

Second Sunday after the Epiphany:

January 20, 2019

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Lord Jesus, we thank you that you did not wait until we found you, but that you have come to us so that you might save us. Give us grace to receive you when you show up amongst us. Open our minds and hearts to the incursion of your signs among us so that we too might taste your glory here and now, in the worship of the sanctuary and also in the midst of every day life. Amen.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Te Lucis ante Terminum John Rutter

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 150

GOD'S GREETING

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Lift Up Your Hearts* 952
Praise God! Earth and Heaven Rejoice Tune: GENEVAN 150

*OPENING PRAYER

*SHARING THE PEACE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

**God of water, wind, spirit, and light,
we come before you today asking for your mercy
to be poured out on our lives,
for the times when we have not sought you in unexpected places,
or the expected places.
When we are infrequent in our study of your word,
when we are impatient in our times of prayer,
when we rarely prioritize Christian fellowship and Christian service,
forgive us we pray.
Lead us back into the familiar rhythms of worship, scripture reading,
prayer, fellowship, and service.
Then, leave our hearts open to seeing you, hearing you,
and meeting you in unexpected ways. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE *(responsively)*

God's limitless love has the power to turn the troubled waters of resentment and fear into the wine of grace. Let us receive and celebrate this good news.
Thanks be to God!

GRATEFUL LIVING Galatians 5:22-26

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO WORSHIP CENTER (11:00)

SONG *Lift Up Your Hearts* 730 (vs. 3) (11:00)
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light Tune: HOUSTON

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 62:1-5 p. 692
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: John 2:1-11 p. 93
This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*HYMN OF ILLUMINATION *Lift Up Your Hearts* 317 (vs. 1, 2 & 5)
God, Who Created Hearts to Love Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

SERMON "Signs"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (8:30)
COMMUNION THANKSGIVING *(see insert)*
COMMUNION

RESPONDING IN FAITH & SERVICE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed (11:00) *(in unison)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

MOMENT FOR MISSION AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

*DOXOLOGY *Lift Up Your Hearts* 965 Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY J.S. Bach
Loving shepherd, comfort and guide us, keep us in thy tender care.
And in thy mercy stay beside us, safely thy lambs now gather,
Bring us in faith together and thy pastures now prepare.

And when I walk with darkness around me, Thou art near and I will fear no ill.
So with thy love and kindness surround me, goodness and mercy bringing,
From living water springing, Lord of Love grant me thy comfort still.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION & 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 *Lift Up Your Hearts* 374
O Splendor of God's Glory Bright Tune: PUER NOBIS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fanfare Paul Spicer

+Latecomers will be seated. *You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; Kurt Van Allsburg, prayer of illumination; Barb Tenpas, Jeff Beird, minute for mission; Mary Van Voorst, flute (11:00); Matins Choir; Sanctuary Choir; Linda Strouf, Minster of Music.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY

LIFT ELEMENTARY PROGRAM CONTINUES THIS WEDNESDAY: This winter the children of LIFT (Life In Faith Together) are studying Jesus' Beatitudes. Preschool-1st Grade children will travel to the arctic and have "Tacky the Penguin" guide them through the Beatitudes! 2nd-5th Grade children will head to the beach for "Surf's Up" to meet the Beati-dudes and discover Jesus' plan for our lives. Whether you head to the cold arctic or the warm beach, we will all have a "blast" learning from the words of Jesus! Don't miss the fun! Wednesdays this winter: 5:30-Dinner; 6:00-Community Praise; 6:15-7:30-program.

ROLLER-SKATING FUN NIGHT IS COMING: The children of Wednesday evening LIFT's program and the Middle School Youth Group will be roller-skating on Wednesday, January 30. We will be leaving the church after dinner to go to The Rink. We will need parent drivers and supervision on this night. Mark your calendars now, invite a friend, and plan to join us for this fun event.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH CHOIR: Just a reminder to parents that each Sunday our Children's Choir for Preschool-2nd Grade begins at 9:45 a.m. and our Youth Choir (TRC Singers) for 3rd-5th Grades begins at 9:25 a.m. (This semester the TRC Singers are playing the chimes! Come join us.) Sunday Morning Live for children and youth (3rd grade and up) begins at 9:45 with Sunday School following for all children and youth at 10:00. Please try to have your child(ren) here promptly at these times. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS: Just a reminder that children are invited to bring offerings for our Mission project of this year: Mobility Worldwide. This local non-profit charitable organization's mission is to build and provide mobility carts for needy children in impoverished countries. Over 70 million people in the world are leg disabled, and without help they crawl in the dirt. "Mobility Worldwide" creates hand-powered carts to help children unable to walk due to birth defects, debilitating illnesses or injuries (often from land mines), to be mobile. Thank you for your gifts to this project.

LUNCH SUNDAY, JANUARY 27 all students, parents, and teachers/leaders in Children and Youth Ministries are invited for lunch and an informal time to gather and connect with friends old and new! The meal will be served in the Youth Room, following the second worship service. Do you have questions or want to volunteer a dish for a future lunch? Contact Janelle.lopezk@trcholland.org.

