

ASCENSION SUNDAY

June 1, 2025

10:00 a.m.

— THE APPROACH TO GOD —

PRELUDE *Psallite Domino para Ascension* Peter Sheehan

WELCOME

VOTUM

*CALL TO WORSHIP Come, All You People - #496
(choir-vs. 1; all-vs. 2-3)
Tune: UYAI MOSE

*SALUTATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE Rejoice, the Lord Is King - #224
Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust. While we sing of your lordship over all creation, we have too often acted as though you are powerless in the face of today's events. Help us to live with confidence in your presence today, and in hope for life with you forever. Amen.

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

INSTALLATION & ORDINATION
OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ,
do you receive in the name of the Lord,
these deacons and elders
as duly elected and ordained servants of Christ?

We do.

Do you promise to respect them for the sake of the offices
for which they have been chosen and ordained?

We do.

Do you promise to encourage and pray for them,
to labor together in obedience to the gospel
for the unity, purity, and peace of the church,
the welfare of the whole world, and
the honor of our Lord Jesus Christ?

We do.

Beloved people of God, receive these deacons and elders as
Christ's own servants. Support them in love, that their work may

bear fruit. In the name and by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare that these brothers and sisters are duly installed deacons and elders in this church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE Gloria Patri - #961

— THE WORD OF GOD —

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE & PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jesus Christ,
the light of the world.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:44-53 p. 90

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 1:1-11 p. 118

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

SERMON: *The Witness of the Body*

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

— 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

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus - #831
Tune: HYFRYDOL

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 16th century melody by Pierre Daques,
arr. by Charles

Wood

God omnipotent reigneth, clad in apparel bright;
Sovereign King He remaineth, girded about with might;
By Him the world alone immutably was grounded;
In heaven hath He His throne, from everlasting founded.

Ocean billow and breaker uplift the voice of pride;
but their mightier Maker boverneth wind and tide.
Hi laws and sure decree of holiness are telling,
which evermore shall be sole inmate of His dwelling. Amen.

—Psalm 93 paraphrased by G.R. Woodward

*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 OF DEDICATION Jesus Shall Reign - #219

(vs. 1, 3, & 5)

Tune: DUKE STREET

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Postludium in E-flat* Artur Rosenstengel

*You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolhaas, Ellen Awad, liturgists; 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 by the chancel are given by Donald J. Bruggink in loving memory of his wife Erma and their son Donald Ian.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Lucia Torres, Jim VanderMeer, Roger DeYoung.

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.

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: Chris Walvoord, Al Gibson, Adriann Divozzo, Robin Klay, Gordon Mummert, Ed Stielstra. The Inn or As-

sisted Living at Freedom Village-Esther DePree, Harvey Doorenbos, Shirley Hoksbergen, A.E. Lacy, Linda Parchert, Ed Westerbeke. Missionaries-Linn G. (Asia), Lubna Y. (Asia).

UPCOMING NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION! If you have been getting to know Third Reformed recently, and are curious about making a membership commitment, or you'd just like to know more about what it means to belong here and share faith and life in Jesus, we'd love to talk with you! The pastors are preparing to offer a New Member Orientation series during the summer, with an English class running on Wednesday evenings in June, as well as a Spanish language class (dates TBD). Please contact Pastor Janelle (janelle.lopezk@trcholland.org) if you are interested or have questions. *(If you are interested, but summer dates don't work for you, please still let us know, as we consider the need for an additional opportunity in the fall semester.)*

NEW GIVING PLATFORM IS LIVE! On Monday, May 12, we opened up our new giving platform, Planning Center Giving. This platform is stable, simple, and integrates seamlessly into our new directory and directory app. Additionally, it is less expensive than our former platform and, unlike with our former platform, allows auditing by a third party. What does this mean to you? If you have recurring donations set up to Third through ShelbyNext, you will need to set up those donations in Planning Center and then cancel the recurring donations in ShelbyNext. There are directions available for this simple process on our website giving page. If you would like assistance in changing your giving to our new platform, or have questions or concerns, please email us at office@trcholland.org and we will be glad to help you.

The cover art, by artist in residence Joel Schoon-Tanis, is an evolving painting intended to aid in telling the story of the church year and help us imagine the fullness of the story of God. It will change week to week until the last Sunday of the liturgical year 2024-2025. You may view the painting in the Gathering Place.

WEEK OF JUNE 1-7

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Kamerkoor

Monday

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

6:15 p.m. Governing Elders

6:30 p.m. Kids Hope Year End
Celebration

7:30 p.m. JET Team

Wednesday

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

8:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning
Prayers (Zoom)

Saturday

9:30 a.m. Music Rehearsal

