

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2023

10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

Michael Issacson

A Quiet Prayer

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 65

(responsively)

Praise is due to you O God, in Zion!

Praise the Lord!

By your strength you established the mountains.

You are girded with might!

You silence the roaring of the seas, you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for you.

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it!

The river of God is full of water;

you provide the people with grain,

for so you have prepared it!

You crown the year with your bounty;

your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

The pastures of the wilderness overflow,

the hills gird themselves with joy,

the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,

the valleys deck themselves with grain,

they shout and sing together for joy!

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

SALUTATION

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

553

How Great Thou Art

Tune: HOW GREAT

THOU ART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(responsively)

Loving God,

Your abundance knows no limit. You provide for us all that we need.

In our brokenness, we mistake your provision for rations that don't

satisfy and chase after things that are a poor substitute for your gifts. Hear our

confessions as we lift them up to you. In the silence help us name the things we are

seeking after, and give them to you.

(silence)

Forgive us God and turn us back to the life that is found only in you. Through Jesus

Christ our Lord, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Isaiah 42:5-10a

*HYMN 908

Christ, Be Our Light

Tune: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 3

p. 2

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Beginnings: Sin as Story and Non-Story”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

The Response to God

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is...we worship and adore your
glorious name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Most righteous God...

Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,
who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all,
and will also give us all things with him.

**Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord, from this
time forth forevermore. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O Blessed Spring

Robert Buckley Farlee

O blessed spring, where Word and sign embrace us into Christ the Vine,
Here Christ enjoins each one to be a branch of this lifegiving Tree.
Through summer heat of youthful years, uncertain faith, rebellious tears,
Sustained by Christ's infusing rain, the boughs will shout for joy again.
When autumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their heavy harvest hold,
Then through us, warm, the Christ will move with gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.
As winter comes, as winters must, we breathe our last, return to dust;
Still held in Christ, our souls take wing and trust the promise of the spring.
Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree, be praised for this blest mystery:
That Word and water thus revive and join us to your Tree of Life.

—Susan Palo Cherwien

*DOXOLOGY

965

Tune: OLD

HUNDREDDTH

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 833 There Is a Redeemer
Tune: THERE IS A
REDEEMER

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fugue in e minor
Johann Pachelbel

*You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas, Joyce Magee liturgists; Alma Reyes, prayer for illumination; Caitlyn Kramer, English horn & oboe; 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.

The Worldwide Communion Sunday offering this morning 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.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Jeff Voskuil, Sandy Stielstra, Bruce Bassett.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Marilyn Norman and Phil Coray 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: "God Is Never Too Far Away: The Presence of God in the Tabernacle" led by Tom Boogaart. Next week: "Grace and Social Ethics" led by Angela Carpenter. 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
4:00 p.m. High School Youth Group
5:00 p.m. Carillon Choir

Monday

9:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study (zoom)
10:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study
7:00 p.m. History Book Group

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 Milly and Lee Ten Brink in the death of Milly’s sister, Arlene Schuitema, on September 21 in Sioux Center, IA.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Mary Boersen has moved to American House. Hospice-Margaret Doorenbos. Home-Bill Charlton, Barb Mummert; Out of Town-Lucille Schroeder, LaVerne Lievense, Ellen Rieck; Royal Park Atrium-Phyllis Brown. Missionaries-Wayne & Miho Jansen (Japan), Rowland Jr. & Jane Van Es (Kenya), Victor Kanyi (Kenya).

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: The office will close at noon on Friday through December.

WATERCOLOR CLASS: Kathy Van Tubbergen's watercolor classes this Monday will be "leaf monoprints plus." Please email her, kvt_art@icloud.com, for availability if you haven't yet signed up. Classes are from 12:30 to 2:30 and 3:30 to 5:30.



APPLE PICKING: It's apple season! Join us on Sunday, October 8, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. for Family Apple picking at Overhiser Orchard, 6405 109th Ave, South Haven. This event will cost \$3 per person to enter the orchard, children under 5 and seniors over 65 are free. This afternoon will be tons of fun that you won't want to miss. From wagon rides to apple picking to a barn full of animals, you are bound to have a blast! Transportation will be provided by the church bus (meet in church parking lot at 1:30) or you can meet us there.

Please contact Reghan Harms with any questions about orchard prices or transportation. We hope you can make it!