

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 11, 2010

10:00 a.m.

*Let the first note of the prelude be a call for
personal meditation in preparation for worship.*

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Come, Christians, Join to Sing arr. by Lloyd Larson

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

God arises in the council of heaven
and gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

**“How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?”**

Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

**rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.”**

They do not know, neither do they understand;
they go about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**Now I say to you, “You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;**

nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any leader.”

**Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Strength of the weak,
defender of the needy,
rescuer of the poor,
deliver us from the power of wickedness,
that we may rejoice in your justice now and forever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

—Psalm 82

*SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 285

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

**You asked for our hands,
that you might use them for your purpose.
We gave them for a moment, then withdrew them,
for the work was hard.
You asked for our mouths
to speak out against injustice.
We gave you a whisper that we might not be accused.
You asked for our eyes
to see the pain of poverty.
We closed them, for we did not want to see.
You asked for our lives,
that you might work through us.
We gave a small part, that we might not get too involved.
Lord, forgive our calculated efforts to serve you —
only when it is convenient for us to do so,**

**only those places where it is safe to do so,
and only with those who make it easy to do so.
Father, forgive us,
renew us, send us out
as a usable instrument,
that we might take seriously
the meaning of your cross. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Colossians 1:13-14

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE Luke 10:25-37

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL FOR "TREASURE SEEKERS"

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Amos 7

p. 855

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Sing! A New Creation* 268

Here I Am, Lord

Tune: HERE I AM, LORD

SERMON "Only a Layperson"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

RESPONDING IN FAITH AND PRAISE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 86

We have been delivered from our misery (responsively)

by God's grace alone through Christ

and not because we have earned it:

why then must we still do good?

To be sure, Christ has redeemed us by his blood.

But we do good because

Christ by his Spirit is also renewing us to be like himself,

so that in all our living

we may show that we are thankful to God

for all he has done for us,

and so that he may be praised through us.

And we do good

so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits,

and so that by our godly living

our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

*SONG OF AFFIRMATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 432

Song of Hope

Tune: ARGENTINA

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Deep River

arr. by Mark Hayes

PRAYERS 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.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE

COMMISSIONING Amos 5:14-15, 23-24

*HYMN OF DEDICATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 426

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak (vs. 1, 3, & 5)

Tune: CANONBURY

*BENEDICTION John 15:16

POSTLUDE How Majestic Is Your Name

Michael W. Smith, setting by Joel Raney

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

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. William Unzicker, liturgist; Charlotte Garlough, prayer for illumination; Mary Van Voorst, flute; 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.

This morning we continue our series for the summer on the Old Testament Prophets, "Troublers of Israel."

The flowers at the chancel today are given in loving memory of Ann Van Lente by her husband, Dale and daughters, Katrina and Gretel.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Matt and Kim De Jongh 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— Don and Carol Triezenberg, Todd, Jupy, Grant, Zachary, and Jana Honeycutt, Mark and Chris Walvoord; Ushers — Linda Jacobs, Betty Balk; Deacons — Andy Mulder, Jon Bechtel, Morrie Peterson, Jim Hensley; Refreshment Servers — Chris, Lorna, and Justis Cook.

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

"TREASURE SEEKERS" Children's Summer Worship Program, for children aged 4 through 3rd grade, continues today. Children will be dismissed from the sanctuary. Come join us on this "tropical island" adventure as we discover God as the greatest treasure of all! Parents, please pick up your child in the Treasure Seeker room (**children's music room 7**) after the service.

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

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

3:00 p.m. Japanese Worship - WTS

TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

6:00 p.m. Family Outdoor Adventure
at Outdoor Discovery Center

8:30 p.m. Women's Softball Game at Helder Park

WEDNESDAY

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study

8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers

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 Elliot and Elaine Tanis and Marilyn and Darrell Franken whose sister-in-law, Marjorie Tanis, died on July 7 in Pella, Iowa.

