

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

10:00 a.m.

## The Approach to God

PRELUDE      The Lord My Pasture Will Prepare    arr. by Laurel Hunt Pedersen

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP      adapted from Psalm 145      *(responsively)*

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;  
his greatness no one can fathom.

**One generation commends your works to another;  
they tell of your mighty acts.**

We speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—  
and we will meditate on your wonderful works.

**We celebrate your abundant goodness  
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.**

The Lord is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and rich in love.

**The Lord is good to all;  
he has compassion on all he has made.**

All your works praise you, Lord;  
your faithful people extol you,

**so that all people may know of your mighty acts  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
**and your greatness endures through all generations!**

SALUTATION

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION    348    Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
Tune: FAITHFULNESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION      *(in unison)*

**Exalted One, Holy God,  
we lift up your faithfulness,  
in your awesome deeds,  
and we delight in giving thanks!  
Help us also, God, to delight in obeying you,  
and in leaving behind  
selfishness, bitterness, rage, and indifference.  
Breathe your love and truth  
into us so that we become more and more like you,  
and forgive us when we stumble and fall short of who you are,  
and who you call us to be as your very own. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE      Psalm 23      *(responsively)*

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;

**he restores my soul.**

He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil,

**for you are with me;**

**your rod and your staff,**

**they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;

**you anoint my head with oil;**

**my cup overflows.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,

**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord**

**my whole life long.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Do you promise to love, encourage, and support  
these brothers and sisters  
by teaching the gospel of God's love,  
by being an example of Christian faith and character, and  
by giving the strong support of God's family  
in fellowship, prayer, and service?

**We do.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:      Apostles' Creed      *(in unison)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

\*SONG

Great Are You Lord

You give life, You are love You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope, You restore Every heart that is broken  
And great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only

And all the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing  
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## The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:11-18

p. 103

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: I John 3:16-24

p. 240

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

SERMON

“Love Like the Shepherd”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

## The Response to God

\*HYMN 781

My Only Comfort

Tune: RESIGNATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,  
Holy wisdom, Love most bright.  
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring,  
soar to uncreated light.  
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,  
with the fire of life impassioned,  
striving still to Truth unknown,  
soaring, dying, round Thy throne.

Through the way where Hope is guiding,  
hark what peaceful music rings,  
where the flock in Thee confiding,  
drink of joy from deathless springs.  
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure,  
theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.  
Thou dost ever lead Thine own,  
in the love of joys unknown.

—Chorale from Cantata #147

\*DOXOLOGY

965

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

562

We Will Extol You, God and King

Tune: SCARECROW

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Voluntary VIII

William Boyce

\*You may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas, Kay Stewart, Mark Hiskes  
liturgists; Anna Stewart, prayer for illumination; 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.

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

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Pablo Perez, Bethany Bulhuis, Roger DeYoung

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Kim and Matt De Jongh 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

“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

8:45 p.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

### Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry  
6:00 p.m. Book Discussion & Dinner  
6:30 p.m. JET Racial Equity Team  
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. 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 Carl and Charlotte Heideman and Ruth Heideman in the death of their mother, Mary Heideman, on April 13; and to Carol Cox in the death of her sister, Doris Osterink, on April 14.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Hospice-Margaret Doorenbos, Tom Norman, Dennis Gebben. The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village-Esther DePree, Shirley Hoksbergen, A.E. Lacy, Linda Parchert. Missionaries-Jaime & Martha Amaro (Mexico), Albino & Sandy Rodriguez (Peru).

The Racial Equity Group of the Justice and Equity Team (J.E.T.) is sponsoring a bus trip to the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit on May 17. We will depart from Third Reformed Church at 8:00 a.m. and return at approximately 5:30 p.m. Museum admission for seniors (62+) is \$11 and adults are \$14. We will have lunch together at a nearby Detroit restaurant. We will limit the passengers to 24 with TRC members and guests given preference. Other churches will be invited if space is available. Free guided tours will be provided as well as independent exploration. Sign up with Laura Baer or Dean Miedema in the Gathering Place after the service on April 21 and 28, or call Dean Miedema at 616-566-4663 until April 28. **Participants should be prepared to pay Dean Miedema by cash or check since all tickets are pre-paid.**

CROP HUNGER WALK: Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 19 between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. at Centennial Park in Holland. This is Holland/Zeeland's 45th CROP Hunger Walk. The walk raises funds for Church World Service and local hunger agencies. That weekend is also the Postal Food Drive. The Walk and Post Office's collection of food and toiletries help our local agencies. The agencies will be at the walk to share information. Come and support them by walking. Or better yet, register online now at: [www.hollandhunger.org](http://www.hollandhunger.org) to start raising support. Start a walker team online and spread the word! You can get more information from Roger DeYoung.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This is the last week of regular LIFT. Summer LIFT will run Wednesdays June 26-July 31 (no meeting on July 3). Stay tuned for details and volunteer opportunities!

Copies of a "Breaking Barriers" article can be found on the welcome desk. The subject is "30 Indicators of an Anti-ableist, Fully Accessible Church."

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, juice 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.