

26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 17, 2024

10:00 a.m.

— THE APPROACH TO GOD —

PRELUDE *Canzonetta* William Mathias

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praise to the Lord, for there is no one like our God!

Our God is strong and mighty, our God is a sure foundation.

Our God stands fast against the trouble of the world.

In Jesus, the trouble of this world has already been overcome.

Sing praise to the Lord, because the spirit is in the church!

Our God has given us what we need!

Be strong in the Lord, and take heart!

Our strength comes from the God of our salvation.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised.

SALUTATION

*HYMN O God, Our Help in Ages Past - #405
Tune: ST. ANNE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace,
you have created us for home and given us this world.
But we have sinned. We have not treated your world
with respect. In our actions we show our apathy for the
creation you have given us. We dismiss other people
who are made in your image and put our needs before
the needs of others. Forgive us God, and help us to
see your home and its inhabitants the way you see
them—full of worth and value. In the name of Christ
Jesus we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE from Hebrews 10

*HYMN Great Is Thy Faithfulness - #348
Tune: LAUDA ANIMA

CHILDREN'S TIME

— THE WORD OF GOD —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

SERMON: *Home Remodeling*

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

— THE RESPONSE TO GOD —

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from *Our Song of Hope*

God saves the world through Jesus.
Those who call on that name will have life.
Christ's hand reaches out beyond those who say "Lord"
to the infants who live in the atmosphere of faith,
even to the farthest stars and planets of all creation.

**The boundaries of God's love are not known,
the Spirit works at the ends of the world
before the church has there spoken a word.**

God will renew the world through Jesus,
who will put all unrighteousness out,
purify the works of human hands,
and perfect their fellowship in divine love.

**Christ will wipe away every tear;
death shall be no more.**

There will be a new heaven and a new earth,
and all creation will be filled with God's glory.

**Come, Lord Jesus: We are open to your Spirit.
We await your full presence.**

Our world finds rest in you alone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND

SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Come New Heaven, New Earth Descending*
David M. Cherwien

Come, new heaven, new earth descending, come,
O gold and radiant grace;
To our mortal world attending
God has made a dwelling place.

Be here now the holy city: life abundant, joy in worth,
words of healing, hands of pity,
peaceful heart and peace on earth.

Here God's people rise beloved:
Christ has freed the heart from fear;
God's own Spirit brightly hovers as the reign of God appears.

Now the holy gates are opened, past and future pierce us through;
this, the gold of all our hoping: God is making all things new.

Alleluia be our measure; Alleluias mark our days;
May each breath, each deed, each pleasure choir
to God our heart felt praise. —Susan Palo Cherwien

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord God,

because Jesus has taught us to trust you in all things,
we hold to his Word and share his plea:

Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Where nations budget for war,
while Christ says, "Put up your sword":

Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Where countries waste food and covet fashion,
while Christ says, "I was hungry . . . I was thirsty . . .":

Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Where powerful governments
claim their policies are heaven blessed,
while Scripture states that God helps the powerless:

Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Where Christians seek the kingdom
in the shape of their own church,
as if Christ had come to build
and not to break barriers:

Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Where women who speak up for their dignity
are treated with scorn or contempt:

Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Where men try hard to be tough,
because they are afraid to be tender:

Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Where we, obsessed with being adults,
forget to become like children:

Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Where our prayers falter,
our faith weakens,
our light grows dim:

Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Where Jesus Christ calls us:

Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Lord God,

you have declared that your kingdom is among us.

Open our ears to hear it,

our hands to serve it,

our hearts to hold it.

This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to
pray...

—The Worship Sourcebook

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

God, the Father of Your People - #927

Tune: HOLY MANNA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Max Reger

*You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Rev. Angel Lopez, Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolhaas, Kathy Miedema, liturgists; Dave Vandervel, stewardship announcement; Bruce Formsma, trumpet; Kamerkoor; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.

T O D A Y

We welcome all who worship with us! We invite you sign in on the fellowship pads in the pew. We would appreciate it if you took a moment to sign in yourself and your family members and let us know you were here. **If you are joining us as a guest today**, please use the QR code to the right or 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: Roger DeYoung, Bruce Bassett, Jim Vander Meer

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others, Judy and Charles Hunt 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.

"At Home in Japan" led by Joyce Magee and Bill and Sarah Unzicker.

Next week: There will be no Adult Education on Sunday, November 24.

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
10:00 a.m. English Worship
Service
11:15 a.m. Education Hour
11:15 a.m. Carillon Choir
6:30 p.m. High School Youth
Group

Monday

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Martha Bible Study

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
10:00 a.m. Hannah/Elizabeth
Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Special Education
Ministries
7:15 p.m. Consistory

Wednesday

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

8:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning
Prayers (zoom)
9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
(zoom)
5:30 p.m. LIFT Dinner
6:15 p.m. LIFT Classes
6:15 p.m. Middle School Youth
Group

Thursday

8:00 a.m. Sunrise Saints

Friday

6:30 a.m. High School Bible
Study

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, Cynthia Baine-DeMaagd. The Inn or Assisted Living at the Inn-Esther De Pree, Harvey Doorenbos, Shirley Hoksbergen, A.E. Lacy, Linda Parchert. Missionaries - Rowland Jr. and Jane Van Es (Kenya), Victor Kanyi (Kenya).

EXPLORING FAITH: Exploring Faith is a casual opportunity for folks curious about faith or to the Reformed tradition to ask questions, engage with Scripture, and explore topics that are foundational in our spiritual lives. The sessions will take place on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30, following dinner at LIFT. Are you new to Third Reformed, or looking to learn more, or meet new friends on a similar journey? Come and join us! Email Pastor Janelle janelle.lopezk@trcholland.org if you would like to know more.

The next session will be:

Nov 20: Prayer

WREATH: Women's Ministries is offering beautiful 24" blended wreaths fresh from the Osman Tree Farm made with a combination of Fraser Fir & White Fir. The cost is just Cost: \$20. Pick up is December 4 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. from the church. All proceeds will benefit Women's Ministry of Third Reformed Church.

If you are interested in ordering a wreath, see a Women's Ministry representative in the Gathering Place today, or you may call the church office at