

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2023

10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

Cantabile on Psalm 145

Paul F. Page

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 105 *(responsively)*

O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name.

Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength;

seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works he has done,

his miracles and the judgements he has uttered.

He remembers his holy Promise to his people!

Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord!

SALUTATION

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 575 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN

*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)*

Wondrous God,

who sets suns and moons above us,

mountains and valleys beneath us,

and friends and strangers among us:

how often have we tried to hide from your presence;

how seldom have we looked for your creating face

and your fashioning hand!

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Wondrous God,

who took upon yourself flesh of our flesh in Jesus our brother,

and being found in human form made the ultimate disclosure of yourself

in the face of Jesus Christ

how often we have forgotten you,

how seldom have we really loved and followed you!

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Wondrous God,

who pours out freely the Holy Spirit:

how often have we ignored your promptings,

how seldom have we asked for your help or accepted your gifts!

Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 755 Speak, O Lord
Tune: SPEAK, O LORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 1 and 2 (selected verses) p. 1
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Beginnings: Creation and Calling"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

The Response to God

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Tu amor, oh Dios, perdura para siempre
(see insert in the back of the hymnal)
(refrain, verse 1, refrain, verse 1, refrain)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY Abound in Hope
Mark Hayes, incorporating Melita, music by John B. Dykes

May the God of hope fill you with joy,
the joy that comes from only God,
that you may abound in endless hope,
abound in everlasting hope.

May the God of hope fill you with peace,
the peace that comes from only God,
that you may abound in endless hope,
abound in everlasting hope.

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
When all supports are washed away He then is all my hope and stay.
When I behold the risen Lord, my hope is once again restored.

May the God of hope fill you with grace,
the grace that comes from only God,
that you may abound in endless hope,
abound in everlasting hope.

—Herb Frombach, based on Romans 15:13

*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

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May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

Tune: ST. LEONARD'S

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Silver Trumpet

James Mansfield

*You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Laurie Orlow, Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas, liturgists; Bruce Formsma, Ken Austin, trumpet; 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: Jim VanderMeer, Roger DeYoung, Bethany Bulhuis.

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.

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, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

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: “Fostering Generosity and Wellbeing Among Emerging Adults/College Students” led by Becky Starkenburg. Next week: “God Is Never Too Far Away: The Presence of God in the Tabernacle” led by Tom Boogaart. Meets in the chapel and on Zoom (same link as worship).

“The Corinthian Correspondence: The Cross Changes Everything Part Deux” meets in 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

8:45 a.m. Kamerkoor
11:15 a.m. Education Hour
11:30 a.m. Spanish Worship Ministry
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group

Monday

9:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study (zoom)

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry

Wednesday

6:15 a.m. Men’s Bible Study
8:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers (zoom)
5:30 p.m. LIFT Dinner
6:15 p.m. LIFT Children’s Class/Middle School Youth Group
6:30 p.m. LIFT Adult Classes

Thursday

8:00 a.m. Sunrise Saints

Friday

6:30 p.m. High School Bible Study

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.

SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Henry Ploegstra who died on September 18.

SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Ruby Steketee who died on September 19.

SYMPATHY is extended to Elle and Bob Kuiper in the death of Elle’s sister, Ruth, on September 20 in Illinois.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Hospice-Margaret Doorenbos. The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village-Martha Beld, Esther DePree, Mary Heideman, Shirley Hoksbergen, Jack Kuiper, A.E. Lacy, Linda Parchert. Missionaries-Linn G. (Asia), Cheryl Barnes (Malawi), Lubna Y. (Asia).

The Worldwide Communion Sunday offering on Oct. 1 will go to provide food, clothing and shelter to the people from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua and Venezuela through the ministry of Frontera de Gracia (the Border of Grace), in Juarez, Mexico.

LIFT (Life in Faith Together) continues on Wednesday evenings through November 29. Dinner and community celebration time is from 5:30-6:15 p.m., classes and activities for all ages follow. Adult opportunities can be found in Third Church News.

OFFICE HOURS CHANGE: Beginning next Friday, September 29 the office will close at noon on Fridays through December.

WATERCOLOR CLASS: Kathy Van Tubbergen is currently running two sessions of a watercolor painting class. The first runs from 12:30 to 2:30, the second from 3:30 to 5:30. If you have your own art supplies, bring along 2 pieces of watercolor paper, sketch paper and pencil, your brushes, watercolors and pallet, and a container for water. If this is your first foray into the watercolor world, we will have a couple of "starter kits" available for you. Kathy will supply flowers, but you may like to take a special vase and your own flowers. Suggested donation for each class is \$10, which you may bring to the class or to the office. Please register by emailing Kathy at kvt_art@icloud.com or by signing up in the Gathering Place on Sunday.