

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

April 26, 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.*

PRAISE TO THE RISEN CHRIST

PRELUDE

St. Fulbert

Malcolm Archer

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Joyful is the sound we make this morning!

For this day liberates us from doubt and fear.

Thankful is the song we sing!

For this day moves us past darkness and despair.

Hopeful is the prayer upon our lips!

For this day awakens in us long-awaited new life.

Jesus said, "Where two or more are gathered in my name,
I am there among them."

Christ lives here and now.

He is among us at this and every moment!

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 104

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Tune: HYMN TO JOY

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

WORDS OF WELCOME

Joyfully we welcome you into the body of Christ.

**Join with us as we give witness in the world
to the good news,**

For we are all one in Christ Jesus. Alleluia.

*SONG OF CELEBRATION *Sing! A New Creation* 274 (vs. 1 and 3)

If You and I Believe in Christ

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

PREPARING TO COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Almighty God,

**in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.**

**We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.**

**We overlook the poor and the hungry
and pass by those who mourn;**

**we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed
and indifferent to calls for peace;**

**we despise the weak
and abuse the earth you made.**

Forgive us, God of mercy.

**Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE I John 3:1-3

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE I John 1:7-11

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

THE GOOD NEWS OF THE RISEN LORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 3:12-19 p. 120

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:36b-48 p. 91

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 108

Christ Is Alive!

Tune: TRURO

SERMON "Easter Doubt and Belief"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

EASTER LIVES OF GRATITUDE

*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.**

*SONG OF AFFIRMATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 106

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (v. 2)

Tune: ALLELUIANO. 1

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

O Filii et Filiae

Christopher Tambling

ANTHEM

Jane M. Marshall

Awake, my heart, and render
To God thy sure defender,
Thy Maker, thy preserver,
A song of love and fervor.

Confirm my deeds and guide me:
My day, with thee beside me,
Beginning, middle, ending,
Will all be upward tending.

My heart shall be thy dwelling,
With joy and gladness swelling;
Thy word my nurture, given
To bring me on toward heaven.

—Paulus Gerhardt, translated by Winfred Douglas

*DOXOLOGY *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 592

Tune: OLD HUNDREDETH

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* 147

Christ Is Risen

Tune: W ZIOBLE LEZY

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lux Eoi

Andrew Moore

+Latecomers will be seated. *Those who are able may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; Carol Hoekenga, 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. Please join us in the Gathering Place for refreshments and fellowship after the worship service.

The flowers at the chancel today are given in memory of Clarence and Margaret Pott and Florence Vander Woude by Josie Cheney and family.

We joyfully welcome the following members into our Christian faith community this morning: Nathan and Elisabeth Bauman and baptized children, Leif and Hayden, Brad Bell, Lossing and Erin Coxeter, Marshall and Jacqueline Elzinga, Terry Kroll, and Ray and Jane Snyder. There will be a receiving line after the worship service where you may greet these new members.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Marilyn Brown and George Hunsberger 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) – Walt and Carol Seidelman; (11:00) – Don and Carol Triezenberg, Kurt, Emily, Alex, and Brian Knowles, Tony and Elly Muiderman; Ushers – Don and Lois Van Lare; Deacons – (8:30) Rick Frens, Jon Bechtel; (11:00) Jim Hensley, Andy Mulder, Jeff Voskuil, Scott Wolterink; Refreshment Servers – John and Eileen Nordstrom.

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

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, The Fry Sessions: “A Strategy for the Revitalization of a Local Congregation” led by Kent Fry, 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

We will elect Elders and Deacons, hear a State of the Church report, highlights of 2008, and receive information about various areas of church operation.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Matins Choir
9:15 a.m. Youth Choir
9:15 a.m. Reading & Drama Group
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Children’s Choir
4:15 p.m. Stephen Ministry Peer Support/Continuing Education
4:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
6:30 p.m. Pathfinders (H.S.)

MONDAY

3:00 p.m. Monday Fun Day
7:30 p.m. Women’s Ministries Program

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Easter Egg/Holy Treasure Team
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:15 a.m. Men’s Bible Study
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints
8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
6:45 p.m. Passages (H.S.)
7:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group

THURSDAY

6:30 p.m. AA Meeting

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. Property Team
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.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital – Ruth Sill. Gerry and Corky Tillema have moved to Park Atrium. Pray for – Bob Brinks. Lakeside Vista – Rosey Maatman, Roger Prins; Heartland of Holland – Elizabeth Bennett. Appledorn Living Center – Louise Brackett. In the Military – Mark South, Christine Loman, Tom Piaget.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

SIGN UP for our Rome: Paul and the Underground Church VBS today. We need lots of volunteers (see the job descriptions on the display) and there are registration forms available to sign up your children. We hope to see you there.

GENERAL ITEMS

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES are now available. Please pick up yours today from the literature table in the Gathering Place. If there is not one with your name on it please call Kristen in the church office so she can get one for you.

CROP WALK: Thank you to all who participated yesterday in the Holland/Zeeland Crop Walk. If you missed that event, you can still walk today at 1:30 p.m. at Beechwood Reformed Church. Food and money collected will make a difference in the lives of those in our community and around God's world.

The Women's Ministries meeting is tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. Recognizing the efforts of pastoral partners, and their importance, are special reasons for "Celebrating Pastoral Partners." Join in the celebration!

STEPHEN MINISTERS: There will be a Stephen Ministers Peer Support meeting at 4:15 p.m. this afternoon in the Centennial Room. At 5:00 p.m. Linda Jacobs will join us to present "Ministry During Difficult Economic Times."

Thank you to all who placed Easter lilies in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Now that they have bloomed, don't throw them away. If you drop them off at the door (parking lot, outside) we will place them in the garden at church. We will take tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils, too.

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation