

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 13, 2009

10:00 a.m.

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

COMING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

MUSIC AND VIDEO FROM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

We are on a journey of faith.

We follow Jesus Christ.

We live in gratitude and joy

because we follow Jesus Christ.

We live in confession and forgiveness

because we follow Jesus Christ.

We live in worship and service

because we follow Jesus Christ.

We live with courage to grow and change

because we follow Jesus Christ.

Alleluia! Amen.

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE

Tune: HYMN TO JOY

Christ has called us to new visions

Here to celebrate and praise,

Here confess our old divisions, here our peace petitions raise.

Come repentant, come forgiving,

Come in joy and hope and prayer.

Christ, once crucified, now living,

bids us faith and love to share.

As we listen to each other, as we speak in joy and pain,

We become as sister, brother, reconciled, at once again.

Only thus in work and feeling for our neighbor far or near

Can we worship God revealing gifts of grace among us here.

Christ still calls us, young and aging,

Men and women, bound and free,

Colors, talents, thoughts engaging, joined in one community.

Christ remolding, healing, leading,

Sins forgiven! Life restored

Let us live, God's justice heeding,

Strengthened by our risen Lord. CCLI # 1186381

*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 *(responsively)*

Holy God, Maker of all,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, Son of God,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, Breath of life,

Have mercy on us.

Let us in silence remember our own faults and failings.

(silence)

**In the community of Christ's church
And in the presence of all God's people,
We confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved God,
cared for God's world,
or respected God's people as we should.
We own our responsibility and pray for God's pardon. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Romans 8:1

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE John 13:34

THIRD GRADER'S RECEIVE BIBLES

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Proverbs 1:7, 20-33 p. 584
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 8:34-38 p. 44
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION Tune: ST. ANNE

**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:**

**A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**

**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.**

SERMON "The Fear of the Lord Is the Beginning of Wisdom"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 1
What is your only comfort in life and death? *(responsively)*
**That I am not my own,
but belong—
body and soul,
in life and death—
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

VOCAL SOLO

*DOXOLOGY Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creature here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

INTRODUCTION OF TEACHERS AND LEADERS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

**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

Tune: HOUSTON

**I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world;
The star of my life is Jesus.**

Refrain

*In him there is no darkness at all;
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God;
shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

**I'm looking for the coming Christ; I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus.**

Refrain

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, Martha Holland-Anderson, liturgists; Alex Faga, Josey Beird, scripture readers; Sharon Arendshorst, prayer of illumination; Lauren Gras, 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 on the church lawn following the service for a picnic.

The flowers today are given Esther Vande Bunte in memory of her husband, Richard Vande Bunte, and his mother, Vera Hintz.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others Wendell and Renske Karsen 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: Deacons – Jeff Voskuil, Karen Holleman, Jim Hensley, Carl Heideman.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Jon and Deb Van Duinen.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

11:15 a.m. Church Picnic
5:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Polishing Party

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle at Barb Mummert's - 743 Larkwood

TUESDAY

Newsletter Deadline

8:00 a.m. Ruth Circle at Sunny Boeve's - 308 Foxcroft Circle

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

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

5:45 p.m. TASC Dinner

6:30 p.m. TASC Classes

6:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group

6:30 p.m. Passage (High School)

6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY

6:30 p.m. AA Meeting

7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry

FRIDAY

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.

SYMPATHY is extended to Sue Bosch in the death of her husband, Jan Bosch, on September 8.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital – Don Frego. Betty Van Wyngarden and Eli Ryder have returned home from the hospital. Pray for – Bob Brinks, Leslie Piaget, Ruth Ter Beek. Lakeside Vista – Rosey Maatman, Roger Prins; Heartland of Holland – Elizabeth Bennett; Appledorn Living Center – Louise Brackett, Florence Van Der Wilk. In the Military – Sam Bonnette, Mark South, Christine Loman.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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.)

MIDDLE SCHOOL DAY RETREAT: Get ready for an exciting day with the youth group on Saturday, September 26. We will leave from the church at 1:30 p.m. (eat lunch before you come) and head to Saugatuck for some kayaking and dinner. Make sure you turn in your health form before you go. Cost is \$25.00.

Willing to prepare snacks? The Middle School Youth Group is looking for volunteers to help bring a snack once a semester to youth group. If you are willing please contact Nate Schipper at 392-1459 or nate@trcholland.org.

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.

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

GENERAL ITEMS

THIRD SUNDAY PIZZA LUNCH will be next Sunday, September 20 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

THIRD SUNDAY FOR HUNGER: Next Sunday, September 20 non-perishable food and other necessities will be collected for our monthly food drive. Donated items can be placed in the designated box in the Gathering place.

Remember that some members have severe allergic reactions to perfume. Please refrain from using perfume or other scented cosmetics when you know you will be sitting in a large group. Thank you.

TAPE DELIVERERS: There will not be a tape made of today's service. There will be bulletins in the library tomorrow if you would like to take your shut-in a copy.

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

ALL ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES begin next Sunday, September 20 at 9:40 a.m. Offerings include: Kerygma Bible Study "Discovering the Bible", Spiritual Formation Class, and the Lecture Series "Humor and the Christian Life" will be presented by Robert Van Voorst. For more information on any of these classes please call Pastor Kama, 392-1459.

VESPER SERVICES will begin next Sunday, September 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel. "Encountering the Christians of Southern India and Prayers for Western Theological Seminary" will be presented by Lorene Duin.

CAKE BOXES have arrived. They are in the kitchen and available for use in delivering cakes to Hope College students. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

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.

PARENTS: Help us keep in touch with our college students and other away from home young people by calling the church office, 392-1459, or e-mailing, trc@macatawa.org, with their address. Your help is appreciated.

APPLE PICKING Sunday, September 27—2:00 p.m. at the Dutch Farm Market 196 and 109th Ave. (Exit 26) Pullman Exit. Come join Third Reformed Church members and friends for a horse drawn wagon ride into the orchard to pick a variety of apples. To help get into the spirit, donut holes, and cider will be served. The Dutch Farm Market store has a variety of vegetables, fruits, flowers, pumpkins, ice cream, fresh pies, and gifts. Please sign up in the Gathering Place. All ages, relatives, friends, and neighbors are welcome.

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 by noon. 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.

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