

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 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

Concerto

Telemann

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing his praises to my God while I have my being.

**Put not your trust in rulers, not in any child of earth,
for there is no help in them.**

When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.

**Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!
whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;

**who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.**

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

the Lord loves the righteous

and cares for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow,

but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**All: The Lord shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.**

Hallelujah!

—Psalm 146

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 466

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Tune: AZMON

*SHARING THE PEACE OF 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*)

Lord Jesus Christ, you came to serve.

**As you came to a blind man and gave him sight,
come to us in our darkness**

and show us the things we cannot see.

**As you came to a man tormented in his mind
and gave him peace and healing,**

come to us in our tensions and make us whole.

As you came to Lazarus, who was dead,

and brought him from the grave,

**come to us in our deadness and bring us to real life
now with our living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, you came not to be served but to serve.
But we see life the other way round:
to get where we do not give,
to exploit whom we have not helped,
to use what we have not earned.
As you came to a dying thief and promised him paradise,
come to us now in forgiveness and give us hope.
In your name, Lord, we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE James 2:1-17

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

PROCLAMATION OF GOD IN WORD AND SACRAMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 35:4-7 p. 663
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 7:24-37 p. 42
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 380
O Christ, the Healer Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR

SERMON "Ephphatha: Be Open"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (*in unison*)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves
and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the church.
The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples
to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of people long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, strong and faithful God...
we sing the ageless hymn of your glory:
(sung) **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Together we proclaim the mystery of faith
(sung) **Christ has died. Christ is risen.**
Christ will come again.

PREPARING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION

(Please join in singing *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 514
"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" as the bread is passed.)

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION *(responsively)*

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.
The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor requite us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
so far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
As a father pities his children,
so the Lord pities those who fear him.
Who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, and will
also give us all things with him.
**Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of
the Lord, from this time forth forevermore. Amen.**

—Psalm 103

EMPOWERED BY THE LORD

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Ich will auf den Herren schaun J. S. Bach

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

Tune: OLDHUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF 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 *Sing! A New Creation* 294
Go to the World!

Tune: ENGELBERG

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE The Emperor's Fanfare Antonio Soler

+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; Sarah Southard, oboe; 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 Bill and Margaret Thurber to the glory of God and in gratitude of his many blessings.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others Marilyn Norman and Alan Beagley 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 – Cal and Marilyn Rynbrandt, Frank and Coiene Smith, Arlene Barton, Marilynn Lantay; Ushers – Andrew Le and Jennifer Walvoord; Deacons – Jeff Voskuil, Jim Vander Meer, Rick Frens, Tom Bos; Refreshment Servers – Carl and Lucille Schroeder.

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

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Children 4 years through 2nd grade will be ushered from the sanctuary during the worship service to conclude our summer series, Living in Mission Everywhere, in room 7.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

3:00 p.m. Japanese Worship – WTS

MONDAY

Church Office Closed

TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
9:30 a.m. Hannah/Elizabeth Circles
3:30 p.m. Advent Planning 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
1:30 p.m. Rachel Circle
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY

2:00 p.m. Women's Ministries Garden Party at Osmans'
(1081 W. 27th St.)
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting
7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry Orientation

FRIDAY

- 7:00 a.m. S & A Ministry Group
- 8:30 a.m. Gifts & Memorials Committee
- 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.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Joe Otting has returned to Resthaven Care Center from the hospital. Pray for – Leslie Piaget, Jan Bosch (now at Hospice House), Bob Brinks, Ruth Ter Beek. Out of Town – Ann Romeyn, 2380 Aurora Ponds Dr. #322, Wyoming, MI 49519; Elisabeth Ten Zythoff, 6447 Franwood Terrace, Fort Worth, TX 76112; Royal Park Atrium – Gerry and Corky Tillema; Home – Alma Van Lente. In the Military – Sam Bonnette, Mark South, Christine Loman.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

TASC: Third's After Supper Club will begin Wednesday, September 16. Dinner will start at 5:45 p.m., 6:15 games/singing, 6:30 classes for all ages. Adult offerings will include: L.I.F.T. book study facilitated by Jane Dykstra; Sermon Text Study facilitated by David Ryder; Knitting Ministry; and Sanctuary Choir (which begins at 6:45 p.m.)

YOUNG DISCIPLES, for children 3rd-5th grades, will begin meeting on Sunday, September 20 during the 8:30 a.m. service.

COUCHES NEEDED: We are creating a more casual space in one of the classrooms downstairs and we are in need of some gently used furniture! If you are willing to donate some of yours please contact the church office or Nate. Thanks for your consideration.

GENERAL ITEMS

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

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. Please sign up in the Gathering Place today or call the church office.

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).

Want to share in a special treat? What's for Dinner? is Friday, September 25. Take this opportunity to become better acquainted with each other in the personal setting of your host's home. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy! Sign up this morning in the Gathering Place.

PERSONAL PHARMACEUTICAL COLLECTION on Saturday, September 26 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 12251 James St. (the Health Department building) or you can bring them to the church office by Friday, September 25. Being collected are: prescriptions (includes "controlled substances"), medicated ointments and lotions, over-the-counter medications, inhalers, vitamins, or veterinary medications. Call Janet Rund, 269-857-7747, for more information.

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.

Married Couples of all ages-committed to continued growth and joy in their relationships! You are invited on trip November 13-15. The accommodations include 2 nights, 5 meals, and Sunday worship at the Geneva Retreat Center in Holland, MI. The highlight of the journey is discovery and adventure in an area of your life that is special to you – your relationship. Make your reservations soon. Go to www.reformedme.org or contact Jim and Kathy Molenkamp at 616-538-2749 or Michigan_registration@reformedme.org.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC
Sunday, September 13
following the 10:00 a.m. service
Suggested Donations: \$7.00 per adult
Children free

Bring lawn chairs and blankets!

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