The congregation is invited to witness the nuptials of Melanie Elizabeth Rund, daughter of Austin and Janet Rund, and Andrew Lawrence Reynolds, son of Bruce and Jane Reynolds and Carol Bechtel and Tom Mullens. The ceremony will take place at 3 o'clock in the afternoon on July 24 in the sanctuary of Third Reformed Church.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Out of Town – Ann Romeyn, 2380 Aurora Ponds Dr. SW, Wyoming, MI 49519; Elisabeth Ten Zythoff, 6447 Franwood Terrace, Fort Worth, TX 76112; Royal Park Atrium – Gerry & Corky Tillema; Home – Richard Oudersluys. In the Military – Sam Bonnette, Christine Munoz.

CAMPER'S CORNER

CAMP GENEVA

July 12-14

Christopher Heideman

July 12-16

Josiah Millen

Claire Van Duinen

July 15-17

Noah Millen

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

NEEDED FOR VBS CRAFT PROJECT: paper towel tubes. Please save and bring to Joyce Fry's office.

GET OUTSIDE! Make plans to bring a picnic dinner and join us for our "Family Outdoor Adventure" at the Outdoor Discovery Center (4214 56th St.) on Tuesday, July 13 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. We will picnic together at 6:00 and then enjoy the evening outdoor activities. Please bring fishing rods and GPS (if you have them), and bug repellent. All ages are encouraged to attend. Come join your church family and enjoy an evening in God's great outdoors! Sign up today in the Gathering Place or e-mail Joyce Fry (joycefry@trcholland.org) if you are planning to attend. For more information, please contact Rick Frens or Joyce Fry.

HELP IS NEEDED FOR OUR BACKYARD BASH-EGYPT 2010 which is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Adult and teen helpers are needed to supervise the games, lead the crafts, serve the food, and clean up afterwards. Please sign up today in the Gathering Place. For more information, contact Joyce Fry.

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR EGYPT – VBS 2010: Children aged 4 through 5th grade are encouraged to register for this exciting program where we will be learning about Joseph and his journey from Prison to Palace in Egypt. VBS is scheduled for Monday, August 2 through Thursday, August 5 from 6:00-8:15 p.m. Pick up the registration form from our VBS table in the Gathering Place or click on the link at www.trcholland.org. Please return the forms to the church office or e-mail the information to trc@macatawa.org.

VBS FAMILY GROUP LEADERS: Please pick up your music CD on the table outside of the office.

GENERAL ITEMS

THIRD SUNDAY FOR HUNGER: Next Sunday, July 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.

DIRECTORY: A new address directory is going to be printed soon. Please stop by the table, in the Gathering Place, where there is a copy of the current directory, to be sure your family's information is correct. We would like to have as many e-mail addresses included in the directory as possible. Your e-mail address will not be printed without your permission. Please indicate what your e-mail address is and that it is okay to be printed. It will not be shared with those outside of the congregation.

SHARE YOUR MEMORIES: The Communications Team is assembling a new website, and we'd like to feature your photographs and memorabilia! E-mail scottmillen@sbcglobal.net or drop off your discs and prints and the like at the church office. We're planning on a fall launch, so the sooner the better!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL & GARDEN TOUR: Join your friends (rain or shine) for a time to enjoy flowers and food at the Osmands' garden at 1081 W. 27th St. from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Sunday night, July 25. If you need transportation please call the church office at 392-1459. This event is being planned by the Fellowship Committee.

HELP NEEDED: There is still a need for some furniture for the family living in the house at 124 W. 13th St: 2 high chairs, a bookshelf, shelving for toys (no higher than 2 shelves), crib sheets. Help is also needed to move some furniture upstairs. If you are able to help with any of these needs please contact Marcia Forsman, 741-9315.

The congregation is invited to the ordination service of Kenita Harris this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. at Calvary Reformed Church, 995 E. 8th St. Kenita is employed by the RCA, serving with Earl James in Multiracial Initiatives and Social Justice Office; and to the installation service of Rev. Megan Hodgkin at Fellowship Reformed Church, 300 N. 168th Ave., at 4:00 p.m. Megan will serve as the Associate Pastor at Fellowship.

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