

# Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 23, 2022

8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

## The Approach to God

PRELUDE

Ah Lord, Poor Sinner That I Am

Johann Kuhnau

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP      Psalm 65      (*responsively*)

Praise is due to you,

    O God, in Zion,

and to you shall vows be performed,

    O you who answer prayer!

To you all flesh shall come.

**When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,**

**you forgive our transgressions.**

**Happy are those whom you choose and bring near**

**to live in your courts.**

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,

    your holy temple.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,

    O God of our salvation;

you are the hope of all the ends of the earth

    and of the farthest seas.

**By your strength you established the mountains;**

**you are girded with might.**

**You silence the roaring of the seas,**

**the roaring of their waves,**

**the tumult of the peoples.**

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;

you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

You visit the earth and water it;

    you greatly enrich it;

the river of God is full of water;

    you provide the people with grain,

    for so you have prepared it.

**You water its furrows abundantly,**

**settling its ridges,**

**softening it with showers,**

**and blessing its growth.**

You crown the year with your bounty;

    your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

**The pastures of the wilderness overflow;**

**the hills gird themselves with joy;**

**the meadows clothe themselves with flocks;**

**the valleys deck themselves with grain;**

**they shout and sing together for joy.**

SALUTATION

\*+HYMN OF PRAISE 575 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN

\*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*)

Merciful God, hear our prayer.

**We lament the state of the world and the condition of our heart.**

Creation groans, your people ache with hunger.

**Our hearts have been hard, indifferent to the needs of our neighbor.**

You have called us to participate in new creation and testify to your grace.

**Yet we continue to destroy and corrupt your good world.**

Let us rend our hearts and return to you O Lord.

**For you are slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*HYMN 749 Spirit of the Living God  
Tune: IVERSON

CHILDREN'S TIME

## The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Joel 2:23-32 p. 848  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 18:9-14 p. 81  
This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON "The Humility of the Spirit"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

## The Response to God

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 770 In Christ Alone  
Tune: IN CHRIST ALONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY Rejoice in the Lord Always Hal H. Hopson  
*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.*  
Let your tolerance, be known to ev'ry one. The Lord is at hand.

Have no anxiety about anything but in ev'rything by prayer  
and supplication with thanksgiving let your needs to be known to God.  
May the peace of God which passes all understanding  
keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.  
—Philippians 4:4-7

\*DOXOLOGY 965

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

From around the world we hear many children crying, O God;  
crying for food and drink and someone to enfold them in loving arms.  
**Hear their prayers, dear Lord,  
and make us instruments of your peace.**

We see the desolate eyes of refugees, O God;  
plodding along war devastated roads,  
or looking from transit camps, and from behind barbed wire,  
for glimmers of hope.  
**Hear their prayers, dear Lord,  
and make us the instruments of your peace.**

We read about the abused sisters and brothers, O God;  
cringing from family violence,  
or suffering in paddy-wagons and jails,  
or assaulted in their own homes by strangers.  
**Hear their prayers, dear Lord,  
and make us the instruments of your peace.**

We hear the sobbing of the broken hearted, O God;  
betrayed by spouse or lover,  
deserted by parents,  
watching at the bed of the dying,  
or following a hearse to the cemetery.  
**Hear their prayers, dear Lord,  
and make us the instruments of your peace.**

We know about the disasters that afflict others, O God;  
the bodies mangled in road accidents;  
those devastated by disease or war,  
and the minds that have cracked under pressure.  
**Hear their prayers, dear Lord,  
and make us the instruments of your peace.**

We lift up those who are struggling in their health, and in need of your care:  
Herb Pollack, Kelly Pasatta, Ed Westerbeke, Alan Beagley, and Jasmine Leal.  
We pray for Margaret Doorenbos, and Lois Jalving over care of hospice.  
We pray for all of our members in assisted living care.  
We pray for the Pettinga-Hiskes family, and ask you to comfort them.  
**Hear their prayers, dear Lord,  
and fill them with your help, and peace.**

We read about your church, O God;  
in some places overcrowding its buildings,  
in others battling to maintain services,  
or in some countries meeting secretly behind locked doors.

**Hear their prayers, dear Lord,  
and make us the instruments of your peace.**

We look on the faces of both friends and enemies, O God.  
Some of our friends are doing it hard,  
while enemies seem to be getting it easy;  
yet all are souls for whom Christ died.

**Hear their prayers, dear Lord,  
and make us the instruments of your peace.**

Holy Friend, while we have been praying,  
you have been busy answering our petitions  
with an ineffable wisdom and an indefatigable love.

Thank you.

Through Christ Jesus our Saviour.

**Amen!**

— written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on [Bruce Prewer's Homepage](#).

**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 943 God Be with You Till We Meet Again  
Tune: RANDOLPH

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune on St. Bartholomew Pietro Cataneo

+Latecomers will be seated. \*You may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Maria Treviño Austin Geelboed, Linda Jacobs, liturgists;  
Marcia Bishop, 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 Al and Jane Osman.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Jon VanDuinen, Willis Weymon, Roger DeYoung

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Marilyn Norman and Jane Dalman 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: "Make This Wound Your Medicine" led by Jeff Munroe. Next week: "Growing in God, Through Christ Jesus" led by Jill VerSteege. This class meets in the sanctuary.

"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  
11:15 a.m.      Education Hour  
5:00 p.m.      Carillon Choir  
7:00 p.m.      High School Youth Group

### Tuesday

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

### 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.      Harvest Party

### 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.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Herb Pollock. has been discharged from Holland Hospital. Ed Westerbeke has moved to Resthaven Rehab from the hospital. Ellen Rieck is at Appledorn S. Hospice- Margaret Doorenbos, Lois Jalving. The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village-Martha Beld, Herb Dakin, Mary Heidman, Jack Kuiper, A.E. Lacy. Missionaries-Linn G. (Asia), Cheryl Barnes (Malawi), Lubna Y. (Asia)

MICROPANTRY: We are in great need of more donations to keep the micro pantry going. The following items are needed: canned spaghetti sauce, canned stews, soups, canned fruits, canned potatoes, cereal, toilet paper, paper towel, soap, shampoo, deodorant, hand wipes, snack items.

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](mailto: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, face painting, food, costume parade and other fun activities for children and youth.

