

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2022

8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

Pastorale

Richard Shepherd

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP

(responsively)

Rejoice with me, people of God.

God has gathered us in from the wilderness.

Rejoice with me, people of God.

God has swept away the darkness of the night.

Rejoice with me, people of God.

Today, there is joy in the presence of the angels.

—from Feasting on the Word

SALUTATION

*+HYMN OF PRAISE 579 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Tune: ST. DENIO

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION from Psalm 51 *(responsively)*

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy,
blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.

**Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.**

You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Let us confess our sins before the Lord in silence.

(silence)

Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

GRATEFUL LIVING Luke 15:1-10
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 32:7-14 p. 78

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: I Timothy 1:12-17 p. 208
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "It Goes Bad When We Forget"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

The Response to God

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME

RESPONSE

Do you promise to love, encourage, and support
these brothers and sisters by teaching the gospel of God's love,
by being an example of Christian faith and character, and
by giving the strong support of God's family
in fellowship, prayer, and service?
We do.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed

**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.**

*GLORIA PATRI 961

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY Have You Heard God's Voice? Frederick Chatfield

Have you heard God's voice; has your heart been stirred?

Are you still prepared to follow?

Have you made a choice to remain and serve, though the way be rough and narrow?

Will you use your voice; will you not sit down when the multitudes are silent?

Will you make a choice to stand your ground when the crowds are turning violent?

Will you walk the path that will cost you much and embrace God's love and sorrow?

Will you trust in One who entrusts to you the disciples of tomorrow?

Will you watch the news with the eyes of faith and believe it could be different?

Will you share your views using words of grace? Will you leave a thoughtful imprint?

In your city streets will you be God's heart? Will you listen to the voiceless?

Will you stop and eat, and when friendships start,

will you share your faith with the faithless?

We will walk the path that will cost us much and embrace God's love and sorrow?

Will you trust in One who entrusts to you the disciples of tomorrow?

Have you heard God's voice; has your heart been stirred?

—Jacqui G. Jones

*DOXOLOGY 965

Tune: OLD HUNDREDETH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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 604

To God Be the Glory

Tune: TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Cortège

Malcolm Archer

+Latecomers will be seated.

*You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Eleanor McMullen, Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas, liturgists; Kamerkoor; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.

JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING TIME OF LEARNING

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP: Our Children and Worship Program for children aged 4 through the 2nd grade continues today during the 10:00 service. Our Worship Center program takes place in Room 2. (Downstairs: Take the Northwest staircase down to the lower level. The room is the first door to your right.)

EDUCATION HOUR, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

nursery care available

Preschool-First Grade room 2 Second -Fifth Grade room 1
6th-8th grades room 11 Senior High Youth Room

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 11:30-12:30

Mosaic: "Vision Update" led by Pastors Ryan, Angel, and Janelle. Meets in the sanctuary & by Zoom (using the same link as the worship service)

Beginning September 25 George Hunsberger will lead a class on "The Corinthian Correspondence: The Cross Changes Everything."

EL ENCUENTRO (EN ESPAÑOL): Les invitamos a las 11:15 a.m. a reunirnos en la presencia del Señor, escuchar su Palabra y orar juntos. Favor de invitar a sus familiares y vecinos-- ¡Todos son bienvenidos! Nos reuniremos en **Fellowship Hall**. (gimnasio). ¡Nos vemos!

*[Translation] **EL ENCUENTRO (SPANISH GATHERING)** We invite you to join us at 11:15 a.m. to spend time in the presence of God through his Word, and to pray together. Feel free to invite your family and friends-- everyone is welcome! We meet in the **Fellowship Hall**. See you!*

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 are given by Tom III, Tim and Carol in honor, and in thanksgiving for, the gift that their parents, Sue & Tom Ten Hoeve, have been - and in celebration of their 87th birthdays!

We joyfully welcome the following members into our Christian faith community this morning: Michelle DeBoer, Bart & Pat DenBoer, Bruce & Kay Stewart, Bruce & Nancy TerBeek. There will be a receiving line after the worship service where you may greet these new members.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Jane Johnson Keeter, Lynne Bonnette, Roger DeYoung.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Jane Synder and Chris Cook will be available to pray with you following today's worship service. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer located in the south hallway on the main level.

The Week Ahead

Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Kamerkoor
- 11:15 a.m. Spanish Worship Ministry/El Encuentro
- 11:30 a.m. Education Hour
- 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

Monday

- 12:00 p.m. Blood Drive
- 1:30 p.m. Miriam Bible Study

Tuesday

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Hannah/Elizabeth Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Ruth Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Lydia Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Worship Committee
- 7:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday

- 6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers
- 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 1:30 p.m. Rachel Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. LIFT Dinner
- 6:15 p.m. LIFT Classes
- 6:15 p.m. Middle School Youth Group

Thursday

- 8:00 a.m. Sunrise Saints

Congregational News

Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.

Please remember to have someone notify the church office when you are in the hospital so you can receive spiritual care by the pastoral staff. Call 392-1459.

SYMPATHY is extended to Erv and Sandy Ter Haar in the death of their brother-in-law, Donald Elzinga, on September 4.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital-Bea Rozeboom, Bob Kuiper. Hospice-Margaret Doorenbos, Sue Pettinga. The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village-Martha Beld, Herb Dakin, A.E. Lacy, Mary Heideman. Missionaries-John & Lynne Hubers (Ethiopia), Angel Lopez (Mexico).

KAMERKOOR: Kamerkoor (formerly Sanctuary Choir) begins a regular rehearsal schedule today, at 9:00 a.m. **Come join us.** No audition is necessary. If you aren't a singer but hear someone near you in church who you think has a good voice, encourage them to try choir! Email or call Linda Strouf if you have questions.

BLOOD DRIVE: Third Reformed Church will host a blood drive on Monday, September 12. Visit redcross.org to sign up to donate that day.

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH: Everyone is invited to attend the El Encuentro Service on Sunday, September 18, at 11:30 a.m. This will be the Adult Education opportunity for the day. The service will be in Spanish, but will be translated for those who need it. There will be a lunch following the service. This will be a great time to get to know your fellow church goers. If you'd be willing to provide something for the luncheon please visit, <https://tinyurl.com/4rfvjmd> or contact Pastor Janelle at janelle.lopzk@trcholland.org

SUNRISE SAINTS: Men of all ages are invited to join the Sunrise Saints on Thursday mornings, at 8:00 a.m. This group meets weekly in the chapel and on Zoom, starting September 8, will be discussing, *Journey to the Common Good* by Walter Brueggemann. For more information contact Harold Gazan, haroldgazan@comcast.net or Bill Unzicker at billunz@gmail.com

LIFT (Life in Faith Together) begins Wednesday, September 14. Dinner and community celebration time is from 5:30-6:15 p.m., classes and activities for all ages following. Adult opportunity: Bilingual Bible Study (drop ins welcome). The first session will be Wednesday, September 14 and will run weekly through December 7.

PRAYER TEAM MEMBERS: There will be a breakfast next Sunday, Sept 18th at 9:00 a.m. in Room 22 for all Prayer Team members and for anyone interested in joining the Prayer Team. It will be a time to plan for the future of the Prayer Ministry at Third. RSVP to Jane Dalman at 616-393-2000 or email gajane4@yahoo.com.