

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 3, 2024

10:00 a.m.

– THE APPROACH TO GOD –

PRELUDE *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* arr. by Jacob B. Weber

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved, welcome to the house of the Lord! We come from stories and space different and distant.

We come to the house of the Lord!

We come in search of rest, renewal, restoration.

We come in search of the Lord!

We come in need of wholeness, a place to belong and serve.

We come in need of the Lord!

We come in want of justice done, and of wrongs to be made right.

We come in want of the Lord!

We come to the house of the Lord. For there we find our home.

We come to rest in the Lord!

Beloved, welcome, you are home in the Lord, Alleluia!

Praise the Lord!

SALUTATION

*HYMN

For All the Saints - #254

Tune: SINE NOMINE

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Ruby Thome	December 29, 2023
Carl Folkert	January 5, 2024
Dee Bechtel	January 6, 2024
Martha Beld	January 10, 2024
Kathy Nienhuis	February 20, 2024
Steve Van Grouw	February 20, 2024
Martin Keller	March 12, 2024
Bob Kuiper	March 16, 2024

Charlotte Garlough	March 29, 2024
Mary Heideman	April 13, 2024
Gayle Wilson	May 7, 2024
Margaret Doorenbos	June 4, 2024
Etta Hesselink	June 23, 2024
Jane Johnson Keeter	July 24, 2024
Lucille Schroeder	September 2, 2024
Wayne Westenbroek	October 22, 2024

CARILLON CHOIR *Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven*
arr. by Larry Sue

CHILDREN'S TIME

— THE WORD OF GOD —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Ephesians 2:11-22 p. 192

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

SERMON: *Home as Belonging*

A LITURGY WHEN SOMEONE YOU LOVE BELIEVES DIFFER-
ENTLY THAN YOU

— THE RESPONSE TO GOD —

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is....we worship and adore your
glorious name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Most righteous God...

Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died! Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

COMMUNION

*HYMN

One Bread, One Body - #835

Tune: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and do not forget all his benefits—

who forgives all your iniquity,

who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the Pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,

nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,

so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children,

so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,

who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all,

and will also give us all things with him.

Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of

the Lord, from this time forth forevermore. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND

SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* Dale Wood

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head
and Cornerstone;

Chosen of the Lord, and precious,

binding all the Church in one;

Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call Thee, come,

O Lord of hosts, today;

with Thy wonted loving kindness hear

Thy servants as they pray,

and Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,

laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,

One in might, One in glory, while unending ages run.

—Text: Latin Hymn cir. VII Century,

Translated by John Mason Neale

*DOXOLOGY - #965

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Ed Westerebeke has moved to The Inn from the hospital. Hospice - Tom Norman, Dennis Gebben.

Home-Bill Charlton, Barb Mummert; Out of Town-LaVerne Lievens, Ellen Rieck; Quincy Place-Elle Kuiper. Missionaries - Jaime & Martha Amaro (Mexico), Albino & Sandy Rodriguez (Peru).

UPDATE: TRC STOREROOM FOR IMMIGRANT RESETTLEMENT

We are making a small adjustment in the items we will stock going forward in this important ministry. From now on, we would like to offer only **NEW** linens – sheets, towels, blankets, comforters. These can be purchased from Amazon and shipped directly to the church (you may choose the brand you prefer), or you may bring in new linens you've purchased for the storeroom. As always, new or gently used kitchen items/pots/pans/utensils, as well as lamps are welcome donations. Thank you again for your faithful support of this important ministry.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (grade 9th-12th) are invited to join us on a Spring Break Mission trip to Juarez, MX and Frontera de Gracia.

This Spring Break (April 8-12th, 2025), the TRC High Schoolers are invited on a trip to Frontera de Gracia to experience the US/Mexico border. We will be staying in Juarez, Mexico and will spend time understanding the process of immigration and life at the border through our connections with Frontera de Gracia.

