

First Sunday of Lent

February 26, 2023

10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Bradbury, arr. by Larry Sue

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from Isaiah 12 (*responsively*)

You will say on that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
and you comforted me.

Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust and will not be afraid,

for the Lord is my strength and my might;

he has become my salvation.”

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say on that day:

“Give thanks to the Lord;

call on his name;

make known his deeds among the nations;

proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;

let this be known in all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

SALUTATION

*+HYMN OF PREPARATION 540 Holy God, We Praise Your Name (vs. 1,2 & 4)

Tune: GROSSER GOTT

*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 32 (*responsively*)

(The choir will introduce the refrain. During the prayer, the congregation will sing the refrain together where the lines are bolded.)

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

(sung-see next panel) **O God will you restore us**

and grant us your salvation.

While I kept silent, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord"

(sung) **O God will you restore us
and grant us your salvation.**

You forgave the guilt of my sin.
Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;

the steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

(sung) **O God will you restore us and grant us your salvation.**

O God Will You Restore Us

Isaac Wardell



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WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE from Psalm 32

*HYMN 770 In Christ Alone
Tune: IN CHRIST ALONE

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Hebrews 1:1-4

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

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SERMON "God Spoke"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

The Response to God

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed *(responsively)*

We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
**maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

begotten from the Father before all ages,

**God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;**

he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried.

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.**

His kingdom will never end.

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.**

He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY Go So Loved the World Aaron David Miller

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

For God sent not his Son to the world to condemn the world.

But that the world through him might be saved.

—John 3:16-17, altered

*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 39 The God of Abraham Praise (vs. 1, 2, 4, & 5)

Tune: LEONI

*BENEDICTION

+Latecomers will be seated.

*You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas, preaching; Chris Cook, Linda Jacobs, liturgists; Linda Fulton, prayer for illumination; Larry Sue, Carla Sue, handbells; 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.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Jon Van Duinen, Jane Johnson Keeter, Laura McMullen.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Ella and Willis Weymon 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: "Spirituality in Dance" led by Lindsey Hansen. This class meets in the sanctuary. Next week: "Spirituality in Visual Arts" led by Joel Schoon-Tanis.

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

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

Tuesday

1:00 p.m. Women's Ministries Board Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministries
 7:00 p.m. Creative Expressions Team

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

7:00 p.m. New Members' Orientation

Friday

10:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study at Freedom Village

10:00 a.m. Pickle Ball

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 the family and friends of Don Maatman who died on February 21.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Maple Woods-Beth DuMez, Dennis DeWitt; The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village-Martha Beld, Esther DePree, Margaret Doorenbos, Mary Heideman, Jack Kuiper, A.E. Lacy, Herb Pollock, Eileen Resch. Missionaries-Jaime & Martha Amaro (Mexico), Albino & Sandy Rodriguez (Peru).

HS YOUTH: Several of the HS Youth are returning from a retreat this weekend at Grace Adventures Bible Camp. For that reason, all highschoolers who are present this morning are invited to stay to hear from Lindsey Hansen in the Mosaic Class in the sanctuary.

MICRO-PANTRY NEEDS: Thank you for your continued support of the Micro-Pantry! We are either out of or very low on the following items: cereal, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper, kleenex, wet wipes, and hand sanitizer.

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

Third Church Staytreat

Sign Up Today

Friday, March 10-12

Sign up on the church website, trcholland.org, under the discipleship tab or in the Gathering Place today.

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.

Lenten Bible Study

The 3 lessons we will engage for the group studies come from a teaching series "Understanding the Bible" designed by Dr. J. Todd Billings of Western Theological Seminary.

Sign up using the link in the Third Church News
or in the Gathering Place today.

Study Options Available:

Sundays: March 5, 19, 26, 6:30-7:30 PM, TRC Library,

Bob Van Voorst

Sundays: March 5, 19, 26, 6:30-7:30 PM, Zoom,

George Hunsberger

Wednesdays: March 1, 15, 22, 6:30-7:30 PM,

after LIFT dinner, TRC (Room TBD), Jeff Munroe

Fridays: March 3, 24, 31, 10:00-11:00 AM,

Freedom Village, Pastor Ryan Boes

Sábados: 4, 18, 25 de marzo, 9:00-10:30 AM, Biblioteca TRC,

Pastor Angel Lopez (en español)