

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 29, 2011

10:00 a.m.

*Great and loving God, your will for us in Jesus is the peace which the world cannot give; your abiding gift is the Advocate he promised. Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear. Keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word, that we may be your dwelling place. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.*

### THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE                      Fugue in C Major                      G. F. Handel

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Bless God, all people, let the sound of God's praise be heard.

**God has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.**

Even though tested by fire and led through the water,

**Yet has God brought us out to a spacious place.**

Let us praise God!

SALUTATION

+\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Tune: ST. DENIO

\*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*)

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

**Descend upon us.**

**Convince us that you have provided the gifts**

**we need to be faithful disciples.**

**Strip away the excuses that hold us back from service:**

**We don't have time;**

**We don't know how;**

**We aren't skilled enough.**

**We forget:**

**We do not ensure success;**

**You move through the most meager effort.**

**We do not control your Spirit;**

**You move as you will.**

**We are not alone;**

**You are always our partner.**

**Give us faith to do the work you summon us to do.**

**Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE              Psalm 66:16-20

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE              Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 22:37-40

SOLO                      O Lord Most Holy                      César Franck

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL FOR WORSHIP CENTERS

### THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 17:22-31 p. 137

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

GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:15-21 p. 109

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

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Sing! A New Creation* 167

Gift of Christ from God Our Father Tune: AR HYD Y NOS

SERMON "Inadequate"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY An Ancient Prayer Keil

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

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (*in unison*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, do you receive in the name of the Lord these Deacons and Elders as duly elected and ordained servants of Christ?

**We do.**

Do you promise to respect them for the sake of the offices for which they have been chosen and ordained?

**We do.**

Do you promise to encourage and pray for them, to labor together in obedience to the gospel for the unity, purity, and peace of the church, the welfare of the whole world, and the honor of our Lord Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

Beloved people of God, receive these Deacons and Elders as Christ's own servants. Support them in love, that their work may

bear fruit. In the name and by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare that these brothers and sisters are duly installed Deacons and Elders in this church.

**Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & 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 *Sing! A New Creation* 268

Here I Am, Lord

Tune: HERE I AM, LORD

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Patriotic Medley arr. by Lori Maatman

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

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; Kim De Jongh, prayer for illumination; Stan Witteveen, soloist; Lori Maatman, organist.*

## 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.

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

NEWLY ELECTED Elders and Deacons are being ordained and installed today. Elected were: Program Elders – Linda Jacobs, Ed Stielstra, Dave Vanderwel; Parish Elders – Harvey Doorenbos, Marcia Forsman, Kit Janssen Leggett, Carol Segrist, Peg Van Grouw; Deacons – Anna Beird, Steve De Young, Jason Divozzo, Karen Palmateer, John Ruiter.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Carol Segrist and Reno Lamanía 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 – Andy and Cynthia De Boer, Mary Hobeck, Carol Hoekenga, Tom and Marilyn Norman; Ushers – Rob and Lisa Walcott; Deacons – Sarah Boersen, Jim Hensley, Karen Holleman, Marj Hoekstra; Refreshment Servers – Greg, Amanda, Maddy, Emily, and Sam Dykhouse

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Peter and Sarah Bast.

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.

YOUNG DISCIPLES, for children 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades, will meet in room 20 during the worship service.

## **THIS WEEK**

MONDAY

Office Closed

TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

7:30 p.m. Women's Softball Game at Helder East

WEDNESDAY

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

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints

8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers

FRIDAY

10:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group

## **PERSONAL**

Share your prayer concerns by using the prayer request cards found on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Place the requests in the prayer box or offering plate. Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.

SYMPATHY is extended to Joyce, Kent, and Becky Fry in the death of Joyce's mother, Miriam Huibregtse, on May 22 in New York.

CONGRATULATIONS to Grace Olson and Dan Claus who were married yesterday.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: St. Mary Hospital – Cindy Hiskes. Spectrum Downtown – Walt Seidelman. Mike Van Doornik and Dorothy Perkins have returned to their apartments from The Inn. Ruth Sill has returned home from the hospital. Resthaven Care Center – Arnolda Otting, Roger Prins, Vesta Speet.

## **CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY**

“PARABLE QUEST—AN AMAZON RAINFOREST ADVENTURE,” our summer worship program for children 4 years through second grade, will begin on Sunday, June 19, during our 10:00 a.m. worship service. We need adults and teens to lead the lessons each week (curriculum will be provided). Please see the “Parable Quest” table in the Gathering Place today to sign up to serve in this program.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011: Monday, August 1 – Thursday, August 4; 6:00-8:15 p.m. Join us for “PandaMania” where we will “travel to China,” meet the amazing great pandas, and discover that “God is wild about us” through the words of Psalm 139.

THE VBS PLANNING TEAM is inviting the whole congregation to be a part of the VBS 2011 experience this year. We are still in need of adults and teens to serve as small group leaders, recreation helpers, and “Panda Theater” leaders. Please visit the VBS table in the Gathering Place to learn more and to sign up to serve. Any questions, feel free to contact Joyce Fry ([joycefry@trcholland.org](mailto:joycefry@trcholland.org); 392-1459).

VBS CRAFT PLANNING TEAM: If you would like to join a team that will choose VBS crafts for this summer, please contact Joyce Fry. We are hoping to meet in the next two weeks.

## **GENERAL ITEMS**

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.

If you would like to volunteer to make a meal for someone in need, please e-mail the Third Reformed Church Meals Ministry: [thirdchurchmeals@gmail.com](mailto:thirdchurchmeals@gmail.com)

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES: Debby Topliff, artist and author of a study of the book of Revelation, will speak to the Women's Ministries on Monday, June 6, at 7:30 p.m. All are invited.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION: We will have a new member orientation for those interested in pursuing membership. Dates are June 5, 12, and 19 from 9:00-9:45 a.m. prior to morning worship. Child care will be available. We will meet in the office conference room. Pastor Kent will lead the sessions.

BREAKFAST WITH BABIES: Third Reformed Church will be helping with Breakfast with Babies at Fourth Reformed Church on Saturday, June 11 from 9:00 until 11:30 a.m. We will be providing breakfast casseroles this time. Sign up sheets are in the Gathering Place for casseroles and to volunteer to help with serving, help with children, registration, etc. Men and women, boys and girls are encouraged to help. If you have questions call Sarah Unzicker, 335-9559.

ORDINATION SERVICES: The congregation is invited to attend the ordination service of Habeeb Awad on Sunday, June 5, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Habeeb will be a specialized minister in the Holland Classis, serving international students at Hope College and assisting the Reformed Church on Middle East issues. The congregation is also invited to the ordination service of Chad De Jager on Sunday, June 5, 5:00 p.m. at Calvary Reformed Church. Chad is a recent graduate of Western Seminary and has accepted a call to the First Reformed Church in Pompton Plains, NJ.

CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN ON CHILDREN'S DAY Sunday, June 12. There will be a picnic lunch in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:00 a.m. service.

#### **MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT**

Jaime Amaro, Monterrey, Mexico  
Martha Amaro, Monterrey, Mexico  
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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