

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 10, 2026

10:00 a.m.

— THE APPROACH TO GOD —

PRELUDE *Andante* August de Boeck

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from Psalm 66

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

Sing the glory of God's name;

give to him glorious praise!

Come and see what God has done:

God is awesome in his deeds among mortals!

God does wondrous things to save his people

God's eyes keep watch on the peoples of the nations.

Bless our God, O peoples;

let the sound of his praise be heard,

who has kept us among the living

and has not let our feet slip.

Although we have struggled through fire and through water;

**Even so, God has been with us, and led us through,
to a place of peace.**

Truly, God has listened;

God has heard the words of our prayers.

Blessed be God,

who does not ignore our cries

or remove his steadfast love from us.

Sing the glory of God's name!

give to him most glorious praise!

SALUTATION

*HYMN All Glory Be to God on High - #542
Tune: ALL EIN GOTT IN DER HÖH' SEI EHR

CHILDREN'S TIME

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,

We struggle to live up to your commandments.

**We long to be close to you, and to feel your presence,
yet we settle for disobedience,
and wonder why we feel far from you.**

You have loved us completely;
but we have failed to love as you taught us to love.

**We choose to love those who are easy to love,
and resist those who are different, or difficult.**

You have poured out forgiveness and love through your cross,
**yet we are often unwilling to forgive,
or to be guided by a love that seeks to restore.**

You have given us your Spirit to lead us;
but we ignore the guidance of your Spirit.

**We are more familiar with fear;
we put our confidence in many voices to shape our thoughts,
instead of You alone.**

God who loves, forgives, and guides,
**make us new through your Spirit and the Word,
so that we will always know you, and be at home in You.**
Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Psalm 66:16-20

HYMN Take, O Take Me As I Am - #741
(sung twice)
Tune: TAKE ME AS I AM

— THE WORD OF GOD —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 66 (selected verses) p. 528

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

GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:15-27 p. 109

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

SERMON *The Spirit & the Steadfast Love of God*

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

— THE RESPONSE TO GOD —

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

We come in remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ

who was sent of the Father into the world to assume our flesh
and blood and to fulfill for us all obedience to the divine law,
even to the bitter and shameful death of the cross. By his death,
resurrection, and ascension he established a new and eternal
covenant of grace and reconciliation that we might be accepted
of God and never be forsaken by him.

We come to have communion with this same Christ

who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world. In the breaking of the bread he makes himself known to us as the true heavenly Bread that strengthens us unto life eternal. In the cup of blessing he comes to us as the Vine in whom we must abide if we are to bear fruit.

We come in hope,

believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and foretaste of the feast of love of which we shall partake when his kingdom has fully come, when with unveiled face we shall behold him, made like unto him in this glory.

Since by his death, resurrection, and ascension he has obtained for us the life-giving Spirit who unites us all in one body, so are we to receive this Supper in genuine love, mindful of the communion of saints.

COMMUNION

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.

—Psalm 103, with additions

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Give to the Winds Your Fears* Robert J. Powell

Give to the winds your fears, have hope, be not dismayed.

God hears your sighs and counts your tears,

God shall lift up your head.

Through waves and clouds and storms,
God gently clears the way; wait his own time;
So shall this night soon end in joyous day.

Leave to God's sovereign sway to choose and to command;
so shall you, wondering, own that way,
how wise, how strong his hand.

On God the Lord rely, and safe shall you go on;
on God's work fix your steadfast eye;
so shall your work be done.

—Paul Gerhardt, translated by John Westley

*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 heav-
en. 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 For Your Gift of God the Spirit - #525
(vs. 1, 2, 3, & 5)
Alternate Tune: HYFRYDOL

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Alleluja* Gerard Bunk

*You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas, preaching; Mark Hiskes, Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, liturgists; Kamerkoor; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.

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.

The flowers at the chancel are given by Al and Jane Osman

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Dan Callam, John Green, Gabe Millen; Tech Team: Steve Orlow, Marj Hoekstra, Simon Awad, Jack Bolt, Greyson Boes, Ramon Castelo.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others, Jane Dalman and Mary Klaaren 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.

**Next Sunday, May 17 is the last day of education classes
for the semester.**

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, 11:30-12:30, meets in the chapel.

“The Lord’s Prayer as a Psalm” led by Kurt Schaefer. Next week:

“Religion on the Dock: What a Faith-Friendly Supreme Court Means for the Church” led by David Ryden.

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.

The Brumels family invites you to join them on Saturday, May 16, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., as they celebrate the formal adoption of their children, Madelynn and Shepard. They will be hosting an ice cream social in the Gathering Place at Third Reformed Church.

SYMPATHY is extended to Kara, John, Penny, Lucy, and Owen Green, Katie & Dayne Jarvis and Josie and Stella Kotowski, Kristin, Duncan, & Lily Jackson, and Dan Gebben in the death of their mother and grandmother, Nancy Gebben, on May 3.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Zeeland Hospital-Reno Lamania. Praise to God for successful surgeries for Matthew Palmateer. Praise to God that Emili Cabrera-Macias is now receiving care at home. Pray for Beatrix Schoon-Tanis who suffered knee injury. Pray for: Harvey Doorenbos, Betty VanWyngharden. Appledorn-Elaine Coffill; holland Cortland-Barb Piaget. Missionaries-Jaime & Martha Amaro (Mexico), Albino & Sandy Rodriguez (Peru).

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED NEXT WEEK: The church office will be closed from Friday, May 8, through Friday, May 15. As it is after the end of the program year, and there are no outside groups meeting at the church next week, the office will be closed. Staff will still work their normal hours, and will be checking voicemails; the doors will still be unlocked at the correct time for standard Bible studies and meetings. If you need to be on site for something, please reach out to the appropriate staff member to make an appointment.

GRADUATE IN THE FAMILY? If you have a student who will be graduating from high school, college, or a trade program this May and June, please let the office by calling, 616-392-1459, or emailing, office@trcholland.org, know so we can put their names in the May 17 bulletin and pray for them in that service.

CROP HUNGER Last year the Holland/Zeeland Crop Walk raised \$57,182 and collected 400 lbs. of food for area pantries. These gifts certainly do not replace the federal budget cuts to U.S. Aid, SNAP and WIC hunger programs. But they do make a statement that we care about our hungry neighbors down the street and starving children around the world. Please sign up and give to the Third Reformed team at www.hollandhunger.org.

THIS WEEK

Sunday

9:15 a.m. Kamerkoor
11:30 a.m. Education Hour

Monday

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
6:30 p.m. Outreach Committee
7:30 p.m. Deacons

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)
6:30 p.m. Tech Team
7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Music Rehearsal

Thursday

8:00 a.m. Sunrise Saints
12:00 p.m. Care Elders Meeting

Friday

6:30 a.m. High School Bible Study