Date: Tuesday, April 8th to Saturday, April 12th, 2025

Who: High School Students (9-12th grade)

Where: Juarez, Mexico - Frontera de Gracia

Cost: Estimated \$1,050 (RCA grants and fundraising will be available)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
8:45 a.m. Kamerkoor		(zoom)
10:00 a.m. English Worship Service	5:30 p.m.	LIFT Dinner
11:15 a.m. Education Hour	6:15 p.m.	LIFT Classes
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group	6:15 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group
Monday	Thursday	
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.	Sunrise Saints
7:00 p.m. History Book Group	2:00 p.m.	Women's Ministries Board Meeting
Tuesday	Friday	
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting	6:30 a.m.	High School Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Special Education Ministries	Saturday	
6:30 p.m. Racial Equity Team	9:30 a.m.	El Encuentro Music Rehearsal
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Curso de Discipulado en Español
6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study		
8:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers (zoom)		

A liturgy when

SOMEONE YOU LOVE BELIEVES DIFFERENTLY THAN YOU

Liz Snell

You have formed us for fellowship, O Lord,
for journeying beside and partaking in the joys
and sorrows of the ones we love.

Yet now I feel a rift in such fellowship
with one I have long held dear,
as our beliefs have unexpectedly diverged.
What once seemed foundational and permanent
in our bond is shaken and cracked;
gone is the comfort and ease we once shared.
Now I bear this growing ache of separation,
since what matters so much to me conflicts
with what matters so much to my loved one.
I am lost and confused.
I do not understand how they could reject
what seems so good to me, so evident.
O Lord, I long for peace
in this strained relationship.
At times my urge is to foster a false harmony
through silence or by pretending to agree,
diluting my beliefs to ease
this tension that broods over us.
I am tempted to take that easy route,
for to walk different paths,
yet to love each other well,
feels impossible.

But Jesus, you entered the tumult of this world
to reconcile even your enemies to you.

So may I actively engage rather than avoid.
May I listen for what words you might have me
say and risk speaking when you ask me to
be brave. Let me embody your care by pressing
in, knowing you can use even my awkward
attempts at truth and honesty when
they are offered in love.

When I feel judged or attacked, I want to
tighten my arguments to prove I am right and
protect myself from pain. Anger beckons me
toward self-righteousness; I lose empathy and
cannot see the other as they are. In such times
may your Spirit lead me back to gentleness,
secure in my identity to you, our servant King.

Though it may grate against my pride,
make me willing to consider where I might
be in the wrong. Give me clarity and conviction
to see where I have erred in my ideas,

where I have wrongly assumed I understood another's heart, or where I have dismissed their positions too easily. Let me admit my uncertainties, welcoming questions as they rise in me, examining my assumptions in the light of your revealed word. Let me listen well, speak from compassion rather than fear or defensiveness, and quickly confess where I have failed to love as you have called me to do.

Lord, help me seek to understand more than I seek to be understood. Remind me that this person I have loved so long is not now my enemy. Whether they are right or wrong in their beliefs, my path is to pray, not to condemn. May I give no ground to our true enemy, who seeks to choke out what is good and beautiful and tangle us with hatred and dissent. Keep my heart tender, yet strong to forgive as you have forgiven me.

I am afraid for my loved one, O God, for where their views may lead. But you hold all that is unknown and can see this person as they truly are. How can I judge their hidden heart? I cannot even understand all my own motives. You love this person more than I ever could, and so I give them back to you. Their story is not mine. You alone know their journey's turns; you alone can save and guide. You have created them with such care and delight, and I recall times of delight we once shared, remembering how your image shown so clearly in my loved one's face.

Let me not attempt to force them now into my own image, but teach me to trust that you keep reaching out to them even when I discern no immediate evidence of your movements.

O God, you have brought this one I love into my life. I wish that somehow we could walk together unburdened and carefree. But I receive even this difficult path as your invitation to grow in faith and grace. You will remain my joy, whatever comes of this relationship. You are the one companion who will always walk with me, who lights the pathless way, who alone can be my peace. Amen.