

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2024

10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

Make Thy Face to Shine

Peter Sheehan

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.**

Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

**He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.**

He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

**He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.**

Holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever.

SALUTATION

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 551 All Creatures of Our God and King
Tune: LAST UNS ERFREUEN

*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)*

Loving God,

**our sin is ever before us. We would rather trust ourselves or the idols we have made,
than put our trust in you. Turn us back toward you, O Lord. Forgive us of our hateful
words, our distrustful thoughts,**

our selfish actions. Restore us in the name of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*HYMN

I Love You, Lord

(cantor will sing first time through, congregation to follow once)

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice!

Take joy, my King, in what you hear;

may it be a sweet, sweet sound in my ear.

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CHILDREN'S TIME

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: I Corinthians 8:1-13

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

SERMON

“It Matters”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

The Response to God

KIDS HOPE MENTOR RECOGNITION

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

We cannot measure how you heal

Scottish traditional, arr. by Malcolm Archer

We cannot measure how you heal or answer every sufferer's prayer,

yet we believe your Grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care.

Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warm,

to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past,

the fear of what the future holds are present as if meant to last.

But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find,

the private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need your help,

and some have come to make amends

as hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends.

Lord, let your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind, and soul,

to disentangle peace from pain, and make your. Rosen people whole.

—John Bell & Graham Maule

*DOXOLOGY

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 859 Be Thou My Vision
Tune: SLANE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Allegro in D Felix Mendelssohn

*You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas liturgist; Stan Witteveen, cantor; Karen Stam, piano; Kamerkoor; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.

Today

We welcome all who worship with us! We invite you sign in on the fellowship pads in the pew 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 in memory of Alan Beagley by friends of Alan and Jeanette.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Laura McMullen, Bethany Bulthuis, Jeff Voskuil

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Kim and Matt DeJongh 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: "Telling Stories in the Dark" led by Jeff Munroe and Dan Rooks meets in the chapel. Next week: "Belonging: The Church and Individuals with Disabilities" led by Janelle Sievert.

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
11:15 a.m. Carillon Choir
11:30 a.m. Spanish Worship Gathering
3:30 p.m. High School Youth Group

Monday

1:30 p.m. Watercolor Class

Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers (zoom)
9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (zoom)
5:30 p.m. LIFT Dinner
6:15 p.m. LIFT Classes
6:15 p.m. Middle School Youth Group

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)
9:30 a.m. El Encuentro Music Rehearsal

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: Holland Hospital-Bob Kuiper, Dean Miedema. Hospice-Margaret Doorenbos, Mary Heideman. The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village-Esther DePree, Charlotte Garlough, Mary Heideman, Shirley Hoksbergen, A.E. Lacy, Linda Parchert. Missionaries-Jaime & Martha Amaro (Mexico), Albino & Sandy Rodriguez (Peru).

LIFT (Life in Faith Together) meets on Wednesdays and will continue through early May. Dinner and community celebration time is from 5:30-6:15 p.m., classes and activities for all ages follow. Adult opportunities will include a book club starting January 17. First book up for discussion is

“Great Expectations.” **LIFT WEATHER POLICY:** If Holland Public Schools are cancelled on a Wednesday due to weather there will be no LIFT dinner or classes. Cancellations will be announced by email, text, and the church website.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY: During the weekdays, Third Reformed Church will follow the Holland Public Schools cancellations to determine whether we will be having daily and evening activities. For Sundays: if inclement weather is impacting travel, we will have 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. walk-in worship services in English and Spanish respectively unless otherwise announced. As per usual, the 10 a.m. service will be on Zoom. If we cancel services, text and email messaging will be used, and it will be announced on the church web site on the home page, on Facebook and Instagram, and on Wood TV 8 as well.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: Please pick up your giving envelopes for 2024. They are on the table near the north windows of the Gathering Place. If you haven’t already turned in your pledge card for 2024, we encourage you to do so soon. Extra copies are available in the church office if needed.

OFFICE SCHEDULE: Our office will be closed to the public on Friday afternoons going forward. The church is still available for use, and meetings can still be scheduled for that time frame; however, the office will not be open for regular business.



The All-Church Retreat is a bit over 1 month away!
This will be a weekend full of food, fun, and fellowship!
Featuring speakers from the RCA, and activities for all ages!
Look for more information and the sign up form
in next week’s edition of Third Church News.