

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 2023

10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

Faith of Our Fathers

Evan O'Dorney

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 102:25-28, 104:31-33 (*responsively*)

Long ago you laid the foundation of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

**They will perish, but you endure;
they will all wear out like a garment.**

You change them like clothing, and they pass away,
**but you are the same,
and your years have no end.**

The children of your servants shall live secure;
their offspring shall be established in your presence.

**May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works—**

who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

SALUTATION

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 2 O Worship the King (vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5)
Tune: LYONS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Holy God,

**You see what we think we can hide.
Your eyes are not shielded from our quiet, selfish choices.
Your ears pick up our softly spoken, destructive words.
Your Spirit chastens us, and we ignore you.
Your Word speaks transforming truth to us,
and we carry on unchanged.**

**God who makes all things new, wash over us
and cleanse our muddled, unholy ways.
In the waters of your grace and mercy, renew us
and refresh your promise to make us holy, through Christ.**

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Ephesians 3:16-19

*HYMN 357 In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful
Tune: IN THE LORD, I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 8

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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SERMON "Beginnings: Dark Days and Waiting for Good News "

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

The Response to God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER 462 O Lord, Hear My Prayer
Tune: HEAR MY PRAYER

v. 1
[silence]

... we call to you, O God:

v. 1
[silence]

...we call to you, Lord Jesus:

v. 1
[silence]

...we call to you, Holy Spirit:

v. 1
[silence]

...we call to you, Everlasting God:

- v. 2

**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.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY Our Lord Is in This Place Mary McDonald

Surely the Lord is in this place.
God is in this place; our Lord is in this place.
For where the Lord is there is holiness,
for the Lord is great and greatly to be praised!
God is with us! God is for us,
then who will stand against us?
There is nothing can separate us!
In the presence of the Lord there is love.
In the presence of the Lord there is peace.
Where the Spirit of the Lord is there will be peace.
In the power of the Lord there is joy!

*DOXOLOGY 965 Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 690 I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace
Tune: EL NATHAN

*BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

POSTLUDE Trumpet Voluntary in C Thomas Sanders Dupuis

*You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas, preaching; Kay Stewart, Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, liturgists; Kamerkoor; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.

Today

We welcome all who worship with us! We have sign-in books for members and guests on the cabinets at the back of the sanctuary or you may follow this QR code to sign in. We would appreciate it if you took a moment to sign in you and your family members and let us know you were here. **If you are joining us as a guest today**, please follow this QR code, or head to trcholland.org/quickstart to let us know you were here.



The flowers at the chancel are given by Al and Jane Osman.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Jim Vander Meer, Bruce Basset, Lucia Torres.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Marcia Calliccoat and Jane Dalman 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: "The Theology of I. John Hesselink" led by David Konline.

"The Corinthian Correspondence: The Cross Changes Everything Part Deux" meets in room 22.

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
5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group
6:00 p.m. Carillon Choir

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 & Harvest Party
6:30 p.m. LIFT Adult Classes

Thursday

8:00 a.m. Sunrise Saints

Friday

6:30 a.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 Mike and Beverley Rannow in the death of Mike's mother, Geraldine Rannow, on October 17 in Racine, Wisconsin.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Hospice-Margaret Doorenbos. Home-Bill Charlton, Barb Mummert; Out of Town-Lucille Schroeder, Ellen Rieck, LaVerne Lievense. Royal Park-Harley & Phyllis Brown. Missionaries-Linn G. (Asia), Cheryl Barnes (Malawi), Lubna Y. (Asia).

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.



HARVEST PARTY HELPERS NEEDED! The Harvest Party is here, and we need your help! This year the Harvest Party is going to be filled with fun, and we cannot do it without you! Sign up in the Gathering Place today or by using the link in Thursday's edition of Third Church News to help with this exciting evening. Whether you come during the day to help set up, run a carnival game, or are a part of the clean up crew, we need you! Email Reghan Harms at reghan.harms@trcholland.org with any questions!

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE AND ALL CHURCH LUNCH:

On November 5 we will worship together, both Spanish-speaking and English-speaking, at 10 AM. Pastor Angel will deliver the message, and we will celebrate communion. Following the service we will have an all-church meal. There will be no Sunday education that day.

