

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 2023

10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE All Creatures of Our God and King arr. by Molly Ijames

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Come, all you who carry heavy burdens,
and Christ will give you rest.

**For he is gentle and humble in heart:
in him we find rest for our souls.**

SALUTATION

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 351 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Tune: HYFRYDOL

*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*)

**Holy One, we confess to you and to each other
that we are tired and weighed down
by the mistakes we have made,
even in our closest relationships
with our friends, our spouses, and our partners.
We give this burden to you,
mindful of Jesus' promise that
he will give us rest.
We trust in you. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Psalm 145:8-14

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

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SERMON "I Get It, We Don't Get It"

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.**

*HYMN 938 My Friends, May You Grow in Grace
Tune: BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY Melodie C.W. Gluck, arr. by Fritz Kreisler
*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 604 To God be the Glory (vs. 1)
Tune: TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation

arr. by Molly Ijames

*You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Ryan Boes, preaching; Rev. Hunter Brumels, Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolhaas, liturgists; Amanda Dykhouse, violin; 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 in celebration of the marriage of Beth Korte and Gabe DeJongh yesterday.

We joyfully welcome the following members into our Christian faith community this morning: Willem Bolt, Paige Frens, Henry Kroll, Harper Schoon-Tanis.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Roger DeYoung, Sandy Stielstra, Bethany Bulthuis

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Faith and Shelly Millen 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.

SUMMER 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.)

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

11:30 a.m. Spanish Worship Ministry

Monday

12:00 p.m. Blood Drive

7:00 p.m. History Book Group

7:00 p.m. Middle School Garage Movie Night

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

7:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study

8:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers (zoom)

5:30 p.m. Summer LIFT Dinner

6:14 p.m. Summer LIFT Classes

Thursday

11:00 a.m. Youth Camp Chair Hangout

Saturday

9:30 a.m. Curso de Discipulado en Español (Discipleship Class)

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: Holland Hospital-Mary Boersen. Hospice-Margaret Doorenbos, Beth DuMez. Home-Bill Charlton, Barb Mummert, Ruby Steketee; Out of Town-Ellen Rieck, Lucille Schroeder; Royal Park Atrium-Phyllis Brown.

Missionaries-John & Lynne Hubers (Ethiopia), Angel Lopez (Mexico).

BLOOD DRIVE: Third Reformed Church will host a blood drive on Monday, July 10, from 12:00 to 5:45 p.m. Visit redcross.org to sign up to give blood that day.

InterGroup Dialogue with I AM Academy students.

Are you interested in joining in a facilitated discussion on race with I AM Academy students? Would you like to travel with those students to the Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit? We are hoping to gather 10 individuals from Third for this experience. Please contact Laura Baer if you are interested.

Laura.m.baer@gmail.com

Details:

SUN July 16 3-4:30pm at TRC. InterGroup Dialogue Session #1

SUN July 23 3-4:30pm at TRC. InterGroup Dialogue Session #2

SAT July 29 9am-9pm. Bus trip to Detroit to visit the Wright Museum, share a meal and InterGroup Dialogue session together.

SAVE THE DATE: Walk-in-choir on Sunday, July 30. Rehearsal at 9:30 am in the choir room and sing in worship at 10 am. All ages are welcome, and if you would like to see/hear the music ahead of time send Linda an email and she will send you a PDF of the music and an audio file so you can try it out at home.