

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

Lift High the Cross

arr. by Larry Sue

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 118:1-2, 21-24 *(responsively)*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

SALUTATION

*+HYMN PREPARATION 204 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!
Tune: HYMN TO JOY

*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)*

637 Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy) [sung in Greek]
Tune: KYRIE GHANA

God of the living, we need your mercy.
You son Jesus is our Good Shepherd,
yet we refuse your paths.

637 Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy) [sung in Greek]
Tune: KYRIE GHANA

We avoid your ways.
We stumble in brokenness and death,
instead of your green pastures.

637 Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy) [sung in Greek]
Tune: KYRIE GHANA

We wound others and keep what we have from them.
O God, lead us into right paths.
Forgive us and restore us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

637 Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy) [sung in Greek]
Tune: KYRIE GHANA

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Hebrews 13:20-21

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

SERMON "Comple..."

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

The Response to God

*RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Do you promise to love, encourage, and support
these brothers and sisters
by teaching the gospel of God's love,
by being an example of Christian faith and character, and
by giving the strong support of God's family
in fellowship, prayer, and service?
We do.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed (*in unison*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Mark Sedio

refrain

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;
you make me lie down in green pastures.
To cool, fresh, clear water you lead me to drink;
my suffering soul you revive.

refrain

You guide me along the pathway of life,
though death's fearful darkness surrounds me.
Your loving hand chases the evil away;
your staff and your crook are my guide.

refrain

A table you set in the sight of my foes;
you anoint me with rich smelling fragrance.
My cup overflows with such bountiful gifts;
such wonderful kindness to me!

refrain

Your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days I am living.
In your safe, strong dwelling my home shall be
for now and the rest of my life.

refrain

—Psalm 23, paraphrased by Mark Sedio

Refrain

El Se - ñor es mi pas - tor,
na - da me fal - ta. El Se - ñor es mi pas -
tor, na - da me fal - ta.

Translation: The Lord is my shepherd. I lack nothing.

Text: Psalm 23, para. MS

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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 795 We Know That Christ Is Raised
Tune: ENGELBERG

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE The Silver Trumpet James Mansfield

+Latecomers will be seated. *You may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Rev. Angel Lopez, Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas, liturgists;
Carillon Choir; 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

The rose by the baptismal font is in celebration of the birth of a son, Ethan Alexander Solano López, to Derwin and Gabby López on April 25.

We joyfully welcome the following members into our Christian faith community this morning: Jacqueline Chavarria, Jose Cintron & Adela Velasquez, Fernando Velasquez, Hollman Velasquez Gonsalez, Reghan Harms, Nathan & Leigh Klay, Robin Klay, Paola Montengro, Judy Schutter, Janelle Sievert and children Owen, Harper, and Grayson. There will be a receiving line after the worship service where you may greet these new members.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Lynne Bonnette, Jim VanderMeer, Roger DeYoung

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Mary DeWitt and Chris Cook 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.)

There will be education classes next Sunday, May 7. Please plan to attend the brunch and congregational meeting that morning.

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: "Hebrews: Ask Anything" led by Madison Pierce. This class meets in the sanctuary.

"The Corinthian Correspondence: The Cross Changes Everything" **meets in the chapel.** 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

9:15 a.m. Kamerkoor
11:15 a.m. Education Hour
11:30 a.m. Spanish Worship Ministry
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

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
10:00 a.m. TRC Housing Team
6:15 p.m. Governing Elders' Meeting
7:30 p.m. Outreach Committee

Wednesday

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers (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

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 to Doug and Patty Haan in the death of Doug's father.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital-Phyllis Brown. Hospice-Margaret Doorenbos. Maple Woods-Beth DuMez; The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village-Martha Beld, Phyllis Brown, Esther DePree, Mary Heideman, Jack Kuiper, A.E. Lacy, Elmer Parchert. Missionaries-Linn G. (Asia), Cheryl Barnes (Malawi), Lubna Y. (Asia).

PLEASE NOTE: We will have a picnic and activities, May 3 to end our LIFT program for the school year. Summer LIFT will run Wednesdays June 28-August 2. Stay tuned for details and volunteer opportunities!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: May 7 is our annual congregational meeting. This year it will be held immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. We will enjoy a meal together at the meeting, and will conclude with the Lord's Supper. To facilitate the gathering of all our people, there will be only one service that day, with no separate service for El Encuentro. At the meeting we will get a financial update, receive a state of the church report, and approve a slate of new elders and deacons. A Zoom link will be available for the congregational meeting, however it will be a non-interactive link, meaning Zoom participants will be able to observe but not vote or comment during the congregational meeting. An absentee ballot will be available in the office if you are unable to make the meeting. Nominees for Consistory are: Deacon - Lucia Torres, Laura Baer, Sandy Stielstra, Jeff Voskuil, Bethany Bulthuis; Governing Elders - Harold Gazan, Mary Toppen-Palma, Carl Folkert.

BREAKFAST WITH BABY: Breakfast with Baby will be Saturday, May 13, from 9:15-11:15 a.m. at the Boulevard Church. Because the kitchen will be closed for remodeling, we will only serve muffins or sweet breads and fruit. We will need four workers as well as muffin bakers. Please sign up in the Gathering place today.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Women's Ministry Team needs helpful parking attendants during its Tulip Time fundraiser, Thursday, May 11 and Saturday, May 13. Shifts available are 9:00-11:30 a.m., 11:30-2:00 p.m., and 2:00-4:30 p.m. (or until the lot is full). Two persons are needed for each shift. Please call Gretchen Munroe to sign up at 616-920-9099.

CROP HUNGER WALK: Walking between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. in the Holland/Zeeland Walk on May 21 helps to feed Ukrainian refugees in Moldova and fund Community Action House's new food club. CROP Walk also supports Church World Service food distribution in drought-stricken Kenya and Gateway Mission's meal program for the homeless in Holland. Show your support by registering online at hollandhunger.org and come learn more about our locally support agencies on May 21 in Centennial Park.

You're invited! Join members of the RCA restructuring team and GSC staff leadership for a denomination-wide, virtual event on Thursday, May 11, at 8:00 p.m. Eastern. During this time, attendees will hear what the restructuring team has been working on and the outcomes around which they feel called to restructure, after much discernment. Attendees will have the ability to ask questions and provide feedback on what is presented in the Zoom chat. This invitation is for all RCA members, especially young people with a heart for the RCA's future. RSVP is required. To register, use this link: www.rca.org/virtual-roundtable.