

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

June 5, 2011

10:00 a.m.

Lord, our God, we thank you for your Word and Spirit, through which we know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. May those who confess your name today never cease to wonder at what you have done for them. Help them to continue firmly in the faith, to bear witness to your love, and to let the Holy Spirit shape their lives. We ask this, Lord Jesus, in the hope of your coming. Amen.

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

Adagio

Fiocco

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

All who thirst, come to the water  
and drink deeply of these living streams.

**Come, all who are weary;**

**Come, all who yearn for forgiveness.**

Our gracious God beckons and blesses us.

**Let us give praise for new life in Christ!**

SALUTATION

+\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 495

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Tune: ENGELBERG

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Sing! A New Creation* 49

Create in Me a Clean Heart

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Luke 24:46b-48

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE

Acts 1:6-8

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL FOR WORSHIP CENTERS

RESPONSE Passed Thru the Waters

*(The congregation will join the cantor in singing the refrain  
the second time through, and each time thereafter.)*

Like survivors of the flood, like walkers through the sea,

Like walkers through the God-divided sea:

We are rescued, we are claimed; we are loved and we are named,

*refrain*

Like small children washed and clean, or drowned to live again,

Like people drowned and brought to life again:

We are washed and we are saved, we are risen from the grave,

*refrain*

Do you see the Spirit's fire? And hear the wind blow free?

Do you feel the wind and fire blowing free?

We are chosen each by name, marked by water, then by flame,

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Passed Thru the Waters'. The first staff is a vocal line with lyrics: 'We are Bap-tized! I am Bap-tized! We have passed thru the'. The second staff continues the lyrics: 'wa-ters And that's all that mat-ters! We have passed thru the'. The third staff concludes with: 'wa-ters! O thanks be to God!'. The music is in G major and 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C).

© Copyright 1971 by Richard K. Avery and Donald S. Marsh  
From ALIVE AND SINGING. ASCAP

reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-703249

## THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Ephesians 1:15-23

p. 192

SERMON

“A Nesting Life”

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 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.**

BLESSING AND WELCOME

Welcome our brothers and sisters in Christ.

**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.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY                      Shout to the Lord                      arr. by F. Pethel

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

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

THE LORD'S SUPPER

MEANING OF COMMUNION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*responsively*)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Loving God, you made this world marvelous for us to enjoy.  
You gave us Jesus to be our Savior and friend and to bring us to  
you. You sent your Spirit to make us one family in Christ. For  
these gifts of love we thank you. We join with angels and saints  
in this joyful hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

For your kindness to us and your goodness to all, we give you thanks. We thank you that you showed your love by sending Jesus the Christ, who gave his life for us, rose from death, and lives today, praying for us always.

We thank you that Christ has taken away all that separates us from you, and has made us friends with you and with one another. We thank you that he has brought us together at this table, to strengthen us in love.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and these your gifts of bread and wine, that we may know Christ's presence, real and true, and be Christ's faithful followers, showing your love for the world.

**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,**

**in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**

**all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, forever.**

**Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

*(Communion will be served by intinction. After partaking of the bread and cup, please return to your pew by the far side aisle. If you wish to be served in the pew, remain seated and an elder will approach you with the elements.)*

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION *(responsively)*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.

bless his holy name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,**

**and do not forget all his benefits—**

who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

**who redeems your life from the Pit,**

**who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

—Psalm 103:1-4

PRAYER OF 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

**Confirm us, O God, as seekers of light,**

**New saints in your church and who strive for the right.**

**True ground of our being, illumine each mind,**

**So doubting or trusting your mercy we find.**

**Refresh us, O God, in body and soul;**

**Baptize us with love to make each one whole.**

**Through symbols of water, of bread, and of vine,**

**We know your true presence and power divine.**

**Unite us, O God, in covenant ways,**

**The body of Christ responding in praise.**

**Diverse in our background, in sex and in race,**

**Yet now we are one through the gift of your grace.**

—M. Dossia Carlson

**\*BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE                      God to Guide Me                      Hal H. Hopson

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

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Kama Jongerius, preaching; Rev. Kent Fry, Charlie Mosterd, Brent Paarlberg, liturgists; Nathan Bauman, prayer for illumination; Sophie Awad, Katherine Hoekstra, clarinet duet; 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 Harvey Buter in memory of his wife Jeane.

