

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 21, 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 Come Ye, Disconsolate J. Bert Carlson

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights!**

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

**O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

Do not let the foot of the arrogant tread on me,
or the hand of the wicked drive me away. —Psalm 36:5-11

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 81

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days Tune: ST. FLAVIAN

*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)*

**Everlasting God,
fountain of all life and the true home of every heart:
our hearts are restless until they rest in you.
Yet we confess that our hearts have been enslaved
by selfish passion and base desire.
We have sought after many things
and have neglected the one thing needful.
We have not loved you with our whole hearts;
help us to turn to you and find forgiveness.
Lead us home, that we may again find in you
our life and joy and peace. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Psalm 130:7-8

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE *Sing! A New Creation* 134

A New Commandment Tune: NEW COMMANDMENT

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS Tune: CHILDREN PRAYING

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, and send us grace.**

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WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS: Isaiah 42:1-9 p. 670
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 22:39-46 p. 87
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 97
Go to Dark Gethsemane Tune: REDHEAD
(Special offering for emergency kits for Church World Service)

SERMON “Jesus’ Prayer and Our Prayers”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 116 & 117

Why do Christians need to pray? *(responsively)*

**Because prayer is the most important part
of the thankfulness God requires of us.**

**And also because God gives his grace and Holy Spirit
only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly,
asking God for these gifts and thanking him for them.**

How does God want us to pray so that he will listen to us?

**First, we must pray from the heart
to no other than the one true God,
who has revealed himself in his Word,
asking for everything he has commanded us to ask for.**

**Second, we must acknowledge our need and misery,
hiding nothing,
and humble ourselves in his majestic presence.**

**Third, we must rest on this unshakeable foundation:
even though we do not deserve it,
God will surely listen to our prayer
because of Christ our Lord.**

That is what he promised us in his Word.

*SONG OF AFFIRMATION *Sing! A New Creation* 203

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Savior, When in Dust to You Gerald Near

ANTHEM Marco-Antonio Ingegneri

On the Mount of Olives he prayed to the Father:
Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me,
The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.
Thy will be done.
Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation.
—Luke 22:39-46

*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* 301

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Tune: SOUTHWELL

*BENEDICTION

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

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; Jordan Kamphuis, prayer for 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. Today is Fellowship Sunday. Please wear a nametag throughout the morning, so we are able to get to know one another better. Nametags can be found in the pew near the Friendship Folder.

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for **Third Sunday Pizza Lunch** following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Today begins a sermon series on the passion narrative of Jesus in Luke titled "From Gethsemane to the Grave."

The Deacons will take a special offering this morning for the assembly of emergency kits for Church World Service. We hope to assemble 1,000 kits. All emergency kits were released for Haiti relief. Please make checks payable to Third Reformed Church.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Lois and Charles Hunt 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) – JoAnn Bremer, Lois Hunt; (11:00) – Tom Arendshorst, John, Katherine, Jack, and Duncan Stack, Todd, Jupy, Grant, Zachary, and Jana Honeycutt; Ushers – Ryan, Leslie, Emma, Will, and Caroline Baker; Deacons – (8:30) Jon Rietberg, Jon Bechtel; (11:00) Jim Vander Meer, Andy Mulder, Rick Frens, Brett Holleman; Refreshment Servers – Jeff, Anna, Josey, Eliza, and Owen Beird.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Ben and Trina Lichtenwalner.

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 “Skepticism and Faith” led by David Myers.
NEXT WEEK: Faith Journey led by Tom Dykstra.

INQUIRER’S CLASS meets in the conference room in the church office at 9:40-10:40 a.m. during the education hour. The class is for those considering or exploring membership in the church. The class is led by Pastor Kent.

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.

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
- 12:15 p.m. Third Sunday Pizza Lunch
- 3:00 p.m. Japanese Worship – Western Theological Seminary
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Choir
- 6:00 p.m. L.I.F.T. Book Study
- 6:30 p.m. Pathfinders (H.S.)

MONDAY

- 3:30 p.m. Monday Fun Day

TUESDAY

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Easter Egg Team 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

- 9:00 a.m. Newsletter Assembly
- 10:00 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: Holland Hospital – Carolyn Stegink. Jean Walvoord has moved to Resthaven Care Center from the hospital. Jim Buter has returned home from the hospital. Ruth Ter Beek has moved to Hospice House. Pray for – Bob Brinks, Bob Kuiper, Leslie Piaget, Ruth Ter Beek. Out of Town – Ann Romeyn, 2380 Aurora Pond Dr., #322, Wyoming, MI 49519; Elisabeth Ten Zythoff, 6447 Franwood Terrace, Fort Worth, TX 76112; Royal Park Atrium – Gerry & Corky Tillema. In the Military – Sam Bonnette, Christine Munoz.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Our second Annual “Easter Egg and Holy Treasure Hunt” outreach event is scheduled for Saturday, April 3. An organizational team meeting for this Easter event is scheduled for Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the office conference room. Adults and youth are invited to serve on this team to help organize and implement this special outreach activity for the children of our church and community. For more information contact Joyce Fry (joycefry@trcholland.org or 392-1459) or join us on February 23.

MIDWINTER SWIMMING EVENT: Families of our church are invited to join the kids of TASC for a swimming event at the Holland Aquatic Center on Wednesday, February 24. We will be leaving the church at 6:30 p.m. and returning at 8:00 p.m. Cost: \$2.00/adults and \$1.00/children. We are in need of adults and parents who would be willing to chaperone this event. Please contact Joyce Fry if you can help.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS, “What Color is Lent?” are available for families with children aged 3 years through the fourth grade, on the table in the Gathering Space.

GENERAL ITEMS

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.

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. Books are now available in the church office.

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE: The weekend of the retreat (March 7) we will have only one worship service at 11:00 a.m. There will be no Education Hour that day.

The church is interested in placing a lap top computer in the church library that has high speed internet capabilities so that members of the congregation can access the internet at church for either information or preparing lessons for education classes. Please contact the church office if you have an unused computer you would like to donate.

BAKERS NEEDED: We have 40 cakes to be made and delivered in March. If you are able to help with this please see Sandy Stielstra in the Gathering Place today.

“And the greatest gift is love.” The most precious gift you can give your spouse is your love. Give the gift that can bring a richness to your life each and every day by attending a Reformed Marriage Encounter Weekend. The last weekend of this season in West Michigan is in Holland on March 19-21. Time is running out so register now. Go to www.reformedmed.org or contact Jim and Kathy Molenkamp at 616-538-2749 or michigan_registration@reformedme.org.

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