

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 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.*

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE Morning Bells arr. by Erin Mac Gorman

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you;

You who fear the Lord, praise him!

**All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!**

For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me,
but heard when I cried to him.

**From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.

May your hearts live for ever!

**All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.**

**For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.**

—Psalm 22:22-28

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 85

What Wondrous Love Is This Tune: WONDROUS LOVE

*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 *(responsively)*

Merciful God,
we meet each other today at the foot of the cross,
as inhabitants of one world.

We wait with each other as those
who inflict wounds on one another:

be merciful to us.

As those who deny justice to others:

be merciful to us.

As those who put our trust in power:

be merciful to us.

As those who are greedy:

be merciful to us.

As those who put others on trial:

be merciful to us.

As those who refuse to receive:

be merciful to us.

As those who are afraid of the world's torment:

be merciful to us. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE I Peter 2:24

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE *Sing! A New Creation* 134
A New Commandment Tune: NEW COMMANDMENT

YOUTH CHOIR CHIMES God Is So Good Traditional

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 53:7-12 p. 684
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM John Henry Maunder

Then came Jesus forth from the judgment hall
wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe.
And Pilate said: "Behold your King!"
And they cried out saying: "Crucify Him! He stireth up the people."
"Shall I crucify your King?"
We have no king but Caesar!
Away with this man, and release unto us Barabas.
"Take ye Him and crucify Him for I find no fault in Him at all."

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 23:13-25 p. 88
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 86
When We Are Tempted to Deny Your Son Tune: PSALM 22

SERMON "Pontius Pilate: Another Kind of Substitution"

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.**

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 92 (v. 2)
Beneath the Cross of Jesus Tune: ST. CHRISTOPHER

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY There Is a Green Hill Far Away Richard Shephard

*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* 101

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Tune: HAMBURG

*BENEDICTION

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

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; Ruth McDonald, prayer for illumination; Youth Choir; Mary Van Voorst, director; 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.

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 Tony and Elly Muiderman 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) Sarah Boersen, Elliot Tanis; (11:00) Jeff, Valerie, Stefan, Daniel, Lauren, and Angela Burke, Jeff, Anna, Josey, Eliza, and Owen Beird, Willis and Ella Weymon; Ushers – Bob Van Voorst, Carol Cox; Deacons – (8:30) Jeff Voskuil, Jon Bechtel; (11:00) Jim Hensley, Scott Wolterink, Andy Mulder, Morrie Peterson; Refreshment Servers – Gayle and Paula Wilson.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Kip Holland-Anderson, Kate Bolt.

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: “The Redemptive Footprint of Third Reformed Church in the Community” led by Linda Jacobs. NEXT WEEK: Faith Journey led by Wendell and Renske Karsen.

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 Kent this week.

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
- 5:00 p.m. Prayer Service
- 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

WEDNESDAY

- 6:15 a.m. Men’s Bible Study
- 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints
- 8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers
- 8:30 a.m. Gifts & Memorials Committee
- 5:45 p.m. TASC Potluck Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. TASC Classes
- 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY

- 12:00 p.m. Young Hearts Luncheon
- 6:30 p.m. Children and Family Ministries’ Team
- 8:00 p.m. Views Women’s Group

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: Brett Holleman has returned home from the hospital. Pray for – Bob Brinks, Bob Kuiper, Leslie Piaget. Out of Town – Ann Romeyn, 2380 Aurora Ponds Dr. SW #322, Wyoming, MI 49519; Elisabeth Ten Zythoff, 6447 Franwood Terrace, Ft. Worth, TX 76112; Royal Park Atrium – Gerry & Corky Tillema. In the Military – Sam Bonnette, Christine Munoz.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

TASC: This Wednesday, March 24 will be the last TASC dinner and adult classes for the semester. The dinner will be potluck. If you are able please bring a dish to share. Kids only will meet the next week, March 31.

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.

“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.

YOUTH GROUP TREE SALE: The youth groups will be selling small pine trees this spring to be planted in your yard by the youth group. A tree planted in your yard for only \$5.00! This is a great deal as we get to partner in restoring creation, serve in community, and help out your landscaping. Please stop by the table in the Gathering Place if you are interested in ordering a tree for \$5.00. The small amount of money raised will go to help fund service projects. Thanks in advance from the youth groups.

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.

PRAYER SERVICE; Today; 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.

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.

Help! Each year about 25 beautiful lilies remain in the sanctuary after the 11:00 a.m. worship service waiting to be shared with a member of our church who is not able to participate in the glorious Easter Day worship service. Help is needed to pick up several of these lilies and deliver them later Easter Day. If you are able to help with this joyous ministry please sign up on the line below or call the church office, 392-1459, so plans can be made. Dee Bechtel will have names, cards, and instructions ready for you in the sanctuary following the service. Thank you for caring and sharing.

As you've seen in a recent mailing, we're hoping to raise enough money to purchase a house at 124 W. 13th 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.

YOUNG HEARTS: Tomorrow is the last day to make your reservation for the Young Hearts Luncheon (senior adults) on Thursday, March 25 at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Elliot Tanis will be taking us on a safari. Price for the lunch is \$4.00. You can make your reservations by calling the church office at 392-1459. Transportation is available on request.

"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. beginning this week, Thursday, March 25. Contact Pastor Kama for more information.

BAKERS NEEDED: We have 49 cakes to be made and delivered in April. If you are able to help with this please see Sandy Stielstra in the Gathering Place today. This is your last chance to bake a cake for the school year.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL: Ladies age 15 and up interested in fellowship on the field this spring/summer contact Mark Faga, 392-1459, at the church. We're all about fun – experience is not needed. Call soon, we start practices mid-April.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: There will be a Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Nursery care and bus will be available. On Friday, April 2 there will be a Good Friday service at Pillar CRC, 57 E. 10th St. at 12:00 p.m.

BUS FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE: The Church Bus will be making a stop at Freedom Village at 6:40 p.m. For other folks desiring bus transportation, call the church office at 392-1459 by noon on Thursday, April 1.

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.

EASTER BRUNCH: Celebrate Easter morning with your church family! Between services April 4 (9:30-10:45 a.m.) come to Fellowship Hall for hot cross buns, muffins, fruit, juice and coffee. Hosted by the youth groups.

CROP WALK: Over the past 30 years, Holland's Crop Hunger Walk has raised \$3,000,000 to fight hunger around the world. You can continue the work of Christ in this world by walking on Saturday, April 24 or

Sunday, April 25. Recruiting a friend to walk could raise an extra \$30.30. Planting the free seeds provided with your envelope means fresh vegetables for an agency this fall.

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