

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23, 2009

10:00 a.m.

*Let the first note of the prelude be a call for
personal meditation in preparation for worship.*

PRAISE THE LORD

PRELUDE

Choral

Joseph Jongen

INTROIT

arr. by Richard Walters

Come, thou fount of every blessing. Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy never ceasing. Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.
Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness like a fetter bind my wandering heart to Thee;
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart. O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise the Lord, sun, moon, and all shining stars!

**Praise the Lord, you highest heavens
and you waters above the heavens!**

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Rulers of the earth and all people!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

—from Psalm 148

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 473

For the Beauty of the Earth

Tune: DIX

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

CONFESS TO THE LORD

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(responsively)*

Lord, you said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

Forgive us our lukewarm love and our disobedience.

Lord, you said, "You may ask for anything in my name."

Forgive us when we think we need to solve our own problems.

Lord, you said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled
and do not be afraid."

**We confess that our lives are often consumed
by worry and anxiety.**

Lord, you said, "If you remain in me and I in you,
you will bear much fruit."

Forgive us our barren lives, Lord.

Lord, you said, "You must testify, for you have been with me."

We confess, Lord, that we have been too often silent.

Lord, you said, "Love each other as I have loved you."

**In this and in so many other ways,
we confess our failures and shortcomings. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*responsively*)

We have been made holy
through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**This is God's gospel promise:
to forgive our sins and give us eternal life
by grace alone
because of Christ's one sacrifice
finished on the cross.**

—Hebrews 10:10, NIV; Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 66

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE Joshua 24:14-18

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

LISTEN TO THE LORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: *Sing! A New Creation* 255 Psalm 34

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Ephesians 5:21-6:9 p. 195

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 358

Help Us Accept Each Other Tune: BARONITA

SERMON "More Than Subjection"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

RESPOND TO THE LORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Our Song of Hope* stanzas 1 & 2 (*in unison*)

**We are a people of hope
waiting for the return of our Lord.**

**God has come to us
through the ancient people of Israel,
as the true Son of God, Jesus of Nazareth,
as the Holy Spirit at work in our world.**

**Our Lord speaks to us now through the inspired Scriptures.
Christ is with us day by day.**

**We know Christ to be our only hope.
We have enmeshed our world in a realm of sin,
rebelled against God,
accepted inhuman oppression of humanity,
and even crucified God's son.**

**God's world has been trapped by our fall,
governments entangled by human pride,
and nature polluted by human greed.**

RESPONSE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 323

Loving Spirit

Tune: OMNI DIE

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SOLO

arr. by William Cutter

Ride on, King Jesus! No man can hinder me.
For He is King of kings, and He is Lord of lords.
O Jesus Christ, the first and last, no man works like Him.
King Jesus rides a milk white horse, no man works like Him!
The river of Jordan He did cross, no man works like Him.
King Jesus rides in the middle of the air, no man works like Him.
He calls the saints from everywhere, no man works like Him.

*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* 438

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Tune: DENNIS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festival Voluntary

Flor Peeters

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

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist;
Sue Hutchinson, prayer of illumination; Sarah Ashcroft, soloist; 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 by Esther Vande Bunte in memory of her mother, Martha Versendaal, and her sisters, Ruth Vande Berg and Martha Van Der Meulen.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Carol Segrist and Reno Lamania will be available to pray with you following today's worship service. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer following the service (located in the south hallway on the main level).

ASSISTING TODAY: Greeters – Tom and Jane Bos, Deb Kraai, Betty Balk, Del and Eleanor Van Dyke; Ushers – Bill and Nella Kennedy; Deacons – Jon Rietberg, Karen Holleman, Jim Hensley, Bekah Schipper; Refreshment Servers – Tom and Marilyn Norman.

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

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Children 4 years through 2nd grade will be ushered from the sanctuary during the worship service to continue our summer series, Living in Mission Everywhere, in room 7. This week Nate and Bekah Schipper and Olivia Husbands and Emily Knowles will give a lesson on Africa.

