

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 16, 2022

8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

Fantasia in C Major

Johann Pachelbel

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 121 (*responsively*)

I lift up my eyes to the hills—

from where will my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

**He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**The sun shall not strike you by day
nor the moon by night.**

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

**The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

SALUTATION

*+HYMN OF PRAISE 351 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Tune: HYFRYDOL

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Merciful God,

we wrestle against your will for us.

We struggle to live as you have taught us.

We fight against the vocation you have given us.

We are careless with our words.

We are self-seeking with our deeds.

We have not sought to right what is wrong.

Help us and heal us God.

That we may struggle with you, and not against you.

That we may live into your call, instead of resisting it.

Forgive us God and keep us in your love. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN'S TIME

*HYMN 892 Be Still and Know (sung twice)
Tune: BE STILL AND KNOW BELL

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 18:1-8

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

SERMON

“Open the Door”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

The Response to God

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from the Belhar Confession (*responsively*)

We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;

that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;

that God calls the church to follow him in this, for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;

that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;

that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream; that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

Therefore we reject any doctrine which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY Covenant of Thy Steadfast Love Robert J. Powell

O Lord God of Israel, there is no God like thee in heaven or on earth,
who keeps his covenant, and showeth mercy
to his servants who walk before him with all their hearts.

May thine eyes be opened on this house day and night,
upon the place where thou hast put thy name;
to hearken to the prayer which thy servant prayeth in this place.

—II Chronicles 6:14, 20

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 934 God of Mercy, God of Grace
Tune: DIX

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Psalm 121 Gaël Liardon

+Latecomers will be seated. *You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Reghan Harms, liturgist; Jim Padilla DeBorst, prayer for illumination; 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 Diann Koeman in memory of her father, Ike Koeman.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Jane Johnson Keeter, Lynne Bonnette, Jim VanderMeer.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Joyce Magee and Carl Folkert 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: Next week: "Make This Wound Your Medicine" led by Jeff Munroe.

"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
- 5:00 p.m. Carillon Choir
- 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

Monday

- 7:00 p.m. Martha Bible Study

Tuesday

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Worship Committee
- 1:00 p.m. Women's Ministries Board Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministries
- 7:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting

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

Saturday

- 10:00 a.m. Sue Pettinga Memorial Service

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 to Cindy and Mark Hiskes in the death of her mother, Sue Pettinga, on October 10. A service in memory of Sue will be held on Saturday, October 22, at 10:00 a.m. at Third Reformed Church.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital-Stan Witteveen, Ed Westerbeke. Jasmine Leal has returned home from the hospital. Hospice-Margaret Doorenbos. Appledorn-Lois Jalving, Bob Kuiper, Donna Prins; Maple Woods-Muriel Bolhuis, Beth DuMez, Dennis DeWitt. Missionaries-Jaime & Martha Amaro (Mexico), Albino & Sandy Rodriguez (Peru).

OFFICE HOURS CHANGE REMINDER: The office will be closed at noon on Fridays. This schedule will go through the end of the year.

DRIVERS NEEDED: We are currently in need of individuals who can drive immigrants and asylum seekers to their court appointments in Grand Rapids or Detroit. October 18 is the next date we need a driver. We would like to start a list of on-call people who are willing to drive if they are needed. If you would like to serve in this way, or if you are available on the 18th to drive, please contact the office at office@trcholland.org.

COLLECTIONS AVAILABLE: In the Third Church archives we have bound copies of the Church Herald magazine, roughly from 1983 until 2004. We also have the orange General Synod minutes from 1988 through 2009. As these are duplicates of collections at both the Joint Archives of Holland and at the RCA, we are offering these to anyone in the congregation before we recycle them. If you are interested, please contact the office at office@trcholland.org.

Harvest Party

Wednesday, October 26

5:30-7:30 p.m.

hosted by Third Reformed & Maple Avenue Ministries

We'll have lawn games, street hockey, inflata-balls, face painting, food, costume parade and other fun activities for children and youth.

Sunday Schedule Announcement

Having received additional feedback about the well-intended schedule for Sunday morning services and Christian Education hour, our staff would like to announce a return to the following morning schedule which **will begin on Sunday, October 23:**

- 8:00 AM Worship (English)
- 10:00 AM Worship (English)
- 11:15 AM to 12:15 PM Christian Education for children through adults
- 11:30 AM El Encuentro Spanish Service