SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 23, 2024

10:00 a.m.

-THE APPROACH TO GOD-

PRELUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and praise the Lord!

Alleluia!

Sing praise to the God of our salvation!

Alleluia!

God sits enthroned in heaven. Jesus is at God's right hand!

Alleluia!

We have been called from every tribe and nation and language and tongue to be a people for our God!

Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

SALUTATION

*HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise - #579

Tune: ST. DENIO

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

p. 42

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, there are so many times we are like Joseph's brothers: jealous, selfish, and full of fear. We would rather leverage our future on the dehumanizing of another than trust in you and your promises. Forgive us God for our words and deeds that are motivated by fear instead of love. Turn us toward your future which is at times unexpected, but always in your hand. Help us live in the hope of your Son Jesus, in whose name we pray, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor: Jesus Christ

Kids: the light of the world

-THE WORD OF GOD-

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 p. 510

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 6:27-38 p. 64

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Fear, Enemies, and the Answers We Don't Have

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

-THE RESPONSE TO GOD-

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

They'll Know We Are Christians - #256 Tune: ST. BRENDAN'S

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY The Mystery of Years Dan Forrest

Time, the ever-changing season; space, the limit of a man, clinging now to fragile reason, limited in scope and span; fettered to a finite place, sentence of the human race. Lord, we long to see Your face. Descend to us again.

These are all divinely wrought: the galaxies and spheres, the swiftness of immortal thought, the mystery of years.

As we seek Him, Jesus is our refuge from the fallen age; peace is with us 'mid the flaming centuries of was and rage. Infinite, the God we see, framer of eternity; He will never cease to be Who evermore has been.

Christ of mercy without measure, filling sea and sky and earth;
Christ, the everlasting treasure,
we extol Your matchless worth!
Yesterday, the spotless Lamb, still today, the Son of Man,
evermore, the Great I Am, beginning unto end.

—Johanna Anderson

*DOXOLOGY - #965

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing - #933
Tune: SICILIAN MARINERS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Carillon on "Duke Street" setting by Charles Callahan

*You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Willem Bolt, Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolhaas, liturgists; Sam Pang, viola; 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. 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 in memory of Kathy Nienhuis by Dennis Nienhuis.

The rose by the font is in celebration of the birth of a son, Anderson, to Jason and Anna Speet on February 16.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Bethany Bulthuis, Mark Genzink, Bruce Bassett.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others, Mary DeWitt and Marilyn Norman 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. "Frontera de Gracia 2025" led by Pastor Angel Lopez. Next week: "When Christ Became 'Christian'" led by Madison Pierce.

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: Pray for: Elaine Tanis, Bill Kennedy, Grayson Sievert, Robin Klay. Hospice - Dennis Gebben. Home-Mary Boersen; Out of Town-Ellen Rieck, LaVerne Lievense; Quincy Place-Elle Kuiper, Gordon & Barbara Mummert. Missionaries - Wayne & Miho Jansen (Japan), Angel Lopez (Mexico).

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE held jointly with St. Francis de Sales will take place on Wednesday, March 5 at 12:10 p.m. at Third Reformed Church.

Thank you all who donated and supported the TRC Youth Program during the annual TRC Student Sponsor-thon! What a wonderful event and a great opportunity to support the students and ministry of Third Reformed Church. We were able to raise \$7,640, exceeding our goal of \$5,000! This money will go to support the youth of TRC during mission trips and the programming year! Thanks again TRC Church Family!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED FOR LIFT DINNERS:

For Wednesdays through April:

Each week we need 4 prep volunteers to prepare dinner, arriving around 2 PM, and two service volunteers to help serve dinner and do light clean up (picking up forgotten dishes/napkins/cups, etc.). The menu will be set and food ordered—prep volunteers will only need to prepare/cook the food.

If you're able to help with either of these needs please contact the church office to sign up or sign up at the link in Thursday's edition of Third Church News.

The bulletin artwork is by, artist in residence, Joel Schoon-Tanis.

THIS WEEK

Sunday

8:45 a.m. Kamerkoor 11:15 a.m. Education Hour 6:30 p.m. High School Youth

Group

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. Special Education

Ministry

Wednesday

6:15 p.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. Music Rehearsal