

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 14, 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.*

### THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE                      Wondrous Love                      arr. by Roberta Siebert

### VOTUM

#### CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

O Lord, open my lips,  
**and my mouth will declare your praise.**  
You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;  
**you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.**  
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
**a broken and contrite heart,**  
**O God, you will not despise. Amen.**  
—Psalm 51:15-17, NIV

### SALUTATION

+\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 383  
My Faith Looks Up to Thee                      Tune: OLIVET

#### \*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 *(responsively)*

Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
**try me and know my thoughts.**  
See if there is any wicked way in me,  
**and lead me in the way everlasting.**  
—Psalm 139:23-24, NRSV

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

**Loving God, we know that you love us.  
so we confess that we have let you down.  
Every day we betray you, deny you,  
misunderstand you, crucify you.  
We betray you when we are selfish or unkind.  
We deny you when we do not speak out for justice and truth.  
We misunderstand you when we justify our actions  
by misquoting your teaching.  
We are truly sorry, and we wait for your word of love.  
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE                      Isaiah 53:4-5

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 WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 22:54b-65

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 93

Ah, Holy Jesus

Tune: HERZLIEBSTER JESU

SERMON

“Following Jesus at a Distance”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

## 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

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Colin Hand

ANTHEM

Théodore Dubois

Adoramus te, Christe, et benedicimus tibi,  
Quia per sanctam Crucem tuam redemisti mundum.

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee for ever,  
For on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.

\*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 *Sing! A New Creation* 130

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Tune: SOJOURNER

\*BENEDICTION

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

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Kama Jongerius, preaching; Nate Schipper, liturgist; Ruth McDonald, prayer for illumination; Handbell Choir; 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.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Mike and Beverley Rannow 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 Barb Folkert; (11:00) Jerry and Barb Bakker, Tom and Joyce Bolhuis, Mike, Amanda, Allie, Tori, Livie, and Makayla Clark; Ushers – Molly Mead, Andrew Mead; Deacons – (8:30) Bekah Schipper, Jon Rietberg; (11:00) Scott Wolterink, Marj Hoekstra, Jeff Voskuil, Jim Hensley; Refreshment Servers – Kathy and Fred Van Tubbergen.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Joe and Jane Vandermeer.

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:** "It's Time to Get Ready for School" led by Janet De Young. NEXT WEEK: "The Redemptive Footprint of Third Reformed Church in the Community" led by Linda Jacobs.

**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 will be led by Pastor Kama this week.

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 11:00 a.m. worship service.

## THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m.	Matins Choir
9:15 a.m.	Youth Choir
9:30 a.m.	Blood Pressure Clinic
9:40 a.m.	Education Hour
10:30 a.m.	Children's Choir

- 3:00 p.m. Mother/Daughter Volleyball  
 3:00 p.m. Japanese Worship at Western Seminary  
 6:00 p.m. L.I.F.T. Book Study  
 6:30 p.m. Pathfinders (H.S.)  
**MONDAY** Newsletter Deadline  
 3:30 p.m. Monday Fun Day  
 7:30 p.m. Martha Circle at Beverley Rannow's  
 (1054 Cobblestone Rd.)
- TUESDAY**  
 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
 6:30 p.m. Worship Ministry Group
- 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**  
 1:00 p.m. Women's Ministries Board  
 7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministries
- FRIDAY**  
 7:00 a.m. S & A Ministry Group  
 10:00 a.m. Playgroup  
 10:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group

## **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 Elton and Elaine Bruins in the death of Elton's brother, Glenn, on March 5 in Alto, Wisconsin.

SYMPATHY is extended to Carol Cox in the death of her brother-in-law, Leonard Maas, on March 5.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Pray for – Bob Brinks, Bob Kuiper, Leslie Piaget. The Inn – Jantina Holleman, Dorothy Sheets, Crystal Teague. In the Military – Sam Bonnette, Christine Munoz.

## **CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY**

EASTER EGG AND HOLY TREASURE HUNT COMMUNITY EVENT- Saturday, April 3 at 11:00 a.m. We need some volunteers to help on the morning of this event and people willing to donate treats. Please sign up at the table in the Gathering Place today!

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES TEAM MEETING – Thursday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. All people who are interested in ministry to our children and their families are welcome to join us. For more information contact Joyce Fry at [joycefry@trcholland.org](mailto:joycefry@trcholland.org).

“ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING” offering (for Reformed Church World Service mission projects) will be collected on Palm Sunday, March 28.

CHILDREN AT THE LORD'S TABLE: If your child has asked about taking communion, and/or you'd like more information in this practice in the Reformed Church, you and your child(ren) are invited to attend a one-hour workshop on Wednesday, March 31 at 5:00 p.m. in the chapel. If you are interested, there will be an opportunity for families to meet with elders at the end of the workshop. If you have any questions before the workshop, please contact Jeanette Beagley (748-1228), Pastor Kent or Pastor Kama (392-1459).

SAVE THE DATES: Our Vacation Bible School program, "Egypt, Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace" is scheduled for Monday, August 2 – Thursday, August 5; 6:00-8:15 p.m. Our "Egyptian" Backyard Bash is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28; 6:00-8:00 p.m. Put these dates on your calendar and plan to attend these special summer events.

### GENERAL ITEMS

**BLOOD PRESSURE:** You will have the chance to have your blood pressure checked this morning beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the library.

**THIRD SUNDAY PIZZA LUNCH** will be next Sunday, March 21 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

**THIRD SUNDAY FOR HUNGER:** Next Sunday, March 21 non-perishable food and other necessities will be collected for our monthly food drive. Donated items can be placed in the designated box in the Gathering place.

**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. Items still on the table after today will be donated.

**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, **no later than today**, if you plan to attend.

**PRAYER SERVICE;** Sunday, March 21; 5:00 p.m.: The congregation is invited to a time of conversation and prayer about sustainable energy and our Holland community. This service culminates city-wide forums on the same topic. In a worship context, Peter Boogaart will share some thoughts about various dimensions of sustainable energy, followed by a time for prayers. We will meet in the chapel.

As you've seen in a recent mailing, we're hoping to raise enough money to purchase a house at 124 W. 13<sup>th</sup> St. to support transitional housing through Good Samaritan Ministries' Community Housing Partnership. We need to raise about \$50,000 by April 1 and are about 1/3 of the way there. Please consider giving to this project through financial, mentoring, time, or prayer commitments.

"THE VIEWS" Are you a 35-50 year old woman looking for a place to have faith-based fellowship and conversation? A group has just formed for this purpose. We will be meeting the last Thursday of each month from 8:00-9:30 p.m. Contact Pastor Kama for more information.

**FLOWERING THE CROSS:** We invite each family to bring a long stem flower Easter morning symbolizing loved ones who have died or a person who has touched our Christian faith. The flowers will be placed on a wooden cross and processed into the sanctuary.

### ORDER EASTER LILIES

Last day to order lilies will be Sunday, March 28.

No. of plants \_\_\_\_\_ \$6.50 each      Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

In memory/honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I will pick up my lily after the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

\_\_\_ I am unable to pick up my lily; please deliver it to a shut-in.

### THIRD REFORMED CHURCH

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