

# Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 12, 2023                      10:00 a.m.

## The Approach to God

PRELUDE                                      Slow March                                      Richard Shepherd

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP    from Psalm 119 (*responsively*)

Happy are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the Lord.

**Happy are those who keep his decrees,  
who seek him with their whole heart,  
who also do no wrong  
but walk in his ways.**

You have commanded your precepts  
to be kept diligently.

**O that my ways may be steadfast  
in keeping your statutes!**

Then I shall not be put to shame,  
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

**I will praise you with an upright heart,  
when I learn your righteous ordinances.**

SALUTATION

\*+HYMN OF PREPARATION    102    Arise, Your Light Is Come  
Tune: FESTAL SONG

\*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*)

**God of mercy,  
Your son Jesus taught us.  
He performed signs among us.  
He healed the sick and freed those captive to sin.  
Yet we, like those who witnessed those acts of power,  
have been slow to believe.  
Have mercy on us God.  
We have looked for a way out.  
We have sought a different path.  
We have tried the easy road.  
We have walked the broad way.  
Forgive us God, and keep us on the road of following you. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*HYMN 104 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise  
Tune: SALZBURG

CHILDREN'S TIME

## The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: I Corinthians 3:1-10

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This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Purpose of Signposts"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

## The Response to God

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Belgic Confession, Art. 26 (*responsively*)

What more do we need?  
For Christ himself declares:  
"I am the way, and the truth, and the life.  
No one comes to the Father  
except through me."  
Why should we seek another intercessor?

**Since it has pleased God  
to give us the Son as our Intercessor,  
let us not leave him for another—  
or rather seek, without ever finding.  
For, when giving Christ to us,  
God knew well that we were sinners.**

Therefore,  
in following the command of Christ  
we call on the heavenly Father  
through Christ,  
our only Mediator,  
as we are taught by the Lord's Prayer,  
being assured that we shall obtain  
all we ask of the Father in his name.  
**Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY Savior, Teach Me Day by Day  
Savior, teach me, day by day, thine own lesson to obey;

Raymond Weidner

Better lesson never can be: loving him who first loved me.  
With a childlike heart of love, at thy bidding may I move;  
Prompt to serve and follow thee, loving him who first loved me.  
—Jane Leeson

\*DOXOLOGY 965

Tune: OLD HUNDRETH

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 938 My Friends, May You Grow in Grace  
Tune: BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE Finale Alan Viner

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

*Worship Leaders: Hunter Brumels, preaching; Bart Den Boer, Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas, liturgists; Scott Millen, prayer for illumination; John Hubers, guitar; 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 blueberry twig wreath at the chancel today is given by Al and Jane Osman.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Laura McMullen, Bruce Bassett, Lynne Bonnette.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Debbie and Dan Rooks 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, 11:15-12:15

Mosaic: "African Americans Who Helped Save Democracy" led by Fred Johnson. This class meets in the sanctuary. Next week: "When Poets Pray" led by Jeff Munroe.

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

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday

8:45 a.m. Kamerkoor  
11:15 a.m. Education Hour  
11:30 a.m. Spanish Worship Ministry/El Encuentro  
5:00 p.m. Carillon Choir  
7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group

### Monday

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  
7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministries  
7:30 p.m. Deacons' 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  
6:30 p.m. Intergroup Dialogue Session  
7:00 p.m. New Members' Orientation

### Friday

10:00 a.m. Pickleball

## 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 Steve and Dawn Vander Ark and their grandson, Gabriel, in the death of their son, Adam, on February 8.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Ruth Sill has returned home from the hospital. Hospice-Sue Ten Hoeve, Don Maatman. Pray for Lucille Schroeder. Home-Bill Charlton, Barb Mummert, Ruby Steketee; Out of Town-Ellen Rieck. Missionaries-Wayne & Miho Jansen (Japan),

Rowland Jr. & Jane Van Es (Kenya), Victor Kanyi (Kenya).

MICRO-PANTRY NEEDS: Thank you for your continued support of the Micro-Pantry! We are either out or very low on the following items: soap, canned vegetables, toothpaste, canned fruit, toilet paper, cereal, shampoo, canned baked beans, canned soup, spaghetti sauce, canned potatoes, noodles, rice, snack bars, macaroni and cheese.

CALLING ALL PICKLEBALL PLAYERS: There will be pickleball at 10:00 a.m. on Fridays. If a conflict arises, the church calendar will be changed and, if possible, a notice will be placed in Third Church News. There is no need to worry about level of play - just that you're prepared to have a good time!

CROP Walk: Thank you for your continued support of the CROP Hunger Walk and its recipient agencies through your collecting of Spartan receipts. Since CROP Hunger Walk began collecting receipts from local churches in 2018, they have received \$22,000 in donations from SpartanNash. We recently learned that **SpartanNash will be discontinuing their Direct Your Dollars program.** The program will run through the end of this month. **Please bring any Family Fare and D & W receipts you have been saving for the Direct Your Dollars program to the church by Sunday, February 19** so they may be used toward another donation to the CROP Hunger Walk. Reminder: for your SpartanNash receipt to be accepted the whole receipt needs to be turned in. They will not accept the receipts with only the Direct Your Dollars portion. They will, however, accept the whole receipt with your payment information blacked out.

WINTER WEATHER INFORMATION: During the weekdays, Third Reformed Church will follow the Holland Public Schools cancellations to determine whether we will be having daily and evening activities. For Sundays: if inclement weather is impacting travel, we will have 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. walk-in worship services in English and Spanish respectively unless otherwise announced. As per usual, the 10 a.m. service will be on Zoom. If we cancel services, text and email messaging will be used, and it will be announced on the church web site on the home page, on Facebook and Instagram, and on Wood TV 8 as well

## Upcoming Events

### Ordination Service

February 19 at 4:00 p.m.

our Director of Youth Ministries, Hunter Brumels, will be ordained as a minister of Word and Sacrament in the Reformed Church in America. The service will take place here and will be followed by a celebratory reception.

### Ash Wednesday Service

February 22 at 12:10 p.m.

at Third Reformed Church.

This is a joint service held with St. Francis.

### Third Church Staytreat

#### Sign Up Today

Friday, March 10-12

Sign up on the church website, [trcholland.org](http://trcholland.org), under the discipleship tab or by calling the church office.

This is a fun-filled weekend that brings us joy, laughter, learning, delicious food, and wonderful fellowship.

In the registration form you'll find an opportunity to volunteer to help set up/clean up/provide activity supervision and more. Additionally, while this weekend is being provided for you at no charge, if you would like to contribute something towards the cost of food and supplies, there's a spot on the form to indicate that as well.