

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024

10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE Amazing Grace arr. by Robert Lunn and Sun Hui

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 25 (*responsively*)

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.**

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,

for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

**Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

He leads the humble in what is right

and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,

for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Come let us worship the Lord.

SALUTATION

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 134 Throughout These Lenten Days & Nights (vs. 1-4)
Tune: TALLIS CANON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

**Merciful God,
as we make the journey to the cross this season,
we are aware of our sin. The road ahead seems long and troubled.
We need your grace.
We cry out to you O, God.**

*DOXOLOGY

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Abana in Heaven (Lift Up Your Hearts #911) arranged by Rob Lunn and Sun Hui
(Please take this time to reflect on the words as the musicians play.)

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 938 My Friends, May You Grow in Grace
Tune: BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE Psalm 25 Samuel Mareschal

*You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Kay Stewart, Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas liturgists; Andrew Stewart, prayer for illumination; Sun Hui, erhu; Rob Lunn, guitar; 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.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Sandy Stielstra, Laura McMullen, Bruce Bassett

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Jane Dalman 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: "Association or a More Just Society" led by Hannah Applebach meets in the chapel.
Next week: "Movies That Complement Novels" led by Deb VanDuinen and Mark Hiskes.

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
- 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group

Monday

- 1:00 p.m. Watercolor Class
- 7:00 p.m. Martha Bible Study

Tuesday

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Women's Ministries Board Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Book Discussion & Dinner
- 7:15 p.m. Consistory

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. 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: Zeeland Hospital-Dennis Gebben. Marcia Callicoat has moved to Royal Park from the hospital. Hospice-Margaret Doorenbos, Mary Heideman, Tom Norman. Resthaven Rehab-Bob Kuiper; The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village-Esther DePree, Charlotte Garlough, Shirley Hoksbergen, A.E. Lacy, Linda Parchert, Steve VanGrouw. Missionaries-Wayne & Miho Jansen (Japan), Angel Lopez (Mexico).



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 (see the included schedule for more information)! Look for more information and the sign up form in Thursday's edition of Third Church News or call the church office to sign up.

CONSISTORY NOMINATIONS: You should have received an email last week with our consistory nomination letter and a link to the online nomination form. If you would prefer a hard copy of the nomination form, you may pick one up from the church office. **Nominations are due no later than Sunday, February 25.**

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: As we did last year, we plan on having several small-group studies for Lent. This year's study is "Journey to the Cross: A 12-Day Reading Plan" and it includes contributions by Dr. Wesley Hill and Dr. Ruth Padilla DeBorst. Sessions are available on Wednesday evenings Feb. 28, March 13 and 20 at 6:30 after LIFT dinner (in person), and Sunday evenings March 3, 17 and 24 at 6:30 (one group in person, the other via Zoom). Click on the link in Thursday's edition of Third Church News or contact the church office to sign up for this study.

