

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 30, 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 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind arr. by Paul S. Jones

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Come into my house and worship, says our God.

Happy are those who feel at home in God's house.

Come into my presence and be at peace, says our God.

Happy are those who enjoy God's gift of serenity.

Come and let your life be joined to mine, says our God.

Happy are those who abide in God's love.

Come and be God's honored guest,
for all are welcome in God's house.

Happy are we, the dearly loved of a faithful God.

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 207

How Lovely, Lord

Tune: MERLE'S TUNE

*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

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Lord, it's hard to be a Christian.

Even here, in Holland, Michigan.

We chicken out.

**We complain about the world and its problems,
but most of the time we run away and hide instead of
speaking the truth in love,**

**putting into practice our creed, or
remaining unaffected by criticism.**

Help us to stand firm and to be strong in you.

Let our eyes look to you

for our help and

for our call.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE

Ephesians 6:10-11

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

LISTEN TO THE LORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON: John 6:56-69

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 307

Fight the Good Fight

Tune: DUKE STREET

SERMON “Dressing More Than Casual or Formal:
Putting on the Armor of God”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

RESPOND TO THE LORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (*responsively*)

What do you believe about the church of Christ?

We believe and confess

**one single catholic or universal church—
a holy congregation and gathering
of true Christian believers.**

How is this church preserved?

**This holy church is preserved by God
against the rage of the whole world,
even though for a time
it may appear very small
in the eyes of humankind—
as though it were snuffed out.**

How big is this church?

**This holy church is not confined,
bound or limited to a certain place or certain persons.
But it is spread and dispersed
throughout the entire world,
though still joined and united
in heart and will,
in one and the same Spirit,
by the power of faith.**

—based on Belgic Confession, Art. 27

RESPONSE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 443

O Christ, the Great Foundation (vs. 1 & 3)

Tune: AURELIA

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Melodie from *Orpheus and Euridice* Gluck/Kreisler

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

Tune: OLDHUNDREDTH

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* 447

Lead On, O King Eternal

Tune: LANCASHIRE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sortie

Robert Fielding

+Latecomers will be seated.

*Those who are able may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; Russ Dykstra, prayer of illumination; Jennifer Walvoord, violin; Andrew Le, piano; 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 Margaret Pott by John and Sue Hutchinson.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Cindy Hiskes and Tom Ter Haar 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 – Joe and Fran Hall, Ray and Jane Snyder, Gene, Mary, and Ruth Heideman; Ushers – John, Kara, Will, and Lucy Green; Deacons – Andy Mulder, Scott Wolterink, Carl Heideman, Jon Bechtel; Refreshment Servers – John, Jenny, Peter, Luke, and Elly Ruiters.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Rick and Meg Frens.

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 Joyce Fry will give a lesson on Volunteer Services.

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

5:00 p.m. Pig Roast/Block Party

THURSDAY

6:30 p.m. Decoration's Team

6:30 p.m. AA Meeting

FRIDAY

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 – Barb Feenstra. Pray for – Leslie Piaget, Jan Bosch, Bob Brinks, Ruth Ter Beek. The Inn – Jantina Holleman, Marjorie Rottschafer, Dorothy Sheets, Crystal Teague. In the Military – Sam Bonnette, Mark South, Christine Loman.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

DECORATION TEAM: This fall, we will be continuing our “Roman” Vacation Bible School theme on the “Underground Church” in our children’s education area. Everyone is invited to join us this Thursday, September 3 at 6:30 p.m., as we prepare and decorate the children’s education area with a “Roman” décor. With many hands, Rome can be built in a day! Questions, please contact Joyce Fry at 392-1459 or joycefry@trcholland.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF will be Sunday, September 13. Worship will be in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. Third graders will be given their Bibles during the service. Everyone is invited to the picnic, on the church lawn, following the service.

GENERAL ITEMS

PIG ROAST/BLOCK PARTY

Everyone is invited to the Pig Roast/Block Party on Wednesday, September 2 at 5:00 p.m. in the parking lot.

Dinner will include: pig roast, hotdogs, potato salad, chips, baked beans, and watermelon.

There will games and prizes for children.

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE: Sunday, September 20 we will return to two services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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.

Copies of the September/October edition of the *Upper Room* are in the literature racks in the narthex and Gathering Place. Please take a copy when leave worship today.

KERYGMA BIBLE STUDY CLASS: “Discovering the Bible” will be offered this year during Sunday education hour. This overview of the Bible requires homework and a commitment to regular attendance. Facilitators: Kate Davelaar (Hope College chaplain), Lindsey De Kruif, and Andrew Mead (Western Seminary interns). For more information

see the September newsletter or call Pastor Kama.

The newly combined Hannah/Elizabeth Circle will meet Tuesday, September 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the library. Our new study of “Joshua” will begin. New members are welcome.

SUNRISE SAINTS: We will begin our full program on September 9. We meet at 6:30 on Wednesday mornings with a simple breakfast, book discussion, and prayer. All men are invited to join us. We will be discussing the book *Less Than Two Dollars a Day, a Christian View of World Poverty and the Free Market* by Kent A. Van Til. For our first meeting we will be studying pages 1-11. In order to restock our pantry all men are asked to bring a box of cereal to the first meeting. If you have any questions call Bill Unzicker (335-9559) or Elton Bruins (396-5809).

CHOIRS: High School-Adult are invited to join the Sanctuary Choir which begins rehearsal on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:45 p.m. The Sanctuary Choir sings weekly in the 11:00 a.m. service beginning September 20. Matins Choir, which sings weekly at the 8:30 a.m. service, begins Sunday, September 20 with rehearsal beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the choir room (room 4).

The Classis of Holland invites the congregation to attend the Ordination and Commissioning Service of Tracy Van Opstall. The service will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 7:00 p.m. at Roe Park Reformed Church (14241 Rose Park Dr.). Tracy is a licensed candidate for ministry within the Classis and has accepted the invitation from Rose Park Reformed Church to join the staff as one of its pastors.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 13

following the 10:00 a.m. service

Suggested Donations: \$7.00 per adult

Children free

As an option for those of you who want a veggie choice, the Fellowship Committee will make available a vegetarian meal. To place your order, please call the church office, 392-1459,

by this Friday, September 4.

Bring lawn chairs and blankets!

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are wired with an Induction Hearing Loop

A Stephen Ministry Congregation