

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 7, 2010

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 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service Wayne L. Wold

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.

O Lord, make haste to help me!

Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life.

Let those be turned back

and brought to dishonor who desire to hurt me.

Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!"

turn back because of their shame.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.

Let those who love your salvation say evermore,

"God is great!"

But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!

You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay.

—Psalm 70

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs 76*

My Song Is Love Unknown

Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN

*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)*

**God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ,
longs to gather us in the wide embrace of his love,
we confess that we have been wayward children.**

We have disobeyed your commands;

our ears have been deaf to your call;

our hearts have been cold to your love.

**In thought, in word, and in deed
we have hurt others and dishonored your name.**

In your great mercy receive us

yet again as your well-beloved children,

**not because we are worthy but for the sake of him
who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Ezekiel 36:26; II Corinthians 1:20, NIV

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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THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD IN WORD AND SACRAMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS: Isaiah 50:4-9 p. 681
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 22:54-55, 66-71 p. 88
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Sing! A New Creation* 129 (vs. 1-5)
Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights Tune: TALLIS CANON

SERMON “Standing Firm, Looking Forward”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

COMMUNION PRAYER (*responsively*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty...

...we worship and adore your glorious name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Most righteous God,...

...Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION (*responsively*)

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and do not forget all his benefits,

who forgives all your iniquity,

who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the Pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,

nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,

so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.
Who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all,
and will also give us all things with him.
**Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise
of the Lord, from this time forth forevermore. Amen.**

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed (in unison)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**
**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**
Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY O Sacred Head, Now Wounded Timothy Flynn

ANTHEM

John Stainer

God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son,
That whoso believeth, believeth in Him
Should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,
But that the world through Him might be saved.
—John 3:16, 17

*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* 505

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread Tune: ST. FLAVIAN

*BENEDICTION

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

Worship Leaders: Dr. Robert Van Voorst, preaching; Rev. Amanda Dykhouse, liturgist; Terry Kroll, 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. Please join us in the Gathering Place for refreshments and fellowship after the worship service.

The sermon series on the passion narrative of Jesus in Luke titled "From Gethsemane to the Grave" continues today.

Today we welcome Dr. Robert Van Voorst as our guest minister. He is a member of Third Reformed Church and is Professor of New Testament at Western Theological Seminary.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Harley and Phyllis Brown 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 – Don and LaVerne Lievens, Brad and Eleanor Warren, Gene and Mary Heideman; Ushers – Martin and Mimi Keller; Deacons – Jim Hensley, Tom Bos, Tom Ten Hoeve, Jim Vander Meer; Refreshment Servers – Alan and Jeanette Beagley.

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

There will be no Education Hour classes today due to the All Church Retreat. Classes for all ages will resume next Sunday, March 14.

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

- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle at Chris Walvoord's (865 Clarewood Ct.)
- 7:00 p.m. Easter Egg/Treasure Hunt Team

TUESDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Ruth Circle at Mary De Witt's (11556 N. Lake Dr.)
- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 9:30 a.m. Hannah & Elizabeth Circles
- 7:00 p.m. VBS Team Meeting

WEDNESDAY

- 6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints
- 8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers
- 1:30 p.m. Rachel Circle
- 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

- 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.

SYMPATHY is extended to Bruce Ter Beek in the death of his wife, Ruth, on March 1.

SYMPATHY is extended to Barbara and Gordon Stegink in the death of Barbara's mother, Adriana (Amos) Van Der Ploeg, on March 1 in Midland, New Jersey.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Jane Snyder has returned home from the hospital. Pray for – Bob Brinks, Bob Kuiper, Leslie Piaget. Resthaven Care Center – Arnolda Otting, Joe Otting; Maple Woods – Vesta Speet; Tender Care – Alma Van Lente, Marinus Pott. In the Military – Sam Bonnette, Christine Munoz.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

EASTER EGG AND HOLY TREASURE HUNT TEAM MEETING: Tomorrow, March 8 at 7:00 p.m.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TEAM MEETING: It's time again to start planning for our VBS and Backyard Bash summer programs for children. If you have a passion for ministry with children in our Church and community, please join us for our initial VBS Team meeting on Tuesday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m. For more information please contact Joyce Fry (joycefry@trcholland.org).

TASC KIDS: This Wednesday, March 10, we will be going to The Inn of Freedom Village to sing and give our Easter gifts to the residents, and to see a special "Magic" presentation. Residents of Freedom Village are invited to the children's presentation at 6:45 p.m. We hope you can join us!

We have several extra copies of our Lenten Booklet, "What Color is Lent?" Please see Joyce Fry if you are interested in obtaining one.

GENERAL ITEMS

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins next Sunday, March 14. Be sure to move your clocks ahead one hour.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC: You will have the opportunity to have your blood pressure checked next Sunday, March 14.

GOING GREEN: Are you interested in helping Third Reformed Church "go green" or at least being part of a group dedicated to educating people on how to keep our earth healthy for our kids? If so, call the church office or any of the current members: Mark Faga, Steve De Young, Ed Stielstra, or Marj Hoekstra.

MISSING SOMETHING?: We have a lost and found area full of forgotten treasures. Please take a minute to visit and reclaim your lost items before we send them to the Community Action House. Items are located by the coat rack in the South hallway near the office.

ALL WOMEN OF THIRD REFORMED CHURCH are invited to be guests of Hope Church women at a Lenten Brunch on Thursday, March 18 at 10:00 a.m. Contact Barb Stegink, 392-7214 or Eleanor Van Dyke, 396-2156 if you plan to attend.

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