

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 31, 2010

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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

APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

Psalm 145:3

Lester H. Groom

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

**In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.**

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me,
for you are my rock and my salvation

**Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

**Upon you I have leaned from my birth;
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.**

My praise is continually of you.

—Psalm 71:1-6

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 353

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

Alternate Tune: ST. CATHERINE'S

*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)*

Eternal God, you do not change.

You have revealed yourself to us in your Word.

You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth.

**But we confess that we often worship
not your true self but who we wish you to be.**

**We too often ask you to bless what we do
rather than seeking to do what you bless.**

**Forgive us for seeking concessions
when we should be seeking guidance.**

**Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want
instead of shaping us into what you want.**

**Help us to meet you here, that we might bow
before your unspeakable majesty**

and so live for you now and ever, in Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Isaiah 55:10-11

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE *(responsively)*

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels
but do not have love.

I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal

And if I have prophetic powers,

and understand all mysteries and all knowledge
and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains
but do not have love

I am nothing.

If I give away all my possessions
and if I hand over my body so that I may boast
but do not have love.

I gain nothing.

Faith, hope, and love abide, these three
and the greatest of these is love.

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

HYMN *Sing! A New Creation* 74

Surely It Is God Who Saves Me Tune: FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH

WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS: Jeremiah 1:4-10 p. 698

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 4:21-30 p. 61

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy Tune: IN BABILONE

SERMON "Unsuccessful Preachers"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Belgic Confession, Art. 5 (*in unison*)

**We receive all these books
and these only as holy and canonical,
for the regulating, founding, and establishing of our faith.
And we believe without a doubt
all things contained in them—
not so much because the church
receives and approves them as such
but above all because the Holy Spirit
testifies in our hearts that they are from God,
and also because they prove themselves to be from God.
For even the blind themselves are able to see
that the things predicted in them do happen.**

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 322

Spirit of the Living God Tune: LIVING GOD

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Missionary Hymn Flor Peeters

ANTHEM Maurice Duruflé

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Where charity and love are, God is there.

Congregávit nos in unum Christi amor.

Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Exsultémus et in ipso jucundémur.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Timeámus et amémus Déum vivum.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
Et excórde diligámus nos sincéro.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

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

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* 327

O Word of God Incarnate

Tune: MUNICH

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Psalm 103:1

Lester H. Groom

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

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; MaryAlice Ritsema, 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 the Gathering Place for refreshments and fellowship after the worship service.

The flowers at the chancel today are given in appreciation of the church staff by Gene and Mary Heideman.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others Marilyn Brown and Ed Stielstra 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) – Carl and Lucille Schroeder; (11:00) – Jim and Stephanie Buter, Mike and Beverley Rannow, Elton and Elaine Bruins; Ushers – Greg and Lynne Caskey; Deacons – (8:30) Carl Heideman, Jon Bechtel; (11:00) Jim Hensley, Jim Vander Meer, John Hoekstra, Morrie Peterson; Refreshment Servers – Jerry and Barbara Bakker.

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

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

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		

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: “A Visual History of Western Theological Seminary” led by Dennis Voskuil. NEXT WEEK: Faith Journey led by Habeeb Awad.

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.

VESPER SERVICE
6:00 p.m. in the chapel
Worship Leaders: Marlin and Sally Vis

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Matins Choir
- 9:15 a.m. Youth Choir
- 9:40 a.m. Education Hour
- 10:30 a.m. Children’s Choir
- 3:00 p.m. Mother/Daughter Volleyball
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Vesper Service
- 6:30 p.m. Pathfinders (H.S.)

MONDAY

- 3:30 p.m. Monday Fun Day

TUESDAY

- 9:30 a.m. Staff 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
- 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY

- 7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministries

FRIDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Pig-in-the-Blanket Assembly
- 10:00 a.m. Playgroup
- 10:00 a.m. Bake Sale/Pig-in-the-Blanket Pick-Up
- 10:00 a.m. Women’s Prayer Group

SATURDAY

- 8:00 a.m. SWOT Analysis
- 10:00 a.m. WMTR PRogram

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: Sam Holleman has been in Holland Hospital. Eileen Mooney has returned home from the hospital. Pray for – Bob Brinks, Bob Kuiper, 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, Christine Munoz.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DVDs are now available. Please contact Joyce Fry or meet her at the table in the Gathering Place after the 11:00 a.m. service today.

TASC CHILDREN: We will be sledding this Wednesday, February 3. This event was postponed due to the weather conditions last week. We will be leaving the Church after dinner (6:30 PM) and returning by 8:00. Please bring your plastic sleds and dress for the weather. Parents and all families in the Church are invited to join us.

GENERAL ITEMS

DEACON RELIEF FOR HAITI: Deacons are encouraging the congregation to go to www.rca.org to contribute to Haiti relief or stop by the table in the Gathering Place for more information. The church is planning to put together emergency kits for disaster relief.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES: Librarian, Chris Walvoord, has planned a program, "By Way of Books," which she and others will present on Saturday, February 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the library. Refreshments will be served at 9:30. All women are encouraged to attend.

It's that time of the year again for the All Church Retreat (March 5-7). This is a time for members of all ages to come together for a fun-filled weekend at Young Life's Timberwolf Lake Camp. The cost is \$100.00 for adults, \$50.00 for children 4-12, \$150 for the Adult Guest Lodge and a \$250 family maximum. Transportation will be available. This is a weekend you don't want to miss. Sign-up begins today in the Gathering Place.

The book club at the All Church Retreat will be reading Frederick Buechner's "Telling Secrets," led by Mark Hiskes.

PIGS & PASTRIES: Today is the last day to order pigs-in-the-blanket. You can do so by placing your order with the Women's Ministries representative in the Gathering Place during the fellowship time. Orders can be picked up on Friday, February 5 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and on Saturday, February 6 before or after the WMTR program. The cost for one dozen is \$7.00 which can be paid at the time of pick-up. WMTR will also be holding a bake sale on Friday from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Baked goods being donated for the sale should be brought to the church on Friday morning between 9:30 and 9:45 a.m. All proceeds from "Pigs & Pastries" will go to outreach service and mission projects supported by WMTR.

L.I.F.T. Lenten Bible Studies will be held February 21-March 31. The book "Power and Passion" by Samuel Wells will be studied each week. They will be offered at Third on Sunday, evenings at 6:00 p.m., during TASC and at Freedom Village (time and place to be announced). Cost of the book will be \$10.00. Sign up begins today in the Gathering Place.

The Census Bureau is in need of people who would like a 2-3 month job. The job pays \$13.50/hour. Call Jane Feutz at 616-915-9697.

SIGN-UP begins next Sunday, February 7 for Bunco that will be on Friday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a finger food to share.

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