

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God/El acercamiento a Dios

PRELUDE/PRELUUDIO

Prelude on "Kingsfold"

Emma Lou Diemer

WELCOME/BIENVENIDA

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP/LLAMADO A ADORAR from Psalm/Salmo 31:1-5 (*responsively*)

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

**Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.**

**Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.**

You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me;
take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.

**Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.**

SALUTATION/SALUDOS

*+HYMN/HIMNO 182

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Tune: EASTER HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION/ORACIÓN DE CONFESIÓN (*in unison*)

**Almighty God,
your word offers freedom from sin,
but we confess that we have not obeyed your word.
We have harbored malice toward our enemies;
we have been deceitful in our relationships;
we have been insincere in our commitments;
through gossip we have slandered our friends.
Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance.
Help your children long for your pure, spiritual milk**

**that we may grow into the joy of salvation
through Jesus Christ, Amen.**

—from Feasting on the Word

ANTHEM/PARTICIPACIÓN DEL CORO It Is Well

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll
whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin O the joy of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part, but the whole is nailed to the cross,
and I bear it no more:
Praise the Lord, O my soul!

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll:

the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so" it is well with my soul!

text: Horatio G. Spafford

music: based on *Ville du Havre* by Philip P. Bliss, setting by John Ness Beck

WORDS OF ASSURANCE/ASEGURANZA DE PERDÓN

GRATEFUL LIVING/ANIMADOS A GRATITUD I Peter/Pedro 2:2-10

POURING OF THE WATER/DERRAMANDO EL AGUA

Beloved. Once we were not a people.

Now we are God's people.

CHILDREN'S TIME/TIEMPO PARA LOS NIÑOS

The Word of God/La Palabra de Dios

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION/ORACIÓN PARA LA PALABRA

SCRIPTURE/ESCRITURA: John/Juan 14:1-14

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This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Este es el evangelio de nuestro Señor. **Alabado seas, O Cristo.**

SERMON/SERMÓN "The Way Home"

The Response to God/La respuesta a Dios

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.

Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos;
 Santificado sea tu nombre.
 Venga tu reino, hagase tu voluntad
 en la tierra como en el cielo y danos hoy
 el pan de cada día,
 y perdona nuestras deudas así
 como nosotros perdonamos
 a nuestros deudores. Y no nos dejes
 caer en la tentación
 más libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es la honra,
 la gloria y el poder por todos siglos. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE/EL SALUDO DE PAZ

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

La paz de Cristo esté con vosotros. **Y tambien contigo.**
 (La congregación puede intercambiar la Paz.)

RETIRING OFFERING

Move to Fellowship Hall

QUÉ ALEGRÍA CUANDO ME DIJERON *I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say*

Basado en el Salmo 122(121)
 Based on Psalm 122

Tony Alonso

Estrillo / Refrain

Qué a - le - grí - a cuan - do me di - je - ron:
 "Va - mos a la ca - sa del Se - ñor".

Respuesta en las Estrofas / Verse Response

Cantor *Todos / All*
 Va - mos a la ca - sa del Se - ñor.

Refrain translation: *I rejoiced when I heard them say, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."*

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CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER/CELEBRACIÓN DE LA CENA DEL SEÑOR
GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/LA ORACIÓN DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS

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/SANTA CENA

PRAYER/ORACIÓN

*DOXOLOGY/DOXOLOGÍA

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**A Dios, el Padre celestial,
al Hijo, nuestro Redentor,
al eternal Consolador
unidos todos alabad.**

*BENEDICTION/BENDICION

POSTLUDE

+Latecomers will be seated.

*You may stand.

*Puede ponerse de pie.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas, Yasser Palacios, liturgists; Grace Lunn, prayer for illumination; 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 Donald Bruggink in loving memory of Erma and Donald Ian Bruggink.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Willis Weymon, Roger DeYoung, Jon VanDuinen

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.

There will be no education classes this morning.

The Week Ahead

Sunday

9:15 a.m. Kamerkoor
10:45 a.m. Brunch & Congregational Meeting
7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

Monday

12:00 p.m. Blood Drive
1:30 p.m. Miriam Bible Study

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Hannah/Elizabeth Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Ruth Bible Study
12:00 p.m. Lydia Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday

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

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Maria Triviño and Austin Geelhoed who were married yesterday.

SYMPATHY to Molly, Jon, Drew, and Clint Howell in the death of their mother and grandmother, Sally Timm, on May 1.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Phyllis Brown has returned to The Inn from the hospital. Hospice-Margaret Doorenbos.

Home-Bill Charlton, Barb Mummert, Ruby Stekete; Out of Town-Lucille Schroeder, Ellen Rieck. Missionaries-Wayne & Miho Jansen (Japan), Rowland Jr. & Jane Van Es (Kenya), Victor Kanyi (Kenya).

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Today is our annual congregational meeting. You are invited to have brunch immediately following the passing of the peace. The meeting portion of the morning will happen following brunch. 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: The Day Center at Evergreen provides meals for elderly clients. Kids Food Basket has provided over a million meals to school children since July. Harvest Stand Ministry in Zeeland oversees seven mini pantries, providing easy and safe access to clients. Hand2Hand ministry provides 10,000 students in West Michigan with meals to see them through the weekend. These are just four agencies you can support by walking in the CROP Hunger Walk. Sign up today at hollandhunger.org and join us on May 21 between 1:00 and 3:00 at Centennial Park in Holland.

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.