

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 9, 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 I Sing the Greatness of Our God Fred Bock

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.

**Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.**

Worship the Lord in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.

—Psalm 96

SALUTATION

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Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN

*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*)

**Have mercy upon us, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercies,
blot out our transgressions.**

**Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity,
and cleanse us from our sin.**

**For we know our transgressions,
and our sin is ever before us.**

**Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within us.**

**Cast us not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

**Restore to us the joy of your salvation,
and uphold us with a willing spirit.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 572

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Isaiah 49:15; 66:13

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE Ephesians 4:32-5:2

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

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEM (11:00) Judith A. Helms

Let me be your hands, Lord Jesus, helping those who come my way.
Let me be your feet, Lord Jesus, running errands every day.

*Hands and feet, a voice to bring good news, great news of our King.
Let me be your servant, Jesus, helping you in every way.*

Let me be your voice, Lord Jesus, telling people of your love.
Let me share your work, Lord Jesus, me on earth and you above.

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: I Timothy 1:12-17 p. 208

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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There's a Wideness to God's Mercy Tune: IN BABILONE

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 15:11-32 p. 78

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "God's Reckless Mercy"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed (*in unison*)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

ASSISTING TODAY: Greeters (8:30) – Ken Riksen, Reno Lamanian; (11:00) – Nathan, Elisabeth, Leif, Hayden, and Henrik Bauman, Scott, Stacey, Madelaine, and Savannah Van Dyke, Matt, Kim, Matthias, Nick, Allie, and Gabe De Jongh; Ushers – Gordon and Barbara Mummert; Deacons (8:30) – Carl Heideman, Jon Bechtel; (11:00) – Rick Frens, Karen Holleman, Jim Hensley, Andy Mulder; Refreshment Servers – Skip and Jane Keeter.

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

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

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| 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: This class will be held in the Fellowship Hall today. “Recent Christian Theological Response to the New Atheism” led by Kent Fry.

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.

YOUNG DISCIPLES, for children 3rd-5th grades, will meet in the chapel during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

VESPER SERVICE

6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

“Palestine Trip”

Worship Leader: Tom & Sharon Arendshorst

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. Vesper Service

6:30 p.m. Pathfinders

TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Ruth Circle at Andrea Rasmussen’s-2003 W. Lakewood

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

10:00 a.m. VBS Decorating Team at Tom Norman’s workshop

1:00 p.m. Rachel Circle

6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY

1:00 p.m. WMTR Board

FRIDAY

7:00 a.m. S & A Ministry 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: Holland Hospital – Marion Nelson. Jim Hoffman has moved to The Inn from the hospital. Pray for – Bob Kuiper. The Inn – Phyllis Brown, Florence Holleman, Jantina Holleman, Dorothy Sheets, Crystal Teague. In the Military – Sam Bonnette, Christine Munoz.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS: Thank you to all who have signed up to help in our VBS program, “Egypt, Joseph’s Journey from Prison to Palace” this summer. We are still looking for adults and teens to serve as “Family Group” leaders and helpers. For more information, stop by the table in the Gathering Place or contact Joyce Fry (joycefry@trcholland.org or 392-1459).

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES TEAM MEETING: Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in ministry to children and their families you are invited to attend.

GRADUATES: If you have a graduate (high school/college) in your family, please notify the church office, 392-1459, or 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 this morning beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the library.

THIRD SUNDAY PIZZA LUNCH will be next Sunday, May 16 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. There will be no pizza lunches during the summer.

THIRD SUNDAY FOR HUNGER: Next Sunday, May 16 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.

ORGAN UPDATE: Fed Ex picked up a box of material from the organ that has to be re-worked in the workshop in Norwich, England. Work continues on cleaning and re-voicing the pipe work. Every pipe in the organ will be removed in the process – 2,352 pipes in all.

CROP WALK: Dedication Sunday for Crop Walk will be next Sunday, 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.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE: We will begin summer worship services on Sunday, May 30. There will be one worship service at 10:00 a.m.

THIRD REFORMED CHURCH

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