

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 8, 2026

10:00 a.m.

— THE APPROACH TO GOD —

PRELUDE *Praeludium in F minor* Franz S. Reidl

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from Psalm 95

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

O come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.**

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

SALUTATION

***HYMN** Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer - #43
Tune: CWM RHONDDA

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

We are a guilty people. Our sin has broken us and we are lost. We have damaged your good world and the relationships we care about most. Forgive us, God.

Isaac Wardell

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

God, we often do the things we don't want to do. We neglect the things we ought to do as your people. Forgive us God.

Refrain

Loving God, we need your restoration. Our thoughts can be violent and our actions can be selfish. The desires of our hearts can be impure. Lead us to wholeness through the way of your son, Jesus Christ, our only Lord, Amen.

Refrain

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jesus Christ,
the light of the world.

— THE WORD OF GOD —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON: John 4:5-42 p. 94

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 17:1-7 p. 64

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

SERMON: *Reading: But I'm just thirsty*

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

— THE RESPONSE TO GOD —

LITANY FOR THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST

Loving God, you are the source of all life and in you all life is sustained. You are a gracious and abundant God who longs to see all things flourish and thrive. So today, O Lord, we bring to you our lament for people who are hungry and thirsty. For the desperate and the destitute. And for those who hunger and thirst for justice, mercy, and wholeness. O God, hear our prayers.

For food deserts and famines. For people without access to the food they need to feed themselves or their families.

O God of goodness,
show your mercy.

(Silence)

For dry wells and dry mouths. For the long walk for water and the lead pipes that turn hydration into poison.

O God of goodness,
show your mercy.

(Silence)

For the powerful polluters and monoculture monopolies which control supply and squeeze out access. For those who create the vulnerable and then vote against their ability to access assistance.

We cry to you for justice!

For the apathy we show to others who long to be nourished and fed.

We repent!

(Silence)

For those who hunger and thirst, not just for food but for your kingdom to come. For those who long for your salvation and safety. For those who have put their trust in you even though that trust now hangs by a thread. God of goodness.

Show your mercy. Bring your Kingdom. Make us whole. In the name of Jesus Christ, our only Hope, we pray. Amen.

TODAY



We welcome all who worship with us! We invite you to 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.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Laura Baer, Bethany Bulthuis, Sandy Stielstra; Tech Team: Owen Sievert, Marj Hoekstra, David Krieger, Mike Rannow, Greyson Boes, Ramon Castelo.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others, Jane Dalman and Jeff Munroe 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, **11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Preschool-Fifth Grade - Room 1

6th-8th grades - Youth Room; Senior High - Room 11.

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

There is no Mosaic class this week. Next week: "Beyond the Hype and Fear" A Christian Guide to Generative AI" led by Deb VanDuinen.

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.

SYMPATHY is extended to Judy Schutter and Amy Lunn on the death of Judy's brother, Joe, on February 28.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Pray for: Sarah VanFarowe, Kris Porter, Donna Prins. Appledorn-Donna Prins, Elaine Coffill; Farmstead-Nancy Gebben; Holland Cortland-Barb Piaget. Missionaries-Wayne & Miho Jansen (Japan), Angel Lopez (Mexico), Casa Adobe (Costa Rica).

BLOOD DRIVE: Third Reformed Church will host a blood drive on Monday, March 9, from 12:00 to 5:45 p.m. Visit redcross.org to sign up to give blood that day.

SMALL GROUP LEADERS' GROUP: Do you have a desire, interest, and gifting to lead a small group here at TRC? If that's you, then I want to invite you to join together for 8 weeks in the late spring early summer to be trained in a small group curriculum that will be piloted this coming fall at TRC. This curriculum will focus on what the church is and how to live into our life together. We will gather around a meal and share, learn and pray together in hopes of launching our groups in the fall of 2026. I need 10 individuals or couples who are interested and will fill the spots on a first come, first serve basis. If you have any questions, you can reach out to Pastor Ryan via email (ryan.boes@trcholland.org). Thanks!

THE PRAYER TEAM invites the congregation to a *Lenten Vigil of Prayer & Lament* on Saturday, March 21. This vigil will begin with a prayer service at church from 10:00-11:00 a.m. There will be a sign up, in the Gathering Place, for members to select a time slot to pray at home throughout the day of March 21. Further details can be found in this week's edition of "Third Church News."

THIS WEEK

Sunday

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

Monday

12:00 p.m. Blood Drive
 1:30 p.m. Miriam Bible Study

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
 10:00 a.m. Ruth Bible Study
 12:00 p.m. Lydia Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Special Education Ministries
 6:30 p.m. Outreach Committee
 7:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

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)
 1:30 p.m. Rachel Bible Study
 5:30 p.m. LIFT Dinner
 6:15 p.m. LIFT Classes
 6:15 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Music Rehearsal

Thursday

8:00 a.m. Sunrise Saints
 1:00 p.m. Care Elder Coordinators

Friday

6:30 a.m. High School Bible Study

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Youth Trip Meeting