

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 2, 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 Has Broken                      English Folk Tune

### VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP      *(responsively)*

Praise the LORD!

**Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!**

Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his host!

**Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars!**

Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!

**Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for he commanded and they were created.**

He established them for ever and ever;

**he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps,

**fire and hail, snow and frost,  
stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!

**Wild animals and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!

**Young men and women alike,  
old and young together!**

Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted;

**his glory is above earth and heaven.**

He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his faithful,

**for the people of Israel who are close to him.**

**Praise the LORD!**

—Psalm 148, NRSV

### SALUTATION

+\*HYMN OF PREPARATION    *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 455

All Creatures of Our God and King (vs. 1,2, 5 & 6)

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*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)*

**Almighty and Everlasting God, here we are after Easter, still  
trying to come to terms with the miracle that has met us in the  
Risen Christ. When Jesus came forth from the tomb everything**

**changed for us. A whole new world has met us.**

**Forgive us for all the ways we attempt to live in the same old world of sin and death. Beckon us to that transformed new life that we have yet to embrace in its fullness.**

**O God who leaped over the boundary between life and death, continue to leap over our boundaries, continue to surprise us with where you show up next, continue to keep working on us, transforming us so that we might be your faithful people, miraculously transformed by you. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE      Revelation 21:5-6

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE      *Sing! A New Creation* 215

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 11:1-18      p. 130

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: John 13:31-35      p. 108

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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In Christ There Is No East or West

Tune: ST. PETER

SERMON      "Prod Us, O God"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

## **THE RESPONSE TO GOD**

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

**God saves the world through Jesus.**

**Those who call on that name will have life.**

**Christ's hand reaches out beyond those who say "Lord"**

**to the infants who live in the atmosphere of faith,**

**even to the farthest stars and planets of all creation.**

**The boundaries of God's love are not known;**

**the Spirit works at the ends of the world**

**before the church has there spoken a word.**

**God will renew the world through Jesus,**

**who will put all unrighteousness out,**

**purify the world of human hands,**

**and perfect their fellowship in divine love.**

**Christ will wipe away every tear;**

**death shall be no more.**

**There will be a new heaven and a new earth,**

**and all creation will be filled with God's glory.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Grace Greater Than Our Sin Daniel B. Towner

ANTHEM

Peter Nardone

*I give to you a new commandment,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.*

Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est.  
*(Where charity is true, God is there)*  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
*(Christ's love has gathered us into one.)*  
Estultemus et in ipso iucundemur.  
*(Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.)*  
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.  
*(Let us fear and let us love the living God.)*  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincerro.  
*(And may we love each other with a sincere heart.)*  
—John 13:34-35 and Liber Usualis

\*DOXOLOGY *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs 592*

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

INVITATION

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 thanks and praise.**

With joy we praise you, gracious God, ...

...to proclaim the glory of your name

*Sing! A New Creation 250*

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

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

(You will be guided by the elders to the front via the center aisle to receive communion by intinction, taking a piece of bread and dipping it into the cup.)

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.**

—Psalm 103, with additions

PRAYERS OF 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* 500

Become to Us the Living Bread

Tune: O FILII ET FILIAE

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

He Is Exalted

Twila Paris

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

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; Ben Lichtenwalner, 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.

The flowers at the chancel today are given by Al and Jane Osman.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Marilyn Norman and Alan Beagley 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) – Kevin, Kim, Madie, Abbie, and Lilly Mendels; (11:00) – Mark and Cindy Hiskes, Frank and Sue Pettinga, Urs, Martha, Benjamin, and Ellie-Rose Waldvogel; Ushers – Steve, Krystal, Bethany, and Kaylyn Bulthuis; Deacons (8:30) – Bekah Schipper, Carl Heideman; (11:00) – Jeff Voskuil, Tom Bos, Rick Frens, Jim Vander Meer; Refreshment Servers – Jay, Tammy, Joe, Charlie, Maria, and Riley Mosterd.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Jane 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:** Faith Journey led by Nella Kennedy NEXT WEEK: “Recent Christian Theological Response to the New Atheism” led by Kent Fry

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.

**VESPER SERVICE**  
6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
“Renovarae and Adult Education”  
Worship Leader: Kama Jongerius

## 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  
3:00 p.m. Japanese Worship – WTS  
6:00 p.m. Vesper Service  
6:30 p.m. Pathfinders

### 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  
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

### FRIDAY

10:00 a.m. Women’s Prayer Group  
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: Phyllis Brown has moved to The Inn from the hospital. Pray for – Bob Kuiper, Leslie Piaget. Resthaven Care Center – Arnolda Otting, Joe Otting; Maple Woods – Vesta Speet; Tendercare – Marinus Pott. 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.

TULIP TIME PARKING: The high school youth group will sell parking spots for the three parades on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday. The money raised will help support the Backpacking Trip this summer. Cost will be \$5.00. Thank you for your support.

GRADUATES: If you have a graduate (high school/college) in your family, please notify the church office, 392-1459, or [trc@macatawa.org](mailto:trc@macatawa.org), by May 15 so that we can recognize them in the June newsletter. We will need the graduate’s name, the institution from which he/she is

graduating, and future plans if known.

## **GENERAL ITEMS**

**BLOOD PRESSURE:** You will have the opportunity to have your blood pressure checked next Sunday, May 9 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the library.

**ORGAN UPDATE:** We are making headway at light speed. David and Mark arrived in Holland last Sunday and went to work Monday morning cleaning the great chambers and pipes. They have also begun the re-voicing process. The console has also been taken apart as they decide how to add some elements to the organ.

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.

**CROP WALK:** Dedication Sunday for Crop Walk will be two weeks from today, May 16. At either worship service on that day, you will have the opportunity to place your pledge envelopes at the front of the sanctuary.

**BUEN PASTOR,** a Christian based migrant bi-lingual program in the summer that utilizes Third Reformed Church facilities and has members of the church on the board, has announced a 20 for 20 campaign. The ministry has been in existence for twenty years. They are looking for individuals to donate \$20 with the hopes of raising \$20,000. If you are interested in donating, there are flyers on the literature table in the Gathering Place. Donations can be sent to Buen Pastor, 111 W. 13<sup>th</sup> St., Holland, MI 49423.

The congregation is invited to a prayer service for National Day of Prayer at Grace Community Church, 945 136<sup>th</sup> Ave., on Thursday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. This will be a time for our community to gather together to pray for our community and our nation.

### **THIRD REFORMED CHURCH**

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