

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023

10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE Partita on "The God of Abraham Praise" Alfred V. Fedak

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Bless our God, O peoples!

let the sound of God's praise be heard!

God has kept us among the living!

God has not let our feet slip!

Christ has triumphed over the grave!

The Risen one has been faithful!

Blessed be God! For our prayers have not been rejected.

The steadfast love of the Lord is forever!

SALUTATION

*+HYMN OF PREPARATION 551 All Creatures of Our God and King
(vs. 1-4)
Tune: LAST UNS ERFREUEN

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Loving God,

we do not always keep your commandments;

we fail to love you;

our conscience is not clear.

Wash us in the water of life

that we may live again

through the grace and mercy of Jesus,

our resurrected savior. Amen

—from Feasting on the Word

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

GRATEFUL LIVING I Peter 3:13-22

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Word of God

*HYMN 755 Speak, O Lord
Tune: SPEAK, O LORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:15-21 p. 109
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 17:22-31
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Too Religious for God"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

The Response to God

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 551 All Creatures of Our God and King
(vs. 5-6)
Tune: LAST UNS ERFREUEN

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY Old Irish Blessing Denes Agay
May the road rise to meet you,
may the wind be always at your back,
the sun shine warm upon your face,
the rains fall soft upon your fields,
and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.
May the Lord bless you and keep you,
may the Lord cause his face to shine upon you and give you peace.
—Ancient Celtic Prayer

*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 936 Sent Forth By God's Blessing
Tune: ASH GROVE

*BENEDICTION

+Latecomers will be seated.

*You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Reghan Harms, Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas, liturgists; Grace Lunn, prayer for illumination; Kamerkoor; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.

Today

We welcome all who worship with us and ask visitors and members to sign the Friendship Cards 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.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Bruce Bassett, Roger DeYoung, Lynne Bonnette

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Sarah and Bill Unzicker 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: "18th Century Pietism Part I: Freilinghuysen" led by Dennis Voskuil. This class meets in the sanctuary. Next week: "18th Century Pietism Part II: Geesje VanderHaar" led by Nella Kennedy.

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

9:30 a.m. Kamerkoor

11:15 a.m. Education Hour

11:30 a.m. Spanish Worship Ministry

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

7:15 p.m. Governing Board

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.

SYMPATHY to Linda Jacobs in the death of her brother, Ted Yester, who died on May 2, in Mesquite, Nevada.

SYMPATHY is extended to Kathy, Joel, Harper, and Beatrix Schoon-Tanis in the death of Kathy's sister-in-law, Michelle Schoon, on May 4.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Hospice-Margaret Doorenbos. Appledorn-Bob Kuiper, Donna Prins; Vista Spring-Barb Piaget. Missionaries-John & Lynne Hubers (Ethiopia), Angel Lopez (Mexico).

REV. EDDY ALEMÁN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE RCA, TO PREACH MAY 21

Rev. Eddy Alemán will be preaching at both the 10:00 a.m. service and the 11:30 a.m. service, and will be delivering two different sermons. At the 10:00 a.m. English service, he will preach on Matthew 20:1-16 in a sermon entitled "The Unfair Generosity of God." We are excited to welcome Rev. Alemán to Third Reformed!

FINAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES OF THE SEMESTER: The final Sunday School classes of the school year will be on May 21, and the last Children and Worship will be on May 28.

THANK YOU AND WELCOME!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Elders and Deacons who are coming off consistory. They are:

Governing Elders:

Ellen Awad, Linda Jacobs, Meg Frens

Deacons:

Lynne Bonnette, Jon VanDuinen, Jane Johnson-Keeter, Willis Weymon

Care Elders:

Ruth Sill, Gretchen Munroe, Stephanie Brumels, Joyce Magee, Mike Rannow, Lee & Milly Ten Brink, and Mark & Chris Walvoord

And we welcome our new consistory members:

Elders:

Mary Toppen-Palma, Carl Folkert and Harold Gazan

Deacons:

Lucia Torres, Laura Baer, Bethany Bulthuis, Sandy Stielstra and Jeff Voskuil.

Please note that Installation and Ordination of Elders and Deacons will take place on Sunday, May 28.

CROP HUNGER WALK: The Holland/Zeeland CROP Hunger Walk was 12th nationally in fundraising last year. Walking on Sunday, May 21 between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. helps people around the world. When you walk in the CROP Hunger Walk, you raise money to alleviate hunger, but you also walk to show solidarity with all those around the world who walk for food, water, or firewood every day. Find out more or register online at: hollandhunger.org or cwsglobal.com. You can pick up a walker envelope from Kristen in the church office.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help paint the parsonage. As you may have seen this past Sunday, our contractor is busy remediating the lead paint off the back and west side of the parsonage, as well as a few other spots. Once done, they will prime it. In a week or two, it will be time to paint, and we're inviting you to help us! A couple of things to note:

- Mark Hiskes and Jim VanderMeer are our team leads.
- No one will be required to go on ladders.
- It will be fun. Promise.
- We are painting it white, and painting the shutters black.

If you are interested, please email the office at office@trcholland.org. Painting times will be on Saturdays and in the evenings.