

FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20, 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.*

COMING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

St. Anne

arr. by Alfred V. Fedak

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Draw near to God, as God comes near to us.

We will say "yes" to God's presence.

Hear the wisdom of the Spirit, and live in peace.

We will say "yes" to the working of the Spirit.

Live with gentleness, full of mercy.

We will say "yes" to one another, living together in grace.

Let God work in you! Let us worship God together.

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns Psalms & Spiritual Songs 263*

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise Tune: ST. DENIO

*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)*

God of all people,

We confess that we crave recognition and praise.

**We are competitive in our work, at school, at church,
even at home.**

We want to win. We want to be the greatest.

**Jesus said. "Whoever wants to be first must be last
and servant of all."**

God of radical love, help us to hear our Lord's voice.

Forgive our selfish desires.

Help us to encourage others and give you the glory.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE *Sing! A New Creation 85*

PROFESSION OF FAITH (11:00)

WORDS OF WELCOME *(responsively)*

Joyfully we receive you.

**Join with us as we give witness in the world
to the good news,**

For we are all one in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia.

*SONG OF CELEBRATION *Sing! A New Creation 215*

Take, O Take Me As I Am

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 11:18-20 p. 713

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 9:30-37 p. 45

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Sing! A New Creation* 172
Faith Begins by Letting Go Tune: LUX PRIMA

SERMON "Not What We Had Planned"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 28
How does the knowledge *(responsively)*
of God's creation and providence help us?

**We can be patient when things go against us,
thankful when things go well,
and for the future we can have
good confidence in our faithful God and Father
that nothing will separate us from his love.
All creatures are so completely in his hand
that without his will
they can neither move nor be moved.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM Swedish folk tune arr. by Paul Sjolund
Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge ever was given.
God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
In his mighty arms he bears them.
Praise the Lord in joyful numbers, your protector never slumbers;
At the will of your Defender every foeman must surrender.
Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children never forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.
—Carolina V. Sandell Berg

*DOXOLOGY Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

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 *Hymns Psalms & Spiritual Songs* 427
Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service
Alternate Tune: NETTLETON

*BENEDICTION

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

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgists; Kathleen Verduin, prayer of illumination; Matins Choir; Sanctuary Choir; 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 Fellowship Hall for **Third Sunday Pizza Lunch** following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

The flowers at the chancel today are given by Al and Jane Osman.

We joyfully welcome Grace Olson into our Christian faith community this morning. There will be a receiving line after the worship service where you may greet her.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others Jane Dykstra 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 (8:30) – Al and Jane Osman; (11:00) – Mosterd Family, Emily Lievense, Marcia Forsman, Dykhouse Family; Ushers – Janet and Austin Rund; Deacons – (8:30) Jon Bechtel, Carl Heideman (11:00) Morrie Peterson, Jim Vander Meer, Jim Hensley, Tom Bos; Refreshment Servers – Gayle and Paula Wilson.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Dan and Kate Bolt.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:40-10:40 a.m., nursery care available

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| 4 & 5 year olds | room 15 | K & 1 st grades | room 8 |
| 2 nd & 3 rd grade | room 6 | 4 th grade | room 10 |
| 5 th grade | room 9 | 6 th , 7 th , & 8 th grade | room 11 |
| Senior High | Youth Room | | |

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, Kerygma Bible Study "Discovering the Bible" in room 22. "Humor and the Christian Life" will be presented by Robert Van Voorst, in the chapel.

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.

YOUNG DISCIPLES, for children 3rd-5th grades, will meet in the chapel during the 8:30 a.m. worship service.

VESPER SERVICE

6:00 p.m. in the chapel.

"Encountering the Christians of Southern India
and Prayers for Western Theological Seminary"

Worship Leader: Lorene Duin

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Matins Choir

9:15 a.m. Youth Choir
 9:40 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Children's Choir
 12:15 p.m. Pizza Lunch
 5:00 p.m. Handbell Choir
 6:00 p.m. Vesper Service
 6:00 p.m. Pathfinders (H.S.)
MONDAY
 3:00 p.m. Monday Fun Day
 7:00 p.m. Martha Circle at Lynne Bonnette's – 78 W. 33rd St.
TUESDAY
 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
 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
 9:00 a.m. Newsletter Assembly
 9:30 a.m. Playgroup
SATURDAY
 1:30 p.m. Middle School Retreat

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: Don Frego has returned home from the hospital. Pray for – Bob Brinks, Leslie Piaget, 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.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

TASC CHILDREN: What a wonderful start we had on Wednesday in our "Underground Church" as we learned about the conversion of Paul and how God's love changes us! Remember to think of a "secret" way to communicate that we are part of God's "Underground Church- Today"! Invite a friend to join us each Wednesday!

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.

GENERAL ITEMS

You will have the chance to have your blood pressure taken today in the library.

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.

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.

FLU SHOTS will be given Sunday, October 25 in Fellowship Hall from 9:15 to 11:15 A.M. Please sign up at the church office by Monday, October 19. Walk-ins will still be accepted. Wear short sleeves and bring your Priority Health or Medicare card. The cost is \$30.

First United Methodist Church is holding a Community Garden organizing meeting on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. They plan to start their garden – aimed at growing free produce for needy community members – next spring and are looking for interested gardeners. If you would like to consider participating, please come to the meeting or contact David Marckini at 786-0562 or dave.julia.m@juno.com.

Fall Retreat for married couples – Attend a Reformed Marriage Encounter weekend where you can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones – and focus on each other. If you’d like greater depth, growth, and richness in your relationship, you’ll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can make. The next West Michigan weekend is scheduled in Holland, November 13-15, 2009. For more information, additional weekend dates, or to register on-line: go to www.reformedme.org or contact Jim and Kathy Molenkamp at 616-538-2749 or email them at michigan_registration@reformedme.org.

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Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, & Chapel

are wired with an Induction Hearing Loop

A Stephen Ministry Congregation