIC POTLUCK AND VESPER SERVICE on February 22. The potluck will begin at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a family favorite food from your heritage to share. (Please have a label ready with the name and the main ingredients). Place settings, serving utensils, and drinks will be provided. The Vesper Service will begin at 6:00 p.m. Chris Tenpas will be sharing her experiences last month in the war-torn country of Sudan where she traveled with the New Community Project.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The church staff is looking for people willing to answer the phone during staff meeting time Tuesday mornings 9:00-10:30 a.m. If you are willing to help with this need please call Kristen at 392-1459.

HOPE ATHLETIC TRAINERS are collecting used wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, strollers and any other ambulatory aids in partnership with Wheels for the World, an organization that collects and distributes equipment to people with disabilities worldwide. If you have any of these and can bring them to the church this month for donation, it would be appreciated. We can also do a pick up at your home. Other items include: canes, manual exercise bikes, collapsible strollers, jogging strollers,

children's car seats, exercise equipment (mats, weights, tubing and balls). Please contact Meg Frens, 836-5243, or (frens@hope.edu) or Mark Faga at church if you have questions.

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