

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Ascension Sunday

May 16, 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.*

PRAISING THE ASCENDED LORD

PRELUDE The Peace May Be Exchanged Dan Locklair

READING Acts 1:6-14

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**For the Lord, the Most High is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.**

The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.

He has established the world; it shall never be moved.

Since, then, we have a great high priest
who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God,

let us hold fast to our confession.

**Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy
and find grace to find help in time of need.**

—Psalm 47:1-2; 93:1; Hebrews 4:14, 16, NRSV

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 151

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Tune: DIADEMATA

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

**We come, O Lord, on this day of glory
to confess our lack of trust.**

**While we sing of your lordship over all creation,
we have too often acted as though you are powerless
in the face of today's event.**

**Help us to live with confidence in your presence today
and in hope for life with you forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE I John 2:1-2

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE *Sing! A New Creation* 154 (vs. 1 & 3)

God Has Gone Up with Shouts of Joy

Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

TEACHING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 16:16-34

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This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: John 17:20-26

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This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 442
The Church's One Foundation (vs. 1, 3 & 5) Tune: AURELIA

SERMON "Overhearing Jesus Praying"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Sing! A New Creation* 175
I Believe in God Almighty Tune: IN BABILONE

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

WORDS OF WELCOME

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

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
(*The congregation may exchange the Peace.*)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Salutis humanae Sator Colin
Mawby

(Please bring your Crop Walk envelopes forward
when called upon to do so.)

ANTHEM (8:30) Roland E. Martin

Consider the lilies of the field whose bloom is brief:
We are as they; like them we fade away, as doth a leaf.
Consider the sparrows of the air of small account:
Our God doth view whether they fall or mount, he guards us too.
Consider the lilies that do neither spin nor toil,
Yet are most fair: what profits all this care and all this coil?
Consider the birds that have no barn nor harvest weeks;
God gives them food: much more our Father seeks to do us good.
—Christina Rossetti

(11:00) William Croft

God is gone up with a merry noise,
And the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
O sing praises, sing praises unto our God.
For God is the king of all the earth.
O sing ye praises with understanding. Amen.
—Psalm 47:5-7

*DOXOLOGY *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 592
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Holy Spirit, you work within us.

Do not let us forget that we are not our own.

Holy Spirit, you move within us.

Empower us to live the faith we profess.

Holy Spirit, God within us. **Guide and protect us now and always.**

**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* 145
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart Tune: MARION

*BENEDICTION Matthew 28:18-20, *The Message*

POSTLUDE Fugue in d Johann Pachelbel

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

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; Ruth Sill, 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. 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 flowers at the chancel today are given by Al and Jane Osman.

The rose by the font is in celebration of the birth of a son, Owen John, to John and Kara Green on May 12.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Bill and Carol Doezema 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) – Erv and Sandy Ter Haar; (11:00) – Ev and Barb Albers, Mark, Becky, Olivia, Elliot, and Ethan Husbands, Cesare Lombardi, Norm and Shirley Japinga; Ushers – Tom, Cheryl, and Chelsey Ter Haar; Deacons (8:30) – Jon Bechtel, Jon Rietberg; (11:00) – Scott Wolterink, Karen Holleman, Jim Hensley, Marj Hoekstra; Refreshment Servers – Ray and Jane Snyder.

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

VESPER SERVICE
6:00 p.m. in the chapel

“Buen Pastor”
Worship Leaders: Elvira Gracia and Sherri Derr-Farrell

Next Sunday, May 23 is the last day of education classes for all ages until September. Plan to attend the Educational Open House.

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: “Recent Christian Theological Response to the New Atheism” led by Kent Fry. NEXT WEEK: “Recent Christian Theological Response to the New Atheism and The State of the Church” 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.

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
- 6:00 p.m. Vesper Service
- 6:30 p.m. Pathfinders

MONDAY

- 7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle at Phyllis Bruggers’-570 Appletree Dr.
- 7:30 p.m. Martha Circle at Lynne Bonnette’s-78 W. 33rd St.

TUESDAY

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Women’s Softball Game at Helder Park East
- 7:00 p.m. Consistory

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
- 7:00 p.m. 8th Grade Graduation
- 7:00 p.m. Children & Family Ministries Team

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 returned home from The Inn. Pray for – Bob Kuiper. Out of Town – Ann Romeyn, 2380 Aurora Ponds Dr. SW, #322, Wyoming, MI 49519; Elisabeth Ten Zythoff – 6447 Franwood Terrace, Fort Worth, TX 76112; Royal Park Atrium- Gerry & Corky Tillema; Home – Alma Van Lente. In the Military – Sam Bonnette, Christine Munoz.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

“TREASURE SEEKERS” Children’s Summer Worship Program starts Sunday, June 13 during our 10:00 a.m. worship service. Adults and teens are needed to serve as leaders for this program each week. Lessons will be provided. Please sign up at the table in the Gathering Place.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES have collected enough money to buy a cow for the RCA “Give a Cow” project. A cow will be purchased for a family in poverty in Madanapalle, South India. Next Sunday, the elementary classes will be celebrating the completion of this successful mission project.

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.

ORGAN UPDATE: 65% of the organ is re-installed and playable. You should notice a difference in how the organ fills the sanctuary with sound. David and Mark went to Portland, Oregon Wednesday to choose the digital voices for the pedal division. Later today they will fly back to England to begin Phase II work at their workshop. In late September they will return to Holland for Phase III when they will finish the project.

CROP WALK: Today is our Dedication Sunday for Crop Walk contributions that you have received. If you did not bring yours today please bring it to the church office. Thank you for your efforts to show your support for this worthwhile cause.

YOUNG HEARTS: The next Young Hearts luncheon will be Thursday, May 27 at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Paul Den Uyl will join us to share picture and stories of “Fire and Our Forgotten Heritage.” Lunch is provided by the Fellowship Committee. Please make your reservations by calling the church office, 392-1459, by Tuesday, May 25.

NEWLY ELECTED Elders and Deacons will be ordained and installed on Sunday, May 30. Elected were: 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.

WOMEN’S MINISTRIES: Saturday, June 5, 9:30 a.m. “Hymns of Faith” presented by Linda Strouf in the chapel.

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

TRC CAMPING! Now is the time to confirm your reservation for camping with your Third friends at Pioneer County Park in Muskegon, on beautiful Lake Michigan. Join us on August 11 through August 13. Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday with site departures at 1:00 p.m. on Friday. Look for the sign-up sheet today in the Gathering Place. A \$25.00 deposit will secure your site. Reservations made on a first come, first serve basis, with space for 20 families.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT: There will be a free Electronics Recycling Event on Saturday, May 22 at First Reformed Church, 148 E. Central, Zeeland between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Any items with a cord or battery will be accepted at no charge. TVs have a requested donation of \$10.00 each.

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