

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022

8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

Largo

Betty Roe

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from Psalm 146 *(responsively)*

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes,

in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.

**Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,**

who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed;

who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers;

he upholds the orphan and the widow,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord!

SALUTATION

*+HYMN OF PRAISE 404 God of Our Life
Tune: SANDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(responsively)*

Sovereign God,

We say you are our refuge, our fortress and our strength; but in truth, we lean on our own understanding, and put our trust in many things and people to guard our lives, and forget to turn to you first of all.

**Forgive us, God,
when we stew and worry and plan without remembering you.
Forgive us, O Christ, that we value so many objects and achievements that cannot
compare to your gift of salvation.
Forgive us, Holy Spirit, when we do not listen when you are pointing to what is true
and eternal, but rather focus on what we think we know, and what we want now.
Lord help us to live for you, and for you alone, in all the ways you've called us. Forgive us,
and make us more like Jesus. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*HYMN 958 Alleluia, Alleluia
Tune: SINCLAIR

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: I Timothy 6:6-19 p. 210
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Time, Talent, and Treasure "

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

The Response to God

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 370 My Soul Finds Rest
Tune: MY SOUL FINDS REST

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY Fight the Good Fight setting by Austin C. Lovelace

Fight the good fight with all thy might;
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace,
lift up thine eyes, and seek His face,
life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy guide;
His boundless mercy will provide;
trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;
He changeth not, and thou art dear;
only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

—J.S. B. Monsell

*DOXOLOGY 965

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

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 859 Be Thou My Vision
Tune: SLANE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Pageant Philip Moore

+Latecomers will be seated. *You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas, preaching; Rev. Jeff Munroe, liturgist Madison Pieve, prayer for illumination; Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, prayer for thanksgiving & intercession; John Hubers, Yasser Palacios, musicians; Kamerkoor; 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.

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

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Laura McMullen, Willis Weymon, Jon VanDuinen

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Sarah and Bill Unzicker 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.

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: Panel on Reciprocal Language facilitated by Jim Padilla DeBorst. Meet in the Sanctuary and on Zoom (same link as worship). Next week: "Meet Jim Padilla DeBorst" facilitated by Pastor Ryan Boes.

"The Corinthian Correspondence: The Cross Changes Everything" meets in room 22. Class led by George Hunsberger

EL ENCUENTRO (EN ESPAÑOL): Les invitamos a las 11:30 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 11:30 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!*

The Week Ahead

Sunday

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

Monday

7:00 p.m. Women's Ministries Kick-Off

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry

Wednesday

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers (zoom)
9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (zoom)
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.

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12:30 p.m.

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Come and meet Carol Bechtel, writer of this year's Bible study booklets on Monday, September 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Also, meet and greet with members of other small groups for dessert after Carol's talk. All women are welcome even if not a part of a small group at this time. New members are always welcome to join and booklets are available in the church office.



Benjamin's Hope is one of the missions that Women's Ministries supports. The women of Third Reformed are invited to tour this facility on Saturday, October 15. We will meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. the bus will hold 22 and some may be driving. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided at the farm. Please wear comfortable shoes as some walking may be required. Please RSVP and sign the sheet in the Gathering Place today. Questions call Mary DeWitt, 616-368-7634.



THE CORINTHIAN CORRESPONDENCE:

THE CROSS CHANGES EVERYTHING

A STUDY WITH
REV. DR. GEORGE HUNSBERGER

The letters Paul wrote to the Jesus-followers in Corinth provide more than clues about doctrinal beliefs and ethical behavior. They answer bigger questions for the church: Who are we? When are we? Why are we? And how does the event of Jesus' execution by the powers-that-be answer these questions?

This course begins today at 11:30 in room 22 in the basement (across from the Centennial Room).