Congregational News

COMMUNITY-WIDE BI-LINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE: Everyone is invited to attend a worship service in observance of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, to be held at 5pm on Sunday, January 20, at St. Francis de Sales Church at 171 West 13th Street in Holland. The service will feature the Holland Ecumenical Choir, which consists of more than 60 singers from 18 area congregations. Rev. Ryan Wittingham of Zion Lutheran Church will be preaching, and Rev. Charles Brown of St. Francis will be presiding. This service is being organized by Holland Christians Uniting in Song and Prayer (CUSP). Let us together pray for the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer "that all may be one" (John 17:21)

Deanna Thompson, a theologian and stage IV cancer patient, will be at Western Theological Seminary on February 15, exploring how cancer stories relate to the Christian Story. In preparation for the event, Jan-Feb reading groups are being formed around her book, *Glimpsing Resurrection: Cancer, Trauma, and Ministry*. For more information, go to: westernsem.edu/cancer-stories/ or contact Emily Holehan

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TODAY

We welcome all who worship with us and ask visitors and members to sign the Friendship Folders so that we may get to know one another. Visitors please stop by the Welcome Center and then join us in the Gathering Place for refreshments and fellowship after the worship service.

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

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for **Third Sunday Pizza Lunch** following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

STAR GIFTS: There is a table in the back of the sanctuary where you can pick up a star gift which is a word from God to affirm or work on early in the new year.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Katherine and George Hunsberger will be available to pray with you following today's worship service. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer following the service (located in the south hallway on the main level).

ASSISTING TODAY: Greeters/Juice Servers-Eleanor Van Dyke, Anna Ritsema; Deacons: (8:30) Kaylyn Bulthuis, Steve Bulthuis (11:00) James Stewart, Bruce Stewart, Lynne Bonnette, Mark Bonnette.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Andy & Jane Zoerman.

EDUCATION HOUR, 9:45-10:45 a.m.,

nursery care available

Preschool/Kindergarten room 15 1st & 2nd Grades room 6

3rd Grade room10 4th & 5th Grades room 17

6th-8th grades room 11 Senior High Youth Room

TRC Singers & Children's Choir room 7

Sunday Morning Live Youth Room

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 9:40-10:40

Bible Study: "The Presence of the Future-The Book of Revelation and the Life of Discipleship Today" Led by George Hunsberger & Pastor Kent Fry

Spiritual Formation Class: This class follows the lectionary passage of the day, according to "Seasons of the Spirit." Pastor Kama Jongerius, facilitator. Meet in the Centennial Room downstairs.

Chapel Class: "Reclaiming Jesus by Seeing through the Eyes of the Hispanics" led by Angel Lopez.

WORSHIP CENTER PROGRAM: During the 8:30 service, Worship Center will be provided on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. During the 11:00 service, there will be only one Worship Center open for all children, aged 4-2nd grade, provided each Sunday. It will take place in Room 2 (Previously the older Worship Center room). If you have any questions about these changes, please contact the church office. Thank you.

The Week Ahead

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Matins Choir

9:25 a.m. TRC Singers

9:45 a.m. Children's Choir

9:45 a.m. Adult Education Classes

9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Live

10:00 a.m. Children/Youth Education Classes

12:15 p.m. All Church Retreat Planning Team

12:15 pm. Third Sunday Pizza Lunch

4:45 p.m. Carillon Choir

7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group

Monday

Church Office Closed

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday

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

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints

8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers

5:30 p.m. LIFT Dinner

6:15 p.m. LIFT Children's Classes/Middle School Youth Group

6:20 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

6:30 p.m. Bilingual Bible Study and Prayer Group/LIFT Adult Classes

Thursday

7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministries

Friday

9:00 a.m. Newsletter Assembly

Congregational News

Share your prayer concerns by using the prayer request cards found on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Place the requests in the prayer box or offering plate. 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 392-1459.

SYMPATHY is extended to Bill and Barb Moreau in the death of Bill's father, Robert "Bud" Moreau on January 11 in Greensboro, NC.

SYMPATHY is extended to Sandy and Erv Ter Haar in the death of Sandy's brother-in-law, Larry Bakker, on January 9 in Florida.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: University of Michigan Hospital-Debra Lokers. John Nordstrom has moved to Resthaven Rehab from the hospital. Hospice Care-Frank Pettinga, Walter Thome. The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village-Martha Beld, Mary Heideman, Eleanor Hoffman, Dorothy Perkins, Janet Rund, Mike Van Doornik. Missionaries-Jaime & Martha Amaro (Mexico), Albino & Sandy Rodriguez (Peru).

OFFICE CLOSED: The church office will be closed on Monday, January 21, for Martin Luther King Day.

THIRD SUNDAY FOR HUNGER: Non-perishable food and other necessities will be collected today for our monthly food drive. Donated items can be placed in the designated box in the Gathering Place.

CHI RHO WOMEN: You are invited to a gathering on January 27, 2019 at First Reformed church for a Free @ 3 concert. The concert scheduled for that day is a Harp Duo