

Second Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2023 10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE Prelude in e minor Ernest Grosjean

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP from 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 PREPARATION 142 We Are People on a Journey
Tune: DEEPER JOURNEY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*responsively*)

God of all grace,
Our brokenness is ever present. It is around us as we look upon the effects
of sin in our world.

Sharp words pierce years of trust.

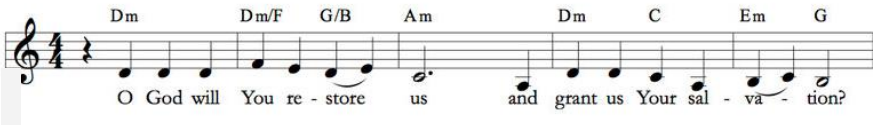
Careless actions undo long standing commitments.

Destructive thinking undermines empathy and selflessness.

God of grace, forgive us. Mend our hearts--and turn them to you.

Give us the mind of Christ Jesus, who took on flesh for our salvation. Amen.

*HYMN O God Will You Restore Us
(congregation refrain only; song leaders verses)



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I will hear what God proclaims
 The Lord our God proclaims peace
 Kindness and truth shall meet
 Justice and peace shall kiss

“Here is the fast I choose—
 To loosen the bonds of the oppressed
 and break their chains
 Let righteousness and justice go out before you
 Then you will call out and I will hear”

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN’S TIME

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Hebrews 2:5-18

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

SERMON “Jesus, Angels, and Participation Trophies”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

The Response to God

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
 (The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is....we worship and adore your
 glorious name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Most righteous God...
Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:
Christ has died!
Christ is risen!
Christ will come again!

COMMUNION

HYMN: 809 Remembering with Love and Hope
Tune: LAND OF REST

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,
who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all,
and will also give us all things with him.

**Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord,
from this time forth forevermore. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake Richard Farrant
Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake lay not out sins to our charge
but forgive that is past and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
To decline from sin and incline to virtue
that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee now and ever more.
—Lidley's Prayers, 1566

*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 956 To God Be the Glory
Tune: MY TRIBUTE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE O God, Look Down from Heaven Johann Pachelbel

+Latecomers will be seated. *You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching: David Van Duinen, Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas, liturgists; 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: Bruce Bassett, Lynne Bonnette, Laura McMullen

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Jane Dalman and Eleanor Van Dyke 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.)

Note there will be no education classes next week due to the All Church Retreat.

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 Visual Arts" led by Joel Schoon-Tanis. This class meets in the sanctuary. "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
6:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Studies
7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

Monday

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. History Book Group

Tuesday

6:15 p.m. Governing Elders' Meeting
7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministries
7:30 p.m. JET Steering Team
7:30 p.m. Outreach Committee

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)
1:30 p.m. Rachel Bible Study
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

Friday

5:00 p.m. Staytreat Begins

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: Home-Bill Charlton, Barb Mummert, Ruby Steketee; Out of Town-Lucille Schroeder, Ellen Rieck. Missionaries-Linn G. (Asia), Cheryl Barnes (Malawi), Lubna Y. (Asia).

SERVICE TIME CHANGE: Next Sunday, March 12 there will be two worship services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Our 9:00am will feature English worship accompanied by the organ and our choir, with communion. Our 11:00am service will be the closing worship service for our All-church Staytreat Weekend, as a combined English and Spanish service, with communion. There will be no education hour or El Encuentro worship service this week, given the other opportunities and activities provided throughout the weekend. Both services will be accessible via Zoom at 9:00am, and 11:00am respectively. **Reminder: This is also the beginning of Daylight Savings Time. Be sure to move your clocks ahead one hour.**

BLOOD DRIVE: Sign up to give blood at the Blood Drive on Monday, March 13, 12:00-5:45 p.m., at redcross.org. If you would be willing to bring cookies or bars for the blood drive please sign up and pick up a container in the Gathering Place.

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, canned soups, canned vegetables, canned meats, canned tomatoes, canned baked beans, canned fruits, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, rice, noodles.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD: Bread is a nonpartisan, Christian organization working to persuade our nation's leaders to eliminate injustices that contribute to hunger and poverty. A group of Holland Area Bread for the World members meet monthly at Third on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 9:30 AM in the library. We would love to have you join us!

This group is also offering another opportunity for you to learn more about the work of Bread for the World. **Join us in the Third chapel on Thursday, March 9th at 10 AM**, refreshments will be served. Our main speaker will be Mike Goorhouse, president/CEO of the Holland/Zeeland Area Community Foundation and member of the national board of directors of Bread for the World. To help us to plan for refreshments, please RSVP to hollandbreadteam@gmail.com.

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.

There's still time to sign up for
the Third Church Staytreat

on Friday, March 10-12

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

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

