

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2023

10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

Prelude in G

P. Pantaleón Jozef Roškovsky

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 116 *(responsively)*

I love the Lord because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

**Then I called on the name of the Lord,
“O Lord, I pray, save my life!”**

What shall I return to the Lord
for all his bounty to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord;**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.**

**Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.**

O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

Praise the Lord!

SALUTATION

*+HYMN PREPARATION 137 Christ, the Life of All the Living
Tune: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN

*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 130 (responsively)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?



But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.
I wait for the Lord; my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

Refrain

O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.
It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

Refrain

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN’S TIME

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Hebrews 6:13-20

p. 221

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

SERMON

“Twenty Miles Is Halfway”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

The Response to God

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 18 & 19 adapted (responsively)

Who is our only mediator—true God and at the same time
a true and righteous human?

Our Lord Jesus Christ, who was given to us to completely deliver us and make us right with God.

How do you come to know this?

The holy gospel tells us. God began to reveal the gospel already in Paradise; later God proclaimed it by the holy patriarchs and prophets and foreshadowed it by the sacrifices and other ceremonies of the law; and finally God fulfilled it through his own beloved Son.

Jesus is our mediator, our great high priest.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY What Wondrous Love Is This setting by Carson P. Cooman

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down,
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!
—text: attributed to William Means

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

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Andante in F Minor Emma Louise Ashford

+Latecomers will be seated. *You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas, Rev. Hunter Brumels, liturgists; Kamerkoor; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.

Holy Week Schedule

We have a full Holy Week schedule coming up.

- April 2, 2023, at 10:00 AM Palm Sunday Worship in the sanctuary.
- April 2, 2023, at 11:30 AM El Encuentro Worship in the Fellowship Hall
- April 3, 2023, CUSP Taizé Service, 7:30 p.m., at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church
- April 6, 2023, at 5:30 PM Maundy Thursday All-Church dinner of soup and salad followed by a worship service in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM.
- April 7, 2023, at 12:10 PM Good Friday Ecumenical Worship service in the sanctuary.
- April 9, 2023, at 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise service beginning outside (weather permitting)
- April 9, 2023, at 10:00 AM Bilingual Easter Sunday Worship in the sanctuary.
No Sunday School or Adult Education this day.

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: Lynne Bonnette, Roger DeYoung, Jane Johnson Keeter

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Judy and Charles Hunt 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: "Approaching the Bible with Artist's Eyes" led by Bryant Russ. This class meets in the sanctuary. Next week: "Islam" led by John Hubers.

"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! English translation via headset is available.*

The Week Ahead

Sunday

8:45 a.m. Kamerkoor
11:15 a.m. Education Hour
11:30 a.m. Spanish Worship Ministry
5:00 p.m. Carillon Choir
6:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study (zoom)
7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

Monday

6:00 p.m. Pre-Mission Trip Meeting

Tuesday

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

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

Friday

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

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 Herb Pollock who died on March 20.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: DeVos Children's Hospital-Grayson Sievert. Holland Hospital - Etta Heseslink. Home-Bill Charlton, Barb Mummert, Ruby Steketee; Out of Town-Lucille Schroeder, Ellen Rieck. Missionaries-Jaime & Martha Amaro (Mexico), Albino & Sandy Rodriguez (Peru).

MICRO-PANTRY NEEDS: The Micro Pantry is in desperate need of more supplies. If you take a stroll by the boxes lining the hallway wall you will see that the boxes with the following labels are completely empty: canned meat, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, rice. You will also notice that the following labeled boxes are very low: soup; tomato diced; tomato sauce; tomato paste; baked beans; peanut butter; noodles; and snacks. On the health product side we need: paper towel; soap; shampoo; tissues; hand sanitizer; toothpaste **but we don't need**

toothbrushes. This is a big ask in an environment of higher costs, but any and all donations are much appreciated!

DISHES NEEDED FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY MEAL: Please sign up by following the link in the Third Church News or calling the church office, to bring either Soup, Salad, or Bread for our Maundy Thursday meal on Thursday, April 6, at 5:30 p.m.

FLOWERING THE CROSS: We invite each family to bring a long stem flower, on Easter Sunday morning, symbolizing loved ones who have died or a person who has touched our Christian faith. The flowers will be put on a wooden cross during both morning services. The cross will be processed only during 10:00 a.m. worship service.

OUTREACH OFFERINGS: The Maundy Thursday offering will go for local immigrant housing needs. If immigrants are able to work and even find housing, they are often unable to afford both the first month's rent and an equal amount of deposit. Your gifts will provide assistance for this need that affects many of the immigrants in Third Reformed Church's ministry.

The Easter offering will help support missionary Linn Gann who provides education, empowerment programs and building assistance for new congregations for the poorest of the poor in the RCA's historic work in India.

LET'S CELEBRATE together following the 10:00 a.m. Easter worship service. We invite you to bring cookies, bars, or other finger foods to share with each other as we praise our Risen Lord. Items may be brought to the kitchen by noon on Friday, April 7 or Sunday morning, April 9.

The Holland area group, Christians Uniting in Song and Prayer (CUSP), is sponsoring a Taizé Prayer in our community on Monday of Holy Week, April 3, at St. Francis de Sales Church, 13th Street and Maple Avenue in Holland. We will be offering prayer and songs originating from the Community of Taizé in France, whose captivating music and contemplative form of prayer has found its way around the world. Please join us for this time of contemplation and meditation through prayer and song. All are welcome as we pray together for the many needs of our world.

ORDER EASTER LILIES

Sunday, April 2 is the last day to order lilies.

Place your order in the offering plate or bring to the church office.

No. of plants _____ \$8.25 each Total enclosed _____

In memory/honor of _____

Given by _____

Each person is responsible for picking up their own lily, taking it with them and/or delivering it to a shut-in.