

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 30, 2025

10:00 a.m.

## — THE APPROACH TO GOD —

PRELUDE *Morning Song* Robert J. Powell

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP

Your love has called us here, O Lord.

**Your mercy is our invitation.**

The gift of your grace bids us, "come!"

**Your grace is greater than any barrier to your presence.**

Wherever you find us, no where is too far for your love.

**You bring us in and call us back. Your love never fails.**

Lord, open our lips,

**and our mouths will declare your praise!**

SALUTATION

\*HYMN *What Wondrous Love - #164*  
Tune: WONDROUS LOVE

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God,

Another week and it feels like more of the same. The same rebellious heart, the same disobedient actions. The failure. We don't do what we know we ought to do. And, what we know we should not do—that's what we do. Give us hearts that feel what you feel. Give us tongues that speak truth and love. Give us hands that work for your peace.

**Forgive us, God! Make us more and more into the people you have called us to be, through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

RESPONSE O God Will You Restore Us (sung three times)

O God will You re - store us  
and grant us Your sal - va - tion?

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the response, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

WORDS AND MUSIC BY ISAAC WARDELL  
CCLI # NOT ASSIGNED

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Psalm 32:1-5

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor: Jesus Christ

Kids: the light of the world

— THE WORD OF GOD —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

SERMON: *Stop Me If You've Heard This One Before*

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

— THE RESPONSE TO GOD —

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling - #351

Tune: HYFRYDOL

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND

SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Softly and Tenderly* Matthew Culloton

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling.

calling for you and for me.

See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,

watching for you and for me.

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling,

"O sinner, come home."

*"Come home, come home. You who are weary, come home."*

O for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me.

Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me.

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling

"O sinner, come home."

—Will L. Thompson

\*DOXOLOGY - #965

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Loving and merciful Father,  
You have called us by name,  
and you have called us your own.

We bow our hearts in awe of your holiness, and your glory!

We come to you as your little children, just as you have made us, and  
pray to you:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

We want to see the world through your eyes, and to see where you are  
making your great name known—not in distant lofty ways, but in the  
power of closeness with You.

Help us to trust in your holy presence,  
and to seek you first above all things.

**Your kingdom come.**

We pray for your kingdom to come among us  
in the ways you have promised,  
to bring justice, to set free, to pour out forgiveness and mercy,  
and to rescue with love.

Help us to be watchful.

Help us to be faithful.

Help us to never lose hope.

**Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.**

We pray for the world that is so much bigger than us;

We pray for problems beyond our reach,  
and for the struggles we are at a loss to solve.

We look to your goodness

and power to shape the world to your will,

and to bring your light and peace so that all of your creation is made  
whole and new in Christ!

We pray for ourselves, to follow and obey you with the trust and faith-  
fulness that is due you, our Creator and Redeemer! Begin in us the  
things that must start like seeds,

so that your kingdom's purpose may flourish among us, and grow!

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

We humbly pray that you would grant us what we need, and we thank you for every blessing from your hand.

We pray for those who long for bread and for filling so desperately—and we beg you Lord to hear their prayers, and to use us and the gifts we have received to hear and meet them too.

We pray for other daily needs, Lord:

We lift up to you those who are sick, and we pray for you to pour out healing; to comfort pain, and to increase strength. We pray for rest that restores. We pray and give thanks for gifts of physicians, medicines and treatments. We pray for those who need extra special care in tender times and seasons... for all needs like these, Lord, we look to you.

**And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

Lord, you know the ways we need healing in more than our bodies. Our whole lives need your grace! We are humbled by your forgiveness— help us to be humble and forgiving in our families, in our friendships, in our daily lives. And most of all, help in the relationships that challenge us the most, and let the grace we show be a testimony to the love of Jesus.

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

Keep us on paths that lead to you,  
and deliver us from our obsessions  
and preoccupations that take the place of resting in you.

We pray this for ourselves, and for our world, that your creation may come to find hope and rest in knowing You, and that evil would lose its power to deceive and to tear apart.

**For yours is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever! Amen.**

\*HYMN                      O Love That Will Not Let Me Go - #457

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE      *Lead Us, Heavenly Father*                      Robert J. Powell

\*You may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Mark Hiskes, liturgist; 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](http://trcholland.org/quickstart) to let us know you were here.



ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Bruce Bassett, Roger DeYoung, Sandy Stielstra.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others, Kim and Matt DeJongh 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.

**There will be no education classes for children and youth on Sunday, April 6, 13, and 20.**

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 11:15-12:15, meets in the chapel.

"A Visit to Green Street" led by Dave Larsen. Next week: "The Traveler's Path" led by Doug Brower

#### 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: Nancy Gebben, Mary DeWitt, Ed Stielstra, Chris Walvoord, Mark Bonnette, Al Gibson. The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village-Esther DePree, Harvey Doorenbos, Shirley Hoksbergen, A.E. Lacy, Linda Parchert, Ed Westerbeke. Missionaries - Jaime & Martha Amaro (Mexico), Albino & Sandy Rodriguez (Peru).

DISHES NEEDED FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY MEAL: Please sign up by following the link in Third Church News or calling the church office, to bring either Soup, Salad, or Bread for our Maundy Thursday meal on Thursday, April 17, at 5:30 p.m. We are also in need of volunteers to help with set up, serving, and cleanup.

**Taizé Prayer.** Christians Uniting in Song and Prayer (CUSP), is holding a community-wide Taizé Prayer on the Monday of Holy Week, April 14, at St. Francis de Sales Church, 171 W. 13<sup>th</sup> St., at 7:30 PM. We will draw upon the short, captivating hymns of the ecumenical Community of Taizé in France. The service will be an opportunity for Christians of the greater Holland/Zeeland area to come together for reflective, meditative prayer as we begin the holiest week of the year. To learn more about CUSP, see their website [CUSPHolland.org](http://CUSPHolland.org).

## ORDER EASTER LILIES

April 6 is the last day to order lilies.

Place your order in the offering plate or bring to the church office.

No. of plants \_\_\_\_\_ \$8.25 each Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

In memory/honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Each person is responsible for picking up their own lily, taking it with them and/or delivering it to a shut-in.

### THIS WEEK

#### **Sunday**

8:45 a.m. Kamerkoor

11:15 a.m. Education Hour

11:15 a.m. Carillon Choir

6:30 p.m. Middle School Girls' Bible  
Study

6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group

#### **Tuesday**

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

6:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry

6:15 p.m. Governing Elders

7:30 p.m. JET Steering Team

#### **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

#### **Saturday**

9:30 a.m. Music Rehearsal