Please celebrate with us in welcoming Sophie Awad, Katherine Hoekstra, Charles Mosterd, and Brent Paarlberg into our covenant community of faith as confessing members. Join us in the Gathering Place following the worship service for a cake reception.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Harley and Phyllis Brown 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 – Kathy and Fred Van Tubbergen, Alma Holkeboer, Ruby Steketee, Bruce and Jane Reynolds; Ushers – Jason, Adriann, Jillian, and Miles Divozzo; Deacons – Jim Vander Meer, Jim Hensley, Scott Wolterink, Susan Formsma; Refreshment Servers – Terry, Jennifer, and Henry Kroll.

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

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.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION begins today and continues through June 19 from 9:00 to 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.

**ORDINATION SERVICE FOR HABEEB AWAD**

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.

**THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY**

6:00 p.m.      Ordination Service for Habeeb Awad

**MONDAY**

7:30 p.m.      Women's Ministries Program

**TUESDAY**

9:30 a.m.      Staff Meeting

2:30 p.m.      Women's Ministries Board Meeting

6:30 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
- 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Marilyn Brown
- 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

#### FRIDAY

- 7:00 a.m. S & A Ministry 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.

A service in memory of Marilyn Brown will be held on Wednesday, June 8, at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

SYMPATHY is extended to Bob and MaryAlice Ritsema in the death of their brother-in-law, Dick Vriesman, on May 22 in Lynden, Washington.

SYMPATHY is extended to Crystal Teague in the death of her son-in-law, Paul Van Raalte, on May 30 in Fennville.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: The Inn – Bill Arendshorst, Libby Boven, Carol Granberg, Florence Holleman, Jantina Holleman, Crystal Teague, Andy Vollink.

### 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.

VBS LEADERS' MEETING: Sunday, June 19, at 11:15 in the chapel. This meeting is for all those who have volunteered to serve as Small Group leaders or helpers or as Panda Theater Leaders. If you cannot attend, please contact Joyce Fry. We will have an alternative meeting later in the summer.

VBS PLANNING TEAM MEETING: Wednesday, June 15, at 7:15 p.m. in the office conference room.

VBS HELP IS STILL NEEDED: Please check out the table in the Gathering Place to find a way that you can serve. For more information, contact Joyce Fry.

### GENERAL ITEMS

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.

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.

SIGN UP today to help clean the curb strip on 12<sup>th</sup> Street and then plant flowers. Any help is appreciated during the week, but especially on Friday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m. If the work is not done we will continue on Saturday, June 11, at 9:00 a.m. If you have questions, please contact Susan Formsma, 399-1007.

REMINDER: Next Sunday, June 12, is Pentecost. Remember to wear red as a reminder of the burning fire of the Holy Spirit.

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.

THE SUNRISE SAINTS will conclude this season on Wednesday, June 8. We will be studying chapters 9 and 10.

ORDINATION SERVICE: The congregation is 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.

10 DAYS OF GLOBAL PRAYER: For a few years – 2005 and 2007 – many churches in Holland gathered at Dimnent Chapel to join the Global Day of Prayer on Pentecost Sunday. This year we are trying something different. On the model of Praying in the Season of Lent, which many of our churches participated in, 10 churches are opening their sanctuaries at noon for a half-hour prayer service. These gatherings began on Ascension Day, June 2, and finish on June 11. The gatherings will be: Sunday, June 5, at St. Francis; Monday, June 6, at First United Methodist Church; Tuesday, June 7, at Hope Church; Wednesday, June 8, at Temple Jerusalem; Thursday, June 9, at Pillar Church; **Friday, June 10, at Third Reformed**; Saturday, June 11, at Maple Avenue Ministries.

### **THIRD REFORMED CHURCH**

111 West 13th Street, Holland, Michigan 49423

(616) 392-1459 - Fax (616) 392-8412

E-mail: [trc@macatawa.org](mailto:trc@macatawa.org)

Website: [www.trcholland.org](http://www.trcholland.org)

CareLine: (616) 393-5574 or (800) 937-5774

Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, & Chapel  
are wired with an Induction Hearing Loop

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*