

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2024

10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

Entrée Carillon

Adolphe Marty

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 33 *(responsively)*

Praise the Lord with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

Sing to him a new song;

play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of the Lord is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.

He loves righteousness and justice;

the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.

Let all the earth fear the Lord;

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him,

for he spoke, and it came to be;

he commanded, and it stood firm.

The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

The counsel of the Lord stands forever,

the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

SALUTATION

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 21 This Is My Father's World
Tune: TERRA BEATA

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(responsively)*

Merciful God,

for the things we have done that we regret,

forgive us;

for the things we have failed to do that we regret,

forgive us;

for all the times we have acted without love,

forgive us;

for all the times we have reacted without thought,

forgive us;

for all the times we have withdrawn care,

forgive us;

for all the times we have failed to forgive,

forgive us.

For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid,

forgive us.

For seeking our fulfillment in any way apart from your will,

forgive us.

God of all time, forgive us and renew us to be more and more like

Jesus. Amen.

—Worship Source Book

WORDS OF ASSURANCE John 3:16-17

*HYMN 595 Santo, santo, santo mi corazón (sung twice in Spanish)
Tune: ARGENTINE SANTO

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 12:1-7 p. 10
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 29:1-9 p. 731
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Home: In the Presence of God”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

The Response to God

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 43 Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer
Tune: CWM RHONDDA

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Craig Courtney

*When you seek Me, you shall find Me
if you search with all your heart.*

For I know the plans I have for you:
plans of welfare, not of evil, plans of hope and a future.
I will bring you out of bondage to the land I have prepared.
I will bring you home to Me.

—Based on Jeremiah 29:11-14

*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 946 Go, My Children, with My Blessing
Tune: AR HYD Y NOS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE When I Can Read My Title Clear Dan Forrest, arr. by Douglas E. Wagner

*You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Angel Lopez, preaching; Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas, Ellen Awad, liturgists; Simon Awad, 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 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, Bruce Bassett.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Shelly and Faith Millen 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, meets in the chapel

"Liturgies of Belonging" led by Alberto La Rosa Rojas. Next week: "Understanding the Wanderers: Spiritual Yearners and Religious Dones" led by Daryl Van Tongeren

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 a.m. Kamerkoor
- 11:15 a.m. Education Hour
- 11:30 a.m. Spanish Worship Gathering
- 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group at the Bolts

Monday

- 12:00 p.m. Blood Drive
- 1:30 p.m. Miriam Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. History Book Group

Tuesday

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Ruth Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Lydia Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Outreach Team
- 7:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday

- 6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers (zoom)
- 1:30 p.m. Rachel Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. LIFT Dinner
- 6:15 p.m. LIFT Classes
- 6:15 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
- 6:30 p.m. New Members Orientation

Thursday

- 8:00 a.m. Sunrise Saints
- 1:00 p.m. Care Elder Coordinators' Meeting

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 Lucille Schroeder who died on September 3. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, September 17 at 11:00 a.m. with visitation and coffee time an hour before 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 - Jamie & Martha Amaro (Mexico), Albino & Sandy Rodrigues (Peru).

LIFT (Life in Faith Together) begins Wednesday, September 11. Dinner and community celebration time is from 5:30-6:15 p.m., classes and activities for all ages following, including a new members orientation class.

BLOOD DRIVE: Third Reformed Church will host a blood drive on Monday, September 9, from 12:00 to 5:45 p.m. Visit redcross.org to sign up to give blood that day.

IT'S APPLE SEASON! Join us on Sunday, September 15, from 2-4 for Family Apple picking at Overhiser Orchard! This event will cost \$3 per person to enter the orchard, children under 5 and seniors over 65 are free! This afternoon will be tons of fun that you won't want to miss! Learn more in our newsletter, where you can also sign up to come!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY: The annual fall meeting for the women of TRC will be a noon luncheon on Saturday, September 21 at 12:00. We will meet in the chapel. Rev. Liz Testa from the RCA office in New York will be with us, sharing some slides of RCA mission work in Peru. Please come, no reservations needed.

SAVE THE DATE: The Racial Equity Group and 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 Wednesday, October 2nd. Signup will be in the Gathering Place after the worship services of September 15 and 22. Call Dean Miedema at 616-566-4663 with any questions.