

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 25, 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 Our Father, Who Art in Heaven J. S. Bach

INTROIT This Little Light of Mine Negro Spiritual, arr. by John W. Work

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP *Sing! A New Creation* 201

*SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 275
God of Our Life Tune: SANDON

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

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

**Eternal and merciful god,
you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,
and you have set us on paths of righteousness
for your name's sake.
Yet we have strayed from your way;
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
through what we have done and what we have left undone.
As we remember the lavish gift of your grace
symbolized in baptism, O God,
we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again.
Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin,
and to rise daily to new life in Christ,
who lives and reigns with you,
and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Colossians 2:13-15

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE Colossians 2:6-7

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

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.**

*RESPONSE *Sing! A New Creation* 274
If You and I Believe (vs. 1 & 3)

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL FOR "TREASURE SEEKERS"

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Hosea 1:1-10

p. 835

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 11:1-13

p. 72

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 261

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us Tune: O QUANTA QUALIA

SERMON

“Marry a Harlot”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH AND COMMITMENT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *(responsively)*

God holds this world in sovereign love.

He kept his promise, sending Jesus into the world.

He poured out his Spirit and broadcast his news

that sinners who repent and believe in Jesus

can live and breathe and move again

as members of the family of God.

We rejoice in the goodness of God,

renounce the works of darkness,

and dedicate ourselves to holy living.

As covenant partners, called to faithful obedience,

and set free for joyful praise,

we offer our hearts and lives to do God’s work in his world.

With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended,

we expect the Day of the Lord.

And we are confident

that the light that shines in the present darkness

will fill the earth when Christ appears.

Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you.

—*Our World Belongs to God*, st. 5-6

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Petit plein jeu

François Couperin

SOLO

Take My, Hand, Precious Lord

Thomas A. Dorsey

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

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

PARTING TO SERVE

WORDS OF COMMISSION Hosea 6:6

*HYMN OF DEDICATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 447

Lead On, O King Eternal

Tune: LANCASHIRE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Allegro maestoso from Sonata II Felix Mendelssohn

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

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; Barb Hartgerink, prayer for illumination; Sarah Ashcroft, soloist; Linda Dykstra, piano; 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 memory of Gerrit and Jennie Sprietsma; daughter Helen Sprietsma Wolf; and granddaughter Gretchen Hargis by Gerrit Wolf.

We joyfully welcome Mary Hobeck into our Christian faith community this morning. There will be a receiving line after the worship service where you may greet her.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Carol Segrist and Reno Lamania 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— Lee and Milly Ten Brink, Jason, Adriann, Jillliann, and Miles Divozzo, Darrell and Marilyn Franken; Ushers – Emily Lievense, Jane Hunter; Deacons – Tim DuMez, Jim Hensley, Scott Wolterink, Jon Bechtel; Refreshment Servers – Alan and Jeanette Beagley.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Joyce and Becky Fry.

“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.

Today Elton Bruins will make a brief presentation on the architecture and history of Third Reformed Church at the chancel steps immediately following morning worship. All interested persons are invited to attend.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL & OSMAN GARDEN TOUR (rain or shine)

today—6:00-8:00 p.m.

1081 W. 27th St.

This event is being planned by the Fellowship Committee.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

6:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social

TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 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
6:00 p.m. Backyard Bash

FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. Newsletter Assembly

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 Jim and Eleanor Hoffman in the death of Jim's sister, Jean Marsh, on July 13 in Grand Rapids.

CONGRATULATIONS to Chris and Sarah Clark on the birth of a son, Jansen Harvey, on July 15.

CONGRATULATIONS to Melanie Rund and Andrew Reynolds who were married yesterday.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Pray for: Darrell Franken, Jane Dykstra. Resthaven Care Center – Arnolda Otting, Joe Otting; Maple Woods- Vesta Speet; Tendercare – Marinus Pott; Providence – Eileen Mooney. In the Military – Sam Bonnette, Christine Munoz.

CAMPER'S CORNER

CAMP GENEVA

July 26-31

Elizabeth Hoekstra

Katherine Hoekstra

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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.

HELP IS STILL NEEDED FOR OUR BACKYARD BASH-EGYPT 2010: Adult and teen helpers are needed to supervise the games, lead the crafts, and clean up afterwards. Please sign up today in the Gathering Place. For more information, contact Joyce Fry.

TREATS NEEDED FOR BACKYARD BASH: Please sign up today in the Gathering Place if you are willing to bring a cake, a pie, cookies, or bars for our Backyard Bash.

NEEDED FOR BACKYARD BASH: 2 children's wagons. Please let Joyce Fry know if you have these items to lend.

A VBS FAMILY GROUP LEADER IS NEEDED: Due to a family conflict, we have lost one of our Family Group Leaders. Please contact Joyce Fry if you would be willing to serve.

BACKYARD BASH – EGYPT 2010:

Wednesday, July 28, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Invite your family and friends to this evening of fun and fellowship as we “kick-off” our Egyptian VBS program.

The Critter Barn and the Zoerman’s horses will be back, as well as children’s games with an Egyptian flair.

Children will have the opportunity to “get wet” if they wish, so dress accordingly.

GENERAL ITEMS

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!

WOMEN’S MINISTRIES is looking forward to studying Revelation this year. If you are a new member or a long time member at Third and have never joined a circle, please consider doing so this fall for Bible study, sharing, prayer and fellowship. We need to order study books, so if you want to be a NEW circle member call Sarah Unzicker, 335-9559, to find out the meeting times of the various circles. There are several so one is sure to fit your schedule.

TENNIS: We will meet again to play tennis on Monday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Holland Christian High School tennis courts. We play mostly doubles and you don’t need a partner.

BREAKFAST WITH BABY: On Saturday, August 14 Third Reformed Church is scheduled to coordinate breakfast for Breakfast with Baby at Fourth New Community. Please contact Pastor Kent if you are able to serve. Women’s Ministries is planning to coordinate this long-standing ministry.

MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT

- Jaime Amaro, Monterrey, Mexico
- Martha Amaro, Monterrey, Mexico
- Roger De Young, Mission Stewardship and Coordinator for Mexico and Venezuela
- Ruth Estell, China
- Linn Gann, India
- Justin Majawa, Save Orphans Ministries, Malawi
- Wayne and Miho Jansen, Japan
- Rowland, Jr. and Jane Van Es, Kenya
- Nakajima/Ministry with Japanese People

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation