

# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 4, 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.*

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

Pavane

Robert Elmore

VOTUM (said in Dutch, Spanish, Swahili, and French)

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made the heavens and earth.

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

The world belongs to God,  
**the earth and all its people.**  
How good and lovely it is  
**to live together in unity.**  
Love and justice come together,  
**justice and peace join hands.**  
If the Lord's disciples keep silent  
**the very stones themselves would shout aloud  
that our world belongs to God  
and God is building a global hope.**  
Open our lips, O God,  
**And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

SALUTATION (Arabic)

To those who are called, who are beloved of God  
and kept safe for Jesus Christ:  
May mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance. Amen.

+\*HYMN OF PRAISE     *Hymns Psalms & Spiritual Songs* 483  
Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above     Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**  
*(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

**O God, peace forgive us – as a corporate body – and me for:  
not growing in Christ, nor expanding my knowledge of the  
scriptures;**

*(silence)*

**my disinterest in the needs around me,  
and my blindness to hurts I could help heal;**

*(silence)*

**my dishonesty as I speak in one manner  
while living in another,  
or fail to speak the truth;**

*(silence)*

**my loudness as I talk when I should be listening,  
and as I proclaim when I should be studying;**

*(silence)*

**my silence when I reel with joy and fail to shout hallelujah,  
and when I sense and opportunity to speak my faith,  
and squelch the impulse.**

**God, through the saving grace of Jesus Christ,  
please forgive us – and me. Amen.**

RESPONSE *Sing! A New Creation* 65

**Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,  
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE      John 3:16

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE      James 5:13-20

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

## **PROCLAMATION OF GOD IN WORD AND SACRAMENT**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22      p. 448

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN OF ILLUMINATION      *Hymns Psalms & Spiritual Songs* 600

Song of Mary (stanzas 1, 4, 5)      Tune: MORNING SONG

SERMON      "Undercover Agents"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Based on Belgic Confession article 27

*(in unison)*

What do you believe about the unity of the church of Christ?

**We believe and confess**

**one single catholic or universal church—**

**a holy congregation and gathering**

**of true Christian believers,**

**awaiting their entire salvation in Jesus Christ,**

**being washed by his blood,**

**and sanctified and sealed by the Holy Spirit.**

What do you believe about the existence of the church of Christ?

**This church has existed from the beginning of the world**

**and will last until the end,**

**as appears from the fact**

**that Christ is eternal King**

**who cannot be without subjects.**

**And this holy church is preserved by God**

**against the rage of the whole world,**

**even though for a time**

**it may appear very small—**

**as though it were snuffed out.**

What do you believe about the magnitude of the church of Christ?

**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.**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (*responsively*)

To God be the glory:...

...shamed, yet seeking grace:

**God, we yearn for the healing you promise.**

God of Justice...

...yet seeking forgiveness:

**God, we yearn for the justice your promise.**

God of peace,...

...yet seeking a forgiving heart:

**God, we yearn for the peace you promise.**

Knowing that through Christ...

...in our faith and commitment.

**God, we submit ourselves to renewal through you.**

**This we pray through Jesus the Christ,**

**our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

PREFACE AND THANKSGIVING

Loving and gracious God...

...we honor you saying:

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS (*responsively*)

God, may this bread connect us more closely with you  
and with our neighbors near and far.

**Bless this bread, we pray.**

May this fruit of the vine remind us  
of the inter-connectedness of people around the world.

**Bless this cup, we pray.**

May this simple meal bring us into union with you,  
your people and your world  
united in the One Body of Christ.

COMMUNION

(You will be guided by the elders to the front via the center  
aisle to receive communion by intinction, taking a piece of  
bread and dipping it into the cup. Please join in singing  
during communion *Sing! A New Creation* 258 "Let Us Talent  
and Tongues Employ" and 44 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!")

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION (*responsively*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

With thanksgiving,

let us celebrate our new life in Christ

giving thanks to God

our creator and sustainer:

**Loving and gracious God,**

**thank you for this holy meal.**

**Thank you for Jesus and**

**his all-inclusive love for humanity.**

**Thank you for this day which we worship and serve you.**

**Amen.**

**THE RESPONSE TO GOD**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

Harold W. Friedell

Draw us in the Spirits tether;

For when humbly, in thy name,

Two or three are met together,

Thou art in the midst of them:

Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather  
In the name of Christ to sup,  
Then with thanks to God the Father  
Break the bread and bless the cup,  
Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living  
Make as sacraments of thee,  
That by caring, helping, giving,  
We may true disciples be.  
Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

\*DOXOLOGY

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

*Swahili:*

O God, give wisdom to those who govern the world,  
and a sense of justice to those who wield power,  
that they may frame laws that are life-giving  
so the poor and the weak may breathe freely.  
May they defend the cause of the needy,  
save the abandoned and orphans, and  
disarm the rebellious and violent.

*Spanish:*

May such wisdom endure like the sun and moon,  
giving light from one age to the next.  
May justice rain down like showers that water  
the new-sown fields.  
In our days may justice flourish and may abundance  
of peace flourish until the moon is no more.

*Dutch:*

May wisdom reign from sea to sea,  
following the great rivers to the end of the earth.  
May fools bow down to truth,  
the enemies of justice lick the dust.  
May all the rulers of the peoples seek wisdom,  
the nations serve the ways of justice and truth.

*Arabic:*

May there be an abundance of grain in the land,  
to the tops of the hills may it wave.  
Let the mountains be laden with peace,  
with prosperity that follows from justice.  
May the corn swell with the gentle rains,  
the sheaves thicken like the grass of the meadows.

