

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 11, 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 Christ Is Alive! Wilbur Held

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Blessed are those who have not seen  
and yet have come to believe.  
O give thanks to the Lord,  
for the Lord is good;  
**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

SALUTATION

+\*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 121  
That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

\*EASTER PSALM *Sing! A New Creation* 174 Psalm 114

\*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 Hebrews 4:14, 16

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*responsively*)

If, at times, we deny you, God forgive.  
When the risks of discipleship are high,  
and we are nowhere to be found:  
**God forgive.**  
When we wash our hands of responsibility:  
**God forgive.**  
When we cast our lot with powerful oppressors  
and seek to buy freedom with silver:  
**God forgive.**  
When fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth,  
or prejudice keeps us from believing it:  
**God forgive.**  
In the bright light of Easter morning, O God,  
our sin is exposed,  
and your grace is revealed.  
**Tender God,**  
**raise us in your love so that, with joy,**  
**we may witness to your awesome deeds,**  
**in the name of Jesus, the risen one. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE I Peter 1:18-21, NRSV

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE I Corinthians 5:6-8

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

### THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 25:6-9

p. 652

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:13-35

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Sing! A New Creation* 153

Come to Us, Beloved Stranger

Tune: BEACH SPRING

SERMON

“Emmaus Then...and Now”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Our Song of Hope* st. 4 (in unison)

**Jesus Christ is the hope of God’s world.**

**In his death,**

**the justice of God is established;**

**forgiveness of sin is proclaimed.**

**On the day of his resurrection,**

**the tomb was empty; his disciples saw him;**

**death was defeated; new life had come.**

**God’s purpose for the world was sealed.**

\*GLORIA PATRI *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 579

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Jesus Shall Reign

Joyce Jones

ANTHEM

Michael Praetorius

Stay with us, Lord, stay with us, O Lord, for the evening has come.

With radiance shine in every generation;

Then all creation will sing your praise forever, amen.

\*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* 118

The Day of Resurrection!

Tune: LANCASHIRE

\*BENEDICTION (*responsively*)

You have given yourself to us, Lord.

**Now we give ourselves for others.**

You have raised us with Christ and made us a new people.

**As people of the resurrection, we will serve you with joy.**

Your glory has filled our hearts.  
**Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.**

POSTLUDE                      Come, Thou Spirit of Life                      G. Winston Cassler

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

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kate Davelaar, liturgist; Diane De Vries, 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.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others George and Katherine Hunsberger 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) Bruce Plasman, Edgar Lampen; (11:00) Harry and Mary Boersen, Jason, Adriann, Jillian, and Miles Divozzo, Morrie and Barb Peterson; Ushers – Kenny Bauman, Jeff Skaff; Deacons – (8:30) Jon Bechtel; (11:00) Jim Hensley, Karen Holleman, Rick Frens, Jim Vander Meer; Refreshment Servers – Bob and Jan Benningfield.

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

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:** "Conflict Resolution in the Middle East: Cooling Down 'Hot Spots'" led by Donald Luidens.

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.

### VESPER SERVICE

6:00 p.m. in the chapel

"John 10:22-30: The Gift of an Unexpected Messiah"

Worship Leader: Andrew Mead

## 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. Japanese Worship – WTS  
 5:00 p.m. Handbell Choir  
 6:00 p.m. Vesper Service  
 6:30 p.m. Pathfinders  
**MONDAY**  
 12:00-6:00 p.m. Blood Drive  
 3:30 p.m. Monday Fun Day  
**TUESDAY**  
 8:00 a.m. Ruth Circle at Carol Doezema's  
 (288 Timberlake East)  
 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
 9:30 a.m. Hannah/Elizabeth Circles  
**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  
 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir  
**THURSDAY** NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  
 1:00 p.m. Women's Ministries Board  
 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 Andy, Jane, and Jennifer Zoerman in the death of Andy's father, Floyd Zoerman, on April 3.

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

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TEAM MEETING: Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to join the team if you are interested in helping to plan and implement our VBS program this summer. For more information contact Joyce Fry ([joycefry@trcholland.org](mailto:joycefry@trcholland.org) or 392-1459).

“ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING”: Next Sunday, April 18 is the last day to turn in your “One Great Hour of Sharing” offering boxes or envelopes for Reformed Church World Service. We thank all who have participated in this project this year. Our current offering totals just over \$1,000. Thank you.

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**

**BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC:** You will have the opportunity to have your blood pressure checked this morning in the library.

**THIRD SUNDAY PIZZA LUNCH** will be next Sunday, April 18 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

**THIRD SUNDAY FOR HUNGER:** Next Sunday, April 18 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.

Remember that some members have severe allergic reactions to perfume. Please refrain from using perfume or other scented cosmetics when you know you will be sitting in a large group. Thank you.

**FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT:** Sign up begins today for the Family Bowling Night on Saturday, April 24, 5:00-7:00 p.m. There are only 40 spots available. The cost, which includes bowling and pizza is just \$5.00 per person. Drinks are extra. You can sign up today in the Gathering Place or by calling Susan Formsma (399-1007) or the church office (392-1459). Payment is due in the church office by Monday, April 19.

**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.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** Sign up today in the Gathering Place to give blood at the Blood Drive on Monday, April 11 12:00-6:00 p.m.

**CROP WALK:** Food supplies at local agencies often run low during the summer months. You can help by bringing non-perishable donations to the Crop Walk on Saturday, April 24 or Sunday, April 25. Collected items count toward the \$1,000,000 Feinstein Foundation Grant. This year every 2 sponsored walkers are matched with a \$30.30 anonymous gift. Check your shelves, look for sale items and start a pantry box for Crop today.

**SIGN UP** begins next Sunday, April 18 for the next What's for Dinner? on Friday, April 30. Take this opportunity to become better acquainted with each other in the personal setting of your host's home. Everyone is invited to come, sign up and enjoy!

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Third Reformed Church is in the process of presenting a listing of nominees to form the next term of Consistory members. The Nominating Committee presents the following individuals to serve as Consistory members: Program Elders – Marcia Bishop, John Hutchinson, Doug Walvoord; Parish Elders – Charles Hunt, Ruth McDonald, Kathy Miedema, Anna Ritsema, Janet Rund, Gloria South, Milly Ten Brink, Gayle Wilson; Deacons – Dan Bolt, Susan Formsma, Cindy Hiskes. Please attend our congregational meeting, scheduled on Sunday, April 25 at 6:00 p.m., to approve and receive these members to our Consistory.

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