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers
4:30 p.m. Advent Planning Team

THURSDAY

6:30 p.m. AA Meeting

FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. Newsletter Assembly

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: Pray for – Leslie Piaget, Jan Bosch, Bob Brinks, Ruth Ter Beek. Resthaven Care Center – Alma Kuiper, Arnolda Otting, Joe Otting; Maple Woods – Vesta Speet. In the Military – Sam Bonnette, Mark South, Christine Loman.

GENERAL ITEMS

PIG ROAST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The annual pig roast with St. Francis will be on Wednesday, September 2, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We need people to assist with greeting, serving food, making desserts, children's activities and clean up. Please stop by the table in the Gathering Place for more information.

This year's study books for Women's Ministries Circles are now available for you on a table in the Gathering Place. Please use the attached envelope to make your donation toward the cost.

BAKERS WANTED: It's that time again! Orders for this school year are arriving daily! We have 40+ cakes for September. Please see Sandy Stielstra at the Birthday table in the Gathering Place.

The Board of Women's Ministries is planning a Garden Retreat for the afternoon of Thursday, September 10. (The rain date is Thursday, September 17.) This event that is designed to enhance faith, appreciate nature, and enjoy Christian friendships will take place at 2:00 p.m. at 1081 W. 27th St. in the Osmans' garden. Transportation will be provided as requested.

The Third Reformed Church picnic has been planned for September 13 this year. As an option for those of you who enjoy a veggie choice, the Fellowship Committee will make available a vegetarian meal. To place your order, please call the church office, 392-1459, by September 8.

THE CHURCH STAFF: full time

Senior Pastor	Kent Fry
Minister of Congregational Life	Kama Jongerius
Secretary	Kristen Beckner
Youth Director	Nate Schipper
Custodian	Mark Faga

THE CHURCH STAFF: part-time

Calling Pastor	William Unzicker
Director of Children's Ministries	Joyce Fry
Minister of Music	Linda K. Strouf
Treasurer/Interim Administrator	Harvey J. Buter
Young Disciples Director	Michelle Millen
Children's Choir Director	Mary Van Voorst
Nursery Attendants	Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman
Seminary Interns	Lindsey De Kruif, David Ryder
Coordinator of Congregational Care	Delores Bechtel
Recording Treasurer	Delwyn Van Dyke
Church Records Administrator	Elton J. Bruins
Custodial Assistant	Tim Hoffman
Kitchen Coordinator	Judy Bosch
Minister of Music Emeritus	Roger J. Rietberg

THE CONSISTORY

PROGRAM ELDERS

Jerry Bakker	Kristen Johnson
Lorna Cook	John Lunn
Greg Dykhouse	Jerry Mount
Ron Hartgerink	Cal Rynbrandt

PARISH ELDERS

Kathy Miedema (1)	Lynne Caskey (13)
Chris Walvoord (2)	Ruth Sill (14)
Peg Van Grouw (3)	Ella Weymon (15)
Marilyn Norman (4)	Martin Keller (16)
Matt Floding (5)	Jeff Maatman (17)
Jane Dykstra (6)	Alan Beagley (18)
Tom Ter Haar (7)	(19)
Marilyn Brown (8)	Ruby Steketee (20)
Betty Balk (9)	Carl Schroeder (21)
Carol Cox (10)	Barb Moreau (22)
Elly Muiderman (11)	Carol Doezema (23)
Betty Voskuil (12)	Kate Bolt (24)

DEACONS

Jon Bechtel	Morrie Peterson
Tom Bos	Jon Rietberg
Rick Frens	Bekah Schipper
Carl Heideman	Tom Ten Hoeve
Jim Hensley	Jim Vander Meer
Marj Hoekstra	Jeff Voskuil
Karen Holleman	Scott Wolterink
Andy Mulder	

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