

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 16, 2024

10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

Variations on Hyfrydol

Charles M. Callehan

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 92 *(responsively)*

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name,
O Most High;

to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

**For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I
sing for joy.**

The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God.

In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap,
showing that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no
unrighteousness in him.

Come and praise the Lord!

Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

SALUTATION

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 551 All Creatures of Our God and King
(verses 1-4)
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 *(in unison)*

Holy God, you teach us that a little faith can produce great work in your kingdom.

**Yet we are too timid to bear the fruit of your righteousness, for we walk by sight and
not by faith. Forgive us, Lord; we do not uphold the poor or the oppressed. We do
not advocate for the powerless or the voiceless. We do not sacrifice ourselves for the
needs of our neighbors. Renew us with the love of Christ so that we live no longer for
ourselves, but for Christ who became the seed of your righteousness in us. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

GRATEFUL LIVING from Ezekiel 17

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

*HYMN 551 All Creatures of Our God and King
(verses 5-6)
Tune: LAST UNS ERFREUEN

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17 p. 181
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 4:26-34 p. 38
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON "Seeds, Soil, and Sanctification"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

The Response to God

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Belgic Confession, Article 24 (*responsively*)

We believe that this true faith,
produced in us by the hearing of God's Word
and by the work of the Holy Spirit,
regenerates us and makes us new creatures,
causing us to live a new life
and freeing us from the slavery of sin.
Therefore,
far from making people cold
toward living in a pious and holy way,
this justifying faith,
quite to the contrary,
so works within them that
apart from it
they will never do a thing out of love for God
but only out of love for themselves
and fear of being condemned.
So then, it is impossible
for this holy faith to be unfruitful in a human being,
seeing that we do not speak of an empty faith
but of what Scripture calls
"faith working through love,"
which moves people to do by themselves
the works that God has commanded
in the Word.
**These works,
proceeding from the good root of faith,
are good and acceptable to God,
since they are all sanctified by God's grace.**

**Yet they do not count toward our justification—
for by faith in Christ we are justified,
even before we do good works.**

Otherwise they could not be good,
any more than the fruit of a tree could be good
if the tree is not good in the first place.

So then, we do good works,
but not for merit—

for what would we merit?

**Rather, we are indebted to God for the good works we do,
and not God to us,
since God “is at work in us, enabling us both
to will and to work for his good pleasure.”**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY I Love Your Kingdom, Lord Benjamin M. Culli

*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 797 Sing! A New Creation
Tune: EBENEZER

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Psalm of Glory Lani Smith

*You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Rev. Hunter Brumels, Bethany Bulthuis, liturgists; Bart Den Boer, prayer for illumination; 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 head to trcholland.org/quickstart to let us know you were here.



The flowers at the chancel are given by Cathy and Jim Vander Meer and Mary and Bob Van Voorst in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversaries.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Bethany Bulthuis, Roger DeYoung, Jim Vander Meer

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Katherine and George Hunsberger 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.

Note: Children & Worship will not meet during the month of June. The next meeting will be Sunday, July 7.

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

11:30 a.m. Spanish Worship Gathering

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

1:00 p.m. High School Bible Study

7:15 p.m. Consistory

Wednesday

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study

8:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers (zoom)

Thursday

3:00 p.m. Property Team

Saturday

9:30 a.m. Curso de Discipulado (en Espanol)

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 616-392-1459.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Hospice-Tom Norman, Dennis Gebben. Appledorn-Donna Prins; Holland Courtland-Barb Piaget, Phyllis Brown; Maple Woods-Beth DuMez, Ruth Heideman. Missionaries-Jaime & Martha Amaro (Mexico), Albino & Sandy Rodriguez (Peru).

WALK-IN CHOIR: All ages are invited to join a walk-in choir that will sing during the service on Sundays, July 14, and August 11. Rehearsal will be in the choir room (lower level rm. #4) at 9:30 a.m. Questions contact Linda Strouf.

Friends of Summer LIFT!

This summer our theme for LIFT is Tell Me More! Do you know that we have an amazing church body with tons of people who are involved in many different things?! This Summer we want to learn MORE about these awesome people and their passions!

On Wednesday, June 26, our first LIFT night of the summer, we are going to have an “Ask the Pastor” night! This will be a time when you can write down questions that will be answered by the pastors! These can be questions about the Bible, about faith, or about other interesting things that you want to know about! Our hope is that this will offer a time when we can come together to ask some questions in a space that we might not normally have. Our goal that night, and for the rest of the summer, is not to “stump” or “challenge” but to learn and grow with each other!

So, with that being said, now is the time to come up with your questions! Think about a few questions that you might want to ask our lovely pastors! These questions will be put into a bag, selected and reviewed by our moderator, and then asked anonymously to the pastors.

Let’s ask them a lot of questions! Please write down your questions and email, text, or drop of at church your questions. Please email them to Hunter at hunter.brumels@trcholland.org. Questions must be submitted by the end of our LIFT dinner on the 26th.



World Refugee Sunday is June 23, 2024. Join us at 10 AM for a combined worship service followed by an extended coffee hour. We invite you to help out by signing up to bring a continental breakfast item, either by clicking on the link in Thursday’s edition of Third Church News or calling the church office.

CAMPER’S CORNER

Camp Geneva

June 17-21

Jakob Bork

Rose Bork

Krishawn Lewis

We want to pray for your camping kid. If your child is attending a camp other than Camp Geneva this summer, please let Kristen in the church office know so they can be included in the Camper’s Corner the week they are attending camp.