

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

Prelude on "ENGELBERG"
(We Know That Christ Is Raised)

arr. James Pethel

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP

(responsively)

Alleluia! Christ is risen—

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope;

He has raised Jesus from the dead!

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia! Christ is risen—

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

—based on 1 Peter 1:3-5, from The Worship Source Book, p.629

SALUTATION

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 206 Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing
(vs. 1, 3, & 5)
Tune: TRURO

*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)*

Reconciling, gracious Jesus,

forgive us for not remembering whose we are.

Forgive us for living more in the fear of death,

than in the hope of your resurrection,

and in expectation of you coming again.

We look for other solutions,

for cheaper peace,

for quicker answers,

for appearances of reconciliation with our fellow people,

rather than true forgiveness.

Holy Spirit,

work in us and among us so that our lives and conversations all point to Christ as our living hope,

and give us courage, grace, and perseverance to obey.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE from I John 3:1-3

*HYMN 836 Bless the Lord, My Soul (sung three times)
Tune: BLESS THE LORD MY SOUL

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:36-48

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

SERMON "Jesus Incognito"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

The Response to God

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed (*responsively*)

**We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,**

**God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.

His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.

He proceeds from the Father and the Son,

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

“Christian-ly Thinking about Islam and Muslims: Perceptions and Misperceptions” led by John Hubers 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

11:15 a.m. Education Hour
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. Confirmand Credo Presentation

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
6:30 p.m. “Bach & Mozart in Liverpool” presentation

Thursday

8:00 a.m. Sunrise Saints

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 616-392-1459.

SYMPATHY is extended to Bob Pott and Eunice De Witt in the death of Bob's brother, Terry Pott, on April 7.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Pray for Pastors Angel and Ryan as they travel in Costa Rica and Nicaragua this week. Next week! Confession of Faith Sunday. Hospice-Margaret Doorenbos, Mary Heideman, Tom Norman, Dennis Gebben. Appledorn-Donna Prins; Vista Springs-Barb Piaget, Phyllis Brown; Maple Woods-Beth DuMez, Ruth Heideman; American House-Gayle Wilson. Missionaries-Wayne & Miho Jansen (Japan), Angel Lopez (Mexico).

You're invited to "Bach and Mozart in Liverpool" on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. Matt DeJongh will present his sabbatical research project entitled "Reverse Karaoke for Piano Concertos." He will play some Preludes and Fugues by J.S. Bach, then perform the Andante and Allegro movements of Mozart's A major piano concerto (K414) accompanied by his computer. If you're unable to attend in person a Zoom link for the presentation can be found on the church website.

LIFT dinner will be served beforehand at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

May 5 is our annual congregational meeting. Again this year it will be held immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. To facilitate the gathering of all our people, there will be only one service that day, with no separate service for El Encuentro. We will enjoy a meal together at the meeting, and will conclude with the Lord's Supper. Maria Urrea will be making yummy breakfast casseroles, but we will need your help completing the meal. Sign up at the link in this week's edition of Third Church News or call the church office to provide pastries, muffins, fruit and to help with serving and clean up. At the meeting we will get a financial update, receive a state of the church report, and approve a slate of new elders and deacons. A Zoom link will be available for the congregational meeting, however it will be a non-interactive link, meaning Zoom participants will be able to observe but not vote or comment during the congregational meeting. An absentee ballot will be available in the office if you are unable to make the meeting. Nominees for Consistory are: **Deacon:** Mark Genzink; **Care Elder:** Kathy Miedema, Lynne Hubers; **Governing Elder:** Matt DeJongh, John Hoekstra, Jody Vanderwel, Yasser Palacios-Perez