

# Third Sunday of Lent

March 3, 2024

10:00 a.m.

## The Approach to God

PRELUDE                      I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say                      arr. by Larry Sue

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP    from Psalm 19    (*responsively*)

The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.  
Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.

**There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;  
yet their voice goes out through all the earth  
and their words to the end of the world.**

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,  
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens  
and its circuit to the end of them,  
and nothing is hid from its heat.**

Let us gather in the light of our God.  
**Praise the Lord!**

SALUTATION

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION    553    How Great Thou Art  
Tune: HOW GREAT THOU ART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION    (*in unison*)

**Holy God, you have given us your law. You have set the boundaries  
to protect the vulnerable and help the victim. Forgive us God when  
we ignore the law. Forgive us when we trespass the boundaries.  
Lead us in the ways of healing and wholeness, through Jesus Christ  
our Lord, Amen.**

HYMN            637    Kyrie Eleison    (sung in Greek)  
Tune: KYRIE GHANA

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN'S TIME

## The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON: John 2:13-22

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This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

“Images of Love: Advocacy”

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

Blessed Assurance

Larry Sue

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.**

—Psalm 103, with additions

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY            Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

*Restoration* arranged by Ronald Turner

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore,  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity love and power.

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;  
true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in his arms;  
in the arms of my dear Savior, oh, there are ten thousand charms.

—Joseph Hart

\*DOXOLOGY

Tune: OLD HUNDREDETH

#### 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            825            Beneath the Cross

Tune: BENEATH THE CROSS

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                            Cross of Christ                    arranged by Laurel Hunt Pedersen

\*You may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Rev. Angel Lopez; Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolhaas liturgists; Carillon Choir; 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](http://trcholland.org/quickstart) to let us know you were here.



ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Lucia Torres, Roger DeYoung, Laura McMullen.

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.)

**There will be no education classes next Sunday, March 10 due to the All Church Retreat.**

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

“Anthony Trollope and Ted Lasso: Honoring the Holy Fool” led by Mark Hiskes and Jeff Munroe meets in the chapel.

**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 Gathering  
6:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study (in person & zoom)  
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group

### Monday

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study  
1:00 p.m. Watercolor Class

7:00 p.m. History Book Group

### **Tuesday**

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

6:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry

6:15 p.m. Governing Elders' Meeting

7:30 p.m. JET Steering Team

### **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

5:30 p.m. All Church Retreat Begins

### **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: In need of prayer: Marcia Callicoat, Nathan Klay. Hospice-Margaret Doorenbos, Mary Heideman, Tom Norman, Dennis Gebben. Appledorn-Donna Prins; Vista Springs-Barb Piaget, Ruth Heideman; Maple Woods-Beth DuMez, Ruth Heideman; American House-Gayle Wilson. Missionaries-Linn G. (Asia), Lubna Y. (Asia).

BLOOD DRIVE: Third Reformed Church will host a blood drive on Monday, March 11, from 12:00 to 5:45 p.m. Visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) to sign up to give blood that day.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME will begin on Sunday, March 10. Be sure to move your clocks ahead one hour.

The All-Church Retreat is this week, March 8-10! 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 Thursday's edition of Third Church News or call the church office to sign up.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Mark your calendars for this year's Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 5 at 11:15 a.m. Lunch will be served with the portion of the day following.

COOKIES NEEDED: Women's Ministries of Third Reformed are hosting the reception following the Regional Worship Service to Celebrate 50 Years of Women's Ordination in the RCA on March 10, and are in need of cookies and bars to put out for this celebration. These may be brought to the church kitchen until Sunday, March 10. Please note if your items include peanuts or tree nuts.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, MARCH 11: The church office will be closed Monday, March 11, to give the staff time to catch up after the retreat. All regularly scheduled onsite meetings and gatherings will happen; this closing only involves the office.

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**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**MARCH 10, 2024  
6:00PM**

**CELEBRATING FIVE DECADES OF RCA WOMEN'S ORDINATION AS ELDERS, DEACONS AND MINISTERS!**

**Worship Celebration with Festive Reception following Third Reformed Church, 111 W. 13th St. Holland, MI**