

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2023

10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

Meditation from Thaïs

Jules Massenet

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head

It is like fresh dew on the mountains.

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

Let us come to worship the God who makes us one!

Indeed, come! For our God has called us here!

Alleluia!

Praise the Lord!

SALUTATION

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 797 Sing! A New Creation
Tune: EBENEZER

*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)*

**God of light. In you there is no hiding. But because of your grace,
we know we do not need to hide. You are good. You love us.**

Forgive us God for our sins. For what we have said and done.

Forgive us for what we think about others that isn't loving or kind.

**Forgive us for everything that is not a reflection of your purifying
and holy light. Guide us in the way of your Son Jesus,
in whose name we pray, Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

GRATEFUL LIVING Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

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

*HYMN 591 Laudate Dominum *(sung in Latin)*
Tune: LAUDATE DOMINUM

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 15:10-28

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This is the Gospel of Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“That Time Jesus Was Wrong”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

The Response to God

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 908 Christ, Be Our Light

Tune: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Silent Woods

Antonín Dvořák

*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 927 God, the Father of Your People

Tune: HOLY MANNA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur

Jean-Nicolas Marrigues

*You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas, Gabe Millen, liturgists; Judy Schutter, prayer for illumination; Miquel Fuentes, cello; 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 in loving memory of Roger, Evelyn and Tommy Rietberg by their family.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Laura McMullen, Bethany Bulhuis, Jim VanderMeer

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.

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

3:00 p.m. Young Levites Pool Party

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday

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

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

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: Meijer Heart Center-Al Osman. Holland Hospital-Carl Folkert. Hospice-Margaret Doorenbos. Home-Bill Charlton, Barb Mummert, Ruby Steketee; Out of Town—Lucille Schroder, Ellen Rieck, LaVerne Lievense; Royal Park Atrium-Phyllis Brown. Missionaries-Jaime & Martha Amaro (Mexico), Albino & Sandy Rodriguez.

Are you new to Third Reformed, and beginning to wonder about making Third your church home? We'd love to get to know you more, too! Please join us for a time of sharing about each one's faith journey, learning about the reformed tradition and the Reformed Church in America,

as well as specifics about Third Reformed's rich heritage, present opportunities, and future vision! Bring your questions too. Participants will have one additional meeting with elders and pastors, date TBD.

Thursdays, Sept 7, 14, & 21 at 6:30-7:30 pm (at the church)

To register, please email office@trcholland.org, and provide your name, phone number and email address to receive further information.

Congregational News

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES: Study books for women's Bible study groups will be available in the Gathering Place following worship today and next week. Please pick them up and pay for them in your groups.

A (Partial) List of Dates to Remember

- Annual Back Yard Bash is on Wednesday, September 6.
- Fall LIFT begins on Wednesday, September 13.
- Sunrise Saints resumes on Thursday, September 7.
- Sunday School resumes on Sunday, September 10.

