

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2023

10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

A Choir of Angels

Cecilia McDowall

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Come and praise the Lord!

We lift up our hearts and voices to praise the Lord!

Come and sing of God's goodness!

The Lord has done wonderful things!

Great are God's works!

Great is the beauty of creation!

Great are God's works!

Great is power of God's mercy!

Great are God's works!

Great is the love of God who calls us here!

Praise the Lord!

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SALUTATION

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 223 Crown Him with Many Crowns
Tune: DIADEMATA

*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)*

God of all grace, we come to you as your children,
humbled by your love and mercy. Hear our prayers of confession now.
For the words said in anger to those we love.
For the poor witnesses we have become as we try to reflect your glory.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(silence)

For the hurtful actions that do violence to those that bear your image.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(silence)

For the way in which we abuse your creation. We take and take
and do not see its well being and balance. Forgive us.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(silence)

Hear our prayers and restore us to wholeness through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 51:1-6

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

*HYMN 958 Alleluia, Alleluia
Tune: SINCLAIR

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 12:1-8

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GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 16:13-20

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

SERMON "The Rock Is the Stone of the Altar"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

The Response to God

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 772 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
Tune: SOLID ROCK

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY In Memoriam Joseph Turrin
*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 863 Take My Life and Let It Be (vs. 1, 2 & 6)
Tune: HENDON

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Trumpet Prelude Johan Roman

*You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Rev. Angel Lopez; Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolhaas, Martha Amaro, liturgists; Bruce Formosa, trumpet; 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.

The rose by the font is in celebration of the birth of a daughter, Yanaisy Loana Cabrera Macias, to Yorelies and Jose Cabrera on August 23.

TODAY'S MUSIC

A Choir of Angels: The 15th Century Flemish painter, Simon Marmion, was known as the 'prince of illumination', his paintings were so jewel-like. In this panel three angels hover in the air with trumpets, their wings resplendent against the dark sky. Here the trumpet and piano imitate and echo, as if in a large reverberating acoustic, suggestive of the Monteverdi *Vespers*.

In Memoriam was commissioned in 2000 in memory of Gwen Smith, mother of Philip Smith (principal trumpet of the New York Philharmonic) and wife of Derek Smith. As an inspiration for this composition, the composer was moved by the words from an old hymn by Karl Spitta (1801-1859) "We Are the Lord's".

Trumpet Prelude Johan Roman was a Swedish Baroque composer. He has been called the father of Swedish music or the Swedish Handel. Roman was the deputy master of the Royal Chapel in Stockholm and six years later he became Chief Master of the Swedish Royal Orchestra. This piece shows the influence of the music of G.F. Handel who Roman studied under in his 20's in London.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Lucia Torres, Roger DeYoung, Sandy Stielstra

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Ella and Willis Weymon 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

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday

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

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

7:00 p.m. Youth Leaders' Meeting

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.

Congregational News

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Al Osman has returned home from the hospital. Hospice-Margaret Doorenbos. Appledorn-Bob Kuiper, Donna Prins; Vista Springs-Barb Piaget; Maple Woods-Beth DuMez; SKLD-Mary Boersen. Missionaries-Linn G. (Asia), Cheryl Barnes (Malawi), Lubna Y. (Asia).

Are you new to Third Reformed Church, 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.

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

The Women's Ministries of Third Reformed Church Kickoff Event is September 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gathering Place. Refreshments will be served following a short program describing TRC's Women's Ministries. Our Bible study subject this year is Luke-Acts. All women are invited to join one of our study groups and join us for the kickoff.

KIDS HOPE: School started this week and it is time for us to gear up for another wonderful mentoring year with Kids Hope. Third Church Kids Hope mentors will begin mentoring October 2. As this new mentoring year begins, I am looking to recruit a couple of new mentors and prayer partners to join the Third Reformed Kids Hope Team! Please check out the Kids Hope information table on Sunday and let me know of your interest in Kids Hope on the sign-up sheet or by contacting me, Beverley Rannow, by email b.rannow@icloud.com or by phone 616-801-3190.

BACKYARD BASH: The annual Backyard Bash will take place on Wednesday, September 6, 5:30-7:30 p.m. We'll have lawn games, a dunk tank, inflatables and more. We need your help to make this event happen. Please sign up to bring a salad, make a dessert, or be a supervisor for one of the activities. You can sign up by clicking on the link in Thursday's Third Church News or by calling the church office.

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.
- Women's Ministries Kick-Off on Tuesday, September 12.

THIS YEAR AT THE

**BACKYARD
BASH**

**WE'RE HAVING
"A BUCK A CHUCK"
DUNK TANK
FUNDRAISER**

Yes, that's right! You and your friends could have the time of your lives dunking your favorite pastor or program leader over and over into the frigid waters of the dunk tank! It's only a "Buck a Chuck"! Come on out and show us your skills while supporting our programming!

**THE DUNK TANK WILL FEATURE:
PASTOR RYAN, PASTOR ANGEL,
AND PASTOR JANELLE;
HUNTER, OUR YOUTH PASTOR;
& REGHAN, OUR CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR!**

All proceeds will help fund LIFT meals this year.

DON'T MISS OUT!