

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2024

10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

Built on a Rock

Dan E. Nielsen

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

How lovely is your dwelling place,

O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints,

for the courts of the Lord;

my heart and my flesh sing for joy

to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home

and the swallow a nest for herself,

where she may lay her young,

at your altars, O Lord of hosts,

my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house,

ever singing your praise.

For a day in your courts is better

than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God

than live in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield;

he bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the Lord withhold

from those who walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts,

happy is everyone who trusts in you.

It is good to be in the house of the Lord!

SALUTATION

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 579 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Tune: ST. DENIO

*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)*

Have mercy upon us, O God,

according to your steadfast love;

**of Jesus Christ,
whose righteousness is ours by faith.**

What more do we need?
For Christ himself declares:
“I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father
except through me.”
Why should we seek
another intercessor?
Since it has pleased God
to give us the Son as our Intercessor,
let us not leave him for another—
or rather seek, without ever finding.
For, when giving Christ to us,
God knew well that we were sinners.

**Therefore,
in following the command of Christ
we call on the heavenly Father
through Christ,
our only Mediator.**

Thanks be to God for this gift of Christ and the hearing of our prayers.

Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI 961

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY Andante in D minor Jacques-Louis Battmann

*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 956 To God Be the Glory
Tune: MY TRIBUTE

*BENEDICTION

*You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolhaas, Rev. Angel Lopez, liturgists; Dan Bolt, scripture reader; 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: Bruce Bassett, Jeff Voskuil, Lucia Torres.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Mary DeWitt and Jane Dalman 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

7:30 p.m. JET Steering Team

Wednesday

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

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

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.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Hospice-Tom Norman, Dennis Gebben. The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village-Esther DePree, Shirley Hoskbergen, A.E Lacy, Linda Parchert. Missionaries - Rowland Jr. & Jane Van Es (Kenya), Victor Kanyi (Kenya).

SUNRISE SAINTS: Sunrise Saints is to begin its new season Thursday, September 5, from 8:00-9:00 a.m. Coffee and tea are available on the counter in the Gathering Place, and we meet in the Chapel around tables. We are beginning a new book study this fall. We will be studying a classic book written by the renowned Old Testament scholar, Walter Brueggemann, entitled: *The Prophetic Imagination*. Our discussion will be led by George Hunsberger. Copies of the book are available in the church office; the discounted price is \$18.00. It is suggested that you read the Foreword and the Preface to the Second Edition in preparation for our first meeting on September 5.

KIDS HOPE TABLE: Did you borrow the Emojijinks game, green box of art supplies or the Be Calm and Color book? Please return to the office. Thank You!

HELP HUNGRY KIDS AT HOLLAND WEST ELEMENTARY: Last year, through a student in Susanna Childress' composition course at Hope College, we were introduced to the English Learner program at Holland West Elementary. The teacher of the class from Holland West has reached out asking for support again. Snacks are an important part of the school day. They keep hunger at bay and help the students focus. We invite you to bring in snacks from the list below between now and September 4. They are shelf-stable, and will last into the semester. Please note these products have been specifically chosen because of their ingredients, so please do not purchase generic or off-list brands. That will keep these donations accessible to all the students who receive them. All donations may be dropped off at the church office or at the Backyard Bash on September 4. Thank you in advance for your generosity towards these children.

Suggested Items: Mott's fruit snacks, Snack sized Ziploc bags (to divide up bigger bags), Pretzel Rods, Cheez-its, Animal crackers, Veggie Straws, Applesauce pouches, Granola bars, Nut packs, Trail Mix, Fruit Leather, Roasted edamame packs, Goldfish, Smart Food popcorn, Teddy Grahams, Sun Chips, Gift card to pick up fresh fruit and/or veggies + hummus, string cheese, and yogurt