*French:*

May prayer be made for those in high office,  
that they may bear their burdens with wisdom.  
May blessings be invoked on them day by day,  
may they be heartened by the prayers of the people.  
Blessed be the God of all the earth,  
who alone is all wisdom and justice,  
who alone does great wonders.  
Blessed be the glorious name of God:  
May the universe be filled with God's glory.

*Oromiffa:*

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.

--Jim Cotter (based on Psalm 72)

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION      *Hymns Psalms & Spiritual Songs 505*  
Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread      Tune: ST. FLAVIAN

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE      Allegro Moderato      George F. Handel

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

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, Victor Kanyi, Maria Gonzales, Nella Kennedy, Habeeb Awad, Allie DeJonge, Harvey Doorenbos liturgists; Don Triezenberg, 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.

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

The rose at the font is in celebration of the birth of a daughter, Jana Catherine, to Todd and Jupy Honeycutt on September 26.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others Carol and Bill Doezema 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) – Ken and Arloa Koning; (11:00) – James and Karen Ashcroft, Bob and Mary Alice Ritsema, Willis and Ella Weymon; Ushers – Kate Davelaar, and Sarah Boersen; Deacons – (8:30) Jon Bechtel, Carl Heideman (11:00) Tom Bos, Andy Mulder, Jeff Voskuil, Jim VanderMeer; Refreshment Servers – John and Linda Dykstra.

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

EDUCATION HOUR, 9:40-10:40 a.m., nursery care available

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

LITTLE LAMBS: 3 year olds are invited to meet in room 14 at 9:40 a.m.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 9:40-10:40

**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.

**Kerygma Bible Study** "Discovering the Bible" in room 22.

**Chapel Presentation Class:** Faith Journey presented by Gene Vander Well. NEXT WEEK: "Recovery, Spirituality & the Church" presented by staff and board members of OAR (Ottagan Addictions Recovery): Eileen Nordstrom, Rich Campbell, and Ralph Edgington.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Children 4 years through 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades, will meet in the chapel during the 8:30 a.m. worship service.

VESPER SERVICE  
6:00 p.m. at DeVos Fieldhouse.  
World Communion Sunday

Reformed Churches will gather together for worship. Offering is a non-perishable food item or personal hygiene item.

**THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY**

- 8:00 a.m. Matins Choir
- 8:30 a.m. Young Disciples
- 9:15 a.m. Youth Choir
- 9:40 a.m. Education Hour
- 10:30 a.m. Children's Choir
- 3:00 p.m. Japanese Worship (WTS)
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Vesper Service (DeVos Fieldhouse)
- 6:00 p.m. Pathfinders (H.S.)

**MONDAY**

- 12:00 p.m. Blood Drive
- 3:00 p.m. Monday Fun Day
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Cookie Baking

**TUESDAY**

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Advent Planning
- 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**

- 7:00 a.m. S & A Meeting
- 9:30 a.m. Playgroup
- 7:00 p.m. Bunko

**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: El Slenk and Carolyn Stegink have returned to their homes. Pray for – Bob Brinks, Bob Kuiper, Leslie Piaget, 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**

PARENTS OF NURSERY AGED CHILDREN: Please remember to sign-in your child each week. We want to keep all our children safe, so please note that children will be released to a parent/grandparent only. (Do not send older siblings to pick up your children). Thank you so much.

SAVE THE DATE: Put on your calendar for **Monday, October 19 at 6:00 p.m.** a Spaghetti Dinner at TRC. The youth groups will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on Monday October 19 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. This dinner is an effort to raise the needed funds for us to go on a Mission Retreat. Our Mission Retreat is through Center for Student Missions in Chicago, IL. Childcare will be provided. Please come out for a fun night to support the students of TRC!

TASC KIDS: This Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be collecting food in the neighborhood for the Community Action House. Please dress appropriately for the weather. We are in need of several people to provide cupcakes or bars for a special treat on Wednesday to celebrate this mission project. If you can help with this, please contact Joyce Fry. Thank you!

## GENERAL ITEMS

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION: You are invited to attend a New Member Orientation that will meet either during the Education Hour on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings following the TASC dinners. The purpose is to experience the life of faith in Jesus Christ at Third Reformed Church, to ask questions, and to possibly become a member of the church. Sunday sessions will be from 9:40-10:40 a.m. October 11, 18, 25, and November 1. Wednesday session will be from 6:45-7:45 p.m. October 14, 21, 28 and November 4. All sessions will take place in the office conference room. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Kent.

The October/November/December edition of *Words of Hope* is now available in the literature rack in the narthex and in the Gathering Place. Please take a copy with you today.

CAKE BAKERS NEEDED: The cakes for October are ready. If you are able to bake a cake for a Hope College student please see Sandy Stielstra at the table in the Gathering Place.

SIGN UP continues for the Blood Drive on Monday, October 5. 12:00-6:00 p.m.

SIGN UP continues today for Bunco on Friday, October 9 at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a finger food to share. Beverages will be provided and prizes will be awarded. Sign up in the Gathering Place or call the church office, 392-1459.

CHILI SUPPER AND SQUARE DANCE: Saturday, October 24 in Fellowship Hall. Chili Supper—5:30-6:30 p.m. Square Dance—6:30-8:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Sign up starts next Sunday in the Gathering Place on October 11 and 18 or call the church office.

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.

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