

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2024

10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Kingsfold"

Douglas E. Wagner

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 145 *(responsively)*

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you

and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
His greatness is unsearchable.

**One generation shall extol your works to another
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.

**They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all,

and his compassion is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power, to make known to all people
your mighty deeds and the glorious splendor
of your kingdom.**

SALUTATION

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 691 Amazing Grace
Tune: NEW BRITAIN

*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)*

God, we have acted like we don't know you.

We have trusted that we can work things out our way.

**We have chosen the ways that feel good to us,
and have tried to justify
our selfishness**

our greed
our disregard for our neighbor.

Your truth calls us out,
and we know we must repent.
Forgive us, Lord. Have mercy on us,
and make us more like Jesus, with
the help of your Holy Spirit to guide us.
Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HYMN 741 Take, O Take Me as I Am (*sung acapella*)
Tune: TAKE ME AS I AM

**Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.**

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CHILDREN'S TIME

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Ephesians 3:14-21 p. 193
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 2 Samuel 11:1-15 p. 284
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Short Cuts vs. the Love That Can't Be Measured"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

The Response to God

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 680 O God, We Kneel Before Your Throne
Tune: KNOLLCREST FARM

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY Peace, Be Not Anxious arr. by Paul A. Tate

*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 175 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Tune: HAMBURG

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Marche Triomphale Théodore Dubois

*You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas, preaching; Rev. Angel Lopez, Joel Schoon-Tanis, Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, liturgists; 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 Al and Jane Osman.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Laura Baer, Jim Vander Meer, Pablo Perez.

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.

SUMMER 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.)

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

6:30 p.m. Racial Equity Team

Wednesday

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

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

5:30 p.m. LIFT Dinner

6:15 p.m. LIFT Activities

Saturday

9:30 a.m. El Encuentro Music Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. Curso de Discipulado en Español

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 the family and friends of Etta Hesselink who died on July 23. A memorial service will take place on Monday, August 5, at 10:00 a.m., at Third Reformed Church.

SYMPATHY is extended to Skip Keeter in the death of his wife, Jane Johnson Keeter, on July 24. Visitation will take place, at 10:00 a.m., on Saturday, August 10 with a memorial service following, at 11:00 a.m., at Third Reformed Church.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Hospice-Tom Norman, Dennis Gebben. Appledorn-Donna Prins; Holland Cortland-Barb Piaget, Phyllis Brown; Maple Woods-Beth DuMez, Ruth Heideman, Paula Wilson. Missionaries - Rowland Jr. & Jane Van Es (Kenya), Victor Kanyi (Kenya).

Congregational News

SUMMER LIFT is happening. Be sure to join us this week for LIFT. This week Wednesday, July 31 is the final session of summer LIFT. Come enjoy dinner with your fellow Third Church members and friends at 5:30. At 6:15 there will be activities for all ages.

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

The main meal will be provided before the Sunday, August 4 volunteer fair. We hope that you'll sign up to provide fruit or veggie trays or a handheld dessert that will be easy to walk around the volunteer fair with. The sign up link can be found in the Third Church New or you can call the church office to sign up.



THE THIRD REFORMED CHURCH
Volunteer Fair!

Whether it's with your head, your heart, or your hands; with mini, mid-teen, mid-life, or mature members; in quick ways or quiet ways; with paint brush or pruning shears, dust rag or delicious dish:

We Need You!

Learn more at the
Volunteer Fair on Sunday, August 4

And what's better than a Volunteer Fair? A Volunteer Fair after a fabulous all-church lunch! Combined service at 10 AM, followed by lunch and the fair.