

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Youth Sunday**

April 25, 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.*

**We Are the Family of God**

**THE APPROACH TO GOD**

PRELUDE Oriole Katie Faga  
Vander Cook

VOTUM Alex Faga

CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from Psalm 147-150

SALUTATION

+\*HYMN OF PREPARATION (*see insert*) Marvelous Light

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Raechel Kamphuis  
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**  
(*The congregation may exchange the Peace.*)

RESPONSIVE READING

God you have given us this earth and you have given us each other  
**because we are your children.**  
You have given us our families  
**because we are your children.**  
God, help us to learn  
**because we are your children.**  
Help us understand that the color of our skin doesn't matter  
**because we are your children.**  
Help us understand that where we come from doesn't matter  
**because we are your children.**  
Help us know that you want us to love each other  
**because we are your children.**  
Help us to celebrate our differences  
**because we are your children.**  
And gather us together in your sight to worship you  
**because we are your children.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION James Ashcroft

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)  
(*silent prayers of confession*)

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness;  
according to the multitude of your mercies blot out our sins.  
Wash us thoroughly from our faults; the lack of love we show  
you, our selfish behavior, our inability to forgive one another,  
taking advantage of our families, and the subconscious ways we  
curse your name. Create in us a clean heart, O God; and renew  
a right spirit within us. Do not cast us away or take your Holy  
Spirit from us. Restore unto us the joy of your salvation and  
uphold us with your Spirit through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

RESPONSE *Sing! A New Creation* 256 Bless the Lord, My Soul

WORDS OF ASSURANCE II Corinthians 5:17-19 Alex Knowles

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE (*responsively*)

Our Lord Jesus said:

**“You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart,  
and with all your soul  
and with all your mind.”**

This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it:

**“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”**

On these two commandments  
hang all the law and the prophets.”

—Matthew 22:37-40

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

WORDS OF WELCOME

**Joyfully we receive you into the body of Christ.  
Join with us as we give witness  
in the world to the good news,  
for we are all one in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!**

CHILDREN’S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

Elliot Husbands

## THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Zoe Zuidema

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 8:14-17

Matt Palmateer

This is the Word of the Lord.

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**Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Ephesians 1:3-10

Anna Wolterink

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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**Praise to you, O Christ.**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Sing! A New Creation* 246

As Your Family, Lord

Tune: KUM BA JAH

MESSAGE Matthias De Jongh, Olivia Husbands, Jordan Kamphuis

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

SOLO

Lost Get Found

Lauren Gras

Britt Nicole

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (*in unison*)

Cesare Lombardi

**We believe that God has entrusted the church  
with the message of reconciliation  
in and through Jesus Christ,  
that the church is called to be the salt of the earth  
and the light of the world,  
that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker,  
that the church is witness both by word  
and by deed to the new heaven  
and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.  
We believe that God’s life-giving Word  
and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death,**



ASSISTING TODAY: Greeters, Ushers, & Refreshment Servers – Middle School Youth Group Members.

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

EDUCATION HOUR, 9:40-10:40 a.m., nursery care available

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|---|------------|---|---------|
| 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:** Book Discussion: “The Lemon Tree” led by Mark Hiskes. NEXT WEEK: Faith Journey led by Nella Kennedy

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.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

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 – Sarah Boersen, Dan Bolt, Tim DuMez, Susan Formsma, Cindy Hiskes.

**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  
6:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting

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  
5:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group  
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

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 – Phyllis Brown. Pray for – Bob Kuiper, Leslie Piaget. Lakeside Vista – Rosey Maatman, Roger Prins, Jean Walvoord; Heartland of Holland – Elizabeth Bennett; Appledorn Living Center – Louise Brackett, Florence Van Der Wilk. In the Military – Sam Bonnette, Christine Munoz.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS: Our VBS program, “Egypt, Joseph’s Journey from Prison to Palace” will need many adults and youth to run smoothly. We need individuals to serve as “Family” leaders, craft helpers, refreshment servers, Egypt builders/decorators, plus many more. Please stop by the table in the Gathering Place today to find a way that you can use your gifts in service to our VBS program this year.

TREES: The trees will be delivered this week on Wednesday, April 28, between 5:30 and 8:00 p.m., to those who purchased trees.

## **GENERAL ITEMS**

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the purchase of the house at 124 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street! It now belongs to Third Reformed Church and soon a family will be able to move in. And thank you to all who are supporting this housing ministry in other, valuable ways. We will soon be in need of mentoring teams for both houses. Please contact Jane Dykstra, 393-2000 for information.

CROP WALK: Thank you to all who participated yesterday in the Holland/Zeeland Crop Hunger Walk. If you missed Saturday’s walk, you can still walk today at 1:30 p.m. at Beechwood Reformed Church. Food and money collected will make a difference in the lives of many around the world.

SIGN UP today 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!

ORGAN UPDATE: Not much news to report as David and Mark were stuck in England due to the volcanic ash cloud. Hopefully they have now arrived as their flights were rescheduled for Saturday (yesterday) and they will begin work this week.

Thank you to all who placed Easter lilies in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Now that they have all bloomed, don’t throw them away. If you drop them off at the door (parking lot, outside) we will place them in the garden at church. We will take tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils, too.

EMERGENCIES: When there is a health or hospital emergency, do not call an individual pastor’s home. Instead call the church office, the voice mail message will give staff members’ names who should be contacted in case of an emergency.

The May/June edition, of the Upper Room, is in the literature racks in the Gathering Place and narthex.

## **THIRD REFORMED CHURCH**

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