

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2024

10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

Allemande

Henry Du Mont

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

We come to share together
to celebrate the God who is present amongst us.
**The Lord our God is our strength and song,
and is even now our salvation.**

We come to share together
to celebrate with all the world, that the Lord is God.
**With joy we gather around God's fountain of grace
to be refreshed and renewed.**

We come to share together
to celebrate with songs of praise and joy for the
Lord our God's eternal presence
is forever amongst and with us, and all peoples.
**We sing with joy:
Thank the Lord, our Mighty God!
Praise God's holy name! Amen.**

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SALUTATION

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 492 Come, Thou Almighty King
Tune: ITALIAN HYMN

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

PRAYER OF LAMENT AND CONFESSION *(responsively)*

Lord Jesus,
we join our hearts and voices in lament, with our fellow humans who face prejudice in our
country. God, we stand against words of hatred and ridicule against immigrants, and
refugees, and against people of color.

**We remember, Jesus, that you too were rejected because
of who you were.**

We remember that you too fled with your family seeking asylum.

We mourn that this is still happening in our world.

Make of us Lord, a safe place to find a home.

Shine your light of hope through your people to offer welcome and words of hope.

Lord, hear our prayers and do your will among us.

We remember, Jesus, that you stood against lies, and you stood with the marginalized, and with the rejected.

We want to stand with you, and we cry out to you to make us a generation of justice, where truth is lifted up, and where all people can know belonging.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers and build your kingdom here.

[Silence]

Lord Jesus, you taught that turning to justice and mercy must begin with each one of us. And so we confess, that we need forgiveness from you, and from those whom we rejected or ignored.

[Silence]

God of all nations, we praise you that in Christ the barriers that have separated humanity are torn. Yet we confess our slowness to open our hearts to people of other lands, tongues, and races.

Deliver us from the sins of fear and prejudice, that we may move toward the day when all are truly one in Jesus Christ. Amen.

—Portions from the Worship SourceBook, p. 104

WORDS OF ASSURANCE II Corinthians 5:14-19

CHILDREN'S TIME

*HYMN 357 In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful
(sung in English, then in Spanish)
Tune: IN THE LORD, I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

**El Señor es me fortaleza,
el Señor es mi canción.
Él nos da la salvación.
En él confío, no temeré.
En él confío, no temeré.**

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 2:1-25; 3:1-12 p. 49
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Leaving Home to Find Home"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

The Response to God

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 123 Come to Me, O Weary Traveler
Tune: AUSTIN

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY Go Down, Moses
African-American Spiritual, arr. by David W. Music

When Israel was in Egypt land, let my people go!
Oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go!

*Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt land.
Tell old Pharaoh, let my people go!*

"Thus saith the Lord," bold Moses said: let my people go!
"If not I'll smite your first-born dead," let my people go!

"No more shall they in bondage toil," let my people go!
"let them come out with Egypt's spoil," let my people go!

*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 348 Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Tune: FAITHFULNESS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Toccatino Dom Andrew Moore

*You may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas, preaching; Grace McConaghie, Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, liturgists;
Randy Rusthoven, prayer for illumination; John Hubers, soloist; 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: Mark Genzink, Bethany Bulthuis, 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.

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

Understanding the Wanderers: Spiritual Yearners and Religious Dones" led by Daryl Van Tongeren. Next week: "Home, Bittersweet Home" led by Christy Berghoef.

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
11:15 a.m. Carillon Choir
11:30 a.m. Spanish Worship Gathering
2:00 p.m. Apple Picking
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Lucille Schroeder Visitation
11:00 a.m. Lucille Schroeder Memorial Service
7:15 p.m. Consistory

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 Classes
6:15 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
6:30 p.m. New Members Orientation

Thursday

8:00 a.m. Sunrise Saints

Saturday

- 9:30 a.m. El Encuentro Music Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Curso de Discipulado en Español
12:00 p.m. Women's Ministries Fall Kick-Off

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 Hoksbergen, A.E. Lacy, Linda Parchert. Missionaries - Linn G. (Asia), Lubna Y. (Asia).

CAMPAIGN DINNER: This past week all of our adult active members received an invitation to our congregational campaign commitment dinner on Saturday, October 5. This will be an important night for our congregation as we gather to jointly make our commitment of support toward funding the upcoming HVAC project as well as some other important pending facility needs. Please RSVP by September 20 (this coming Friday). To learn more, read the most recent edition of Third Church News.

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 October 2. We will depart from Third Reformed Church at 8:00 a.m. and return approximately 6:00 p.m. Museum admission for seniors (62+) is \$11 and adults are \$14. We will have lunch together at SLOWS BBQ and time to briefly explore the "new" Central Train Station across the street. 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 option.

Sign up with Dean Miedema in the Gathering Place after the service on September 15 and 22, or call Dean at (616) 566-4663 until September 22.

Participants should be prepared to pay Dean Miedema by cash or check since all tickets are prepaid.

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 RSVP to Mary DeWitt, mdewitt04@sbcglobal.net, by Thursday, September 19.