

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17, 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.*

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD

PRELUDE

Sonata

D. Scarlatti

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song,

All: for God has done marvelous things.

**Males: God has remembered his steadfast love
and faithfulness to the house of Israel.**

**Females: All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.**

All: Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth;

Choir: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Males: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

All: the world and all that live in it.

Females: Let the floods clap their hands;

Choir: let the hills sing together for joy

at the presence of the Lord,

All: for God is coming to judge the earth.

*SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 218

New Songs of Celebration Render

Tune: RENDEZ À DIEU

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

**HE HAS REMEMBERED HIS FAITHFULNESS
IN THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

**Risen Christ, you are the vine;
apart from you we can do nothing.**

We live as if this were not true:

**we entwine ourselves in our business
rather than branching out toward others;
because we do not ground ourselves in you,
we wither.**

Lord Jesus, forgive us.

**Restore us to your abiding love,
that we may bear fruit worthy of our calling.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE John 15:16

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE I John 5:1-4

CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

RECOGNIZING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CELEBRATING YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM

Natalie Sleeth

Everywhere I go, the Lord is near me.

If I call upon him, he will hear me.

Never will I fear, for the Lord is near, everywhere I go.

In the dark of night should things alarm me,
Ever in his sight, no ill may harm me.
I will be of cheer, for the Lord is near everywhere I go.

He is with me day by day; he will be my strength and stay;
From his path I will not stray but follow in his way.

In the coming days of joy or sadness,
I will praise his name with songs of gladness.
For to me it's clear that the Lord is near, everywhere I go.

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

THE LORD HAS MADE KNOWN HIS VICOTRY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 10:44-48 p. 130

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:1-17 p. 109

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Sing! A New Creation 79*

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Tune: GOOD SOIL

SERMON "What Is Christianity?"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH HAVE SEEN THE GLORY OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 32

But why are you called a Christian? *(responsively)*

**Because by faith I am a member of Christ
and so I share in his anointing.**

**I am anointed
to confess his name,
to present myself to him as a living sacrifice
of thanks,
to strive with a good conscience against sin
and the devil in this life,
and afterward to reign with Christ
over all creation
for all eternity.**

*SONG OF AFFIRMATION *Sing! A New Creation 274 (v. 1)*

**If you and I believe in Christ and we together pray,
the Holy Spirit will come down and set God's people free,
and set God's people free, and set God's people free;
the Holy Spirit will come down and set God's people free.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Be Thou MY Vision

M. Mier

*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* 543

Abide with Me

Tune: EVENTIDE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude in D Minor

J. S. Bach

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

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; Hava Jongerius Zuidema, prayer for illumination; Youth Choir; Karen Stam, piano; Mary Van Voorst, director; 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. 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 Marian Vande Bunte in memory of her parents, Dick and Emma Vande Bunte.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Jane Dykstra and Alan Beagley 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) – Rick and Jane Vandervelde; (11:00) – Jason, Adriann, Jillian, and Miles Divozzo, El and Jill Slenk, Arlene Barton, Alma Holkeboer; Ushers – Joe and Fran Hall; Deacons – (8:30) Jon Rietberg, Jon Bechtel; (11:00) Bekah Schipper, Tom Ten Hoeve, Jim Vander Meer, Lynne Bonnette; Refreshment Servers – Kathy and Fred Van Tubbergen.

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

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 Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne” led by Gene Heideman in the chapel.

TODAY is the last day for all education classes.

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
“Japanese Christian Ministry in West Michigan”
Worship Leaders: Andy Nakajima

THIS WEEK May 17-22

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
- 12:15 p.m. Pizza Lunch
- 3:00 p.m. Japanese Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Vesper Service

MONDAY

- 7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle at Jane Hunter’s
(3283 Westbury Ct.)
- 7:00 p.m. Martha Circle

TUESDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Women’s Ministries Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Elders’ Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Women’s Softball Game at South Olive.

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. Passages (H.S.)

THURSDAY

- 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting

FRIDAY

- 9:30 a.m. Playgroup

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 Marian Vande Bunte in the death of her brother-in-law, Leon Wiersema, on May 7.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital – Gerry Tillema, Nathan Bauman. Pray for – Bob Brinks, Bill Segrist. Out of Town – Ann Romeyn, 2380 Aurora Ponds Dr. SW #322, Wyoming, MI 49519; Elisabeth Ten Zythoff, 6447 Franwood Terrace, Fort Worth, TX 76112; Home – Jan Bosch, Gerry & Corky Tillema. 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 and there are registration forms available to

sign up your children. We hope to see you there.

GENERAL ITEMS

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Summer services will begin on **Sunday, May 24** with one worship service at 10:00 a.m.

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.

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: Today is our Dedication Sunday for the Crop Walk contributions that you have received. Please bring your completed envelopes to the front of the sanctuary when called upon to do so. Thank you for your efforts to show your support for this worthwhile cause.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD OFFERING OF LETTERS: You are invited to stop at the tables in the Gathering Place and participate in Bread for the World's Offering of letters. The focus of this year's campaign is to better coordinate U.S. foreign assistance. Please plan to stop by the tables, sign some letters and help advocate that our national resources be used to ensure that all may have enough.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES: Let's reminisce together Saturday, May 30, 2:00 p.m., at the Women's Ministries' Tea – special food, special music, and some shared special memories. Make your reservation with your circle chair or in the church office by Monday, May 18. Come celebrate!

YOUNG HEARTS: The next Young Hearts luncheon is Thursday, May 28 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. There is no charge for lunch (provided by Fellowship Committee). Ross Lumir, Director of Lumir Corporation, will present "Old Holland vs. New Holland." Transportation is available on request. Please make your reservations by calling the church office, 392-1459, by Tuesday, May 26.

COMMUNITY GARDEN: If you are interested in being a part of the Community Garden, there are still a few more plots open. Contact Jon Van Duinen at vrienduinen@gmail.com or 392-3578.

NEWLY ELECTED Elders and Deacons will be ordained and installed on Sunday, May 31. Elected were: Program Elder – Ron Hartgerink, Jerry Mount; Parish Elder – Carol Doezema, Matt Floding, Carl Schroeder, Ruth Sill, Betty Voskuil, Chris Walvoord; Deacons – Tom Bos, Carl Heideman, Marj Hoekstra, Karen Holleman, and Morrie Peterson. The Nomination Committee will continue to look for three more Parish Elders to complete the roster.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION: On Sunday, June 7 there will be a brief meeting in the library at 11:15 a.m. to schedule a time for new members' orientation. Those worshipping with us and visiting who would like to explore membership are invited to attend. Pastor Kent will lead the orientation.

RECYCLE your old electronics (anything with a cord or that takes batteries) on Saturday, May 23 at Peace Lutheran Church, 389 James St. from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Your items will be recycled by Comprenew, a division of Worldwide Christian Schools. The mission of Comprenew is to inspire local communities to live and work in a sustainable manner. So, help yourself, your community and your

neighbors on May 23 by recycling.

General Synod is requesting prayer coverage during Synod June 5-9. They need prayer intercessors at De Vos Center, prayer table hosts, and prayer walkers, various times are available. Anyone interested please call Jane Dykstra, 393-2000. You do **not** need to a member of the prayer team to participate.

A group from the Holland area will be traveling with The Haiti Foundation Against Poverty. The foundation mainly serves the area of Port-au-Prince and provides food distribution, schools, orphanages and medical clinics. There will be a container in the Gathering Place to collect needed items to be taken with them: antibacterial hand soap, toothpaste, deodorant, children's vitamins with iron, hydrocortisone cream or ointment, Lotrimin 1% cream (for skin ring worm), latex gloves, boy's black belts for uniforms (size small), new children's underwear (small sizes), new children's white socks, umbrellas, and rice.

Looking for a volunteer opportunity? Holland Hospital's home meal delivery program is in need of people to deliver home meals at lunch time on the south side of town. It only takes a few minutes of time for a lot of gratification! We are in need of noon meal drivers on various days throughout the week. If interested, please call the Volunteer office at 394-3140 or 394-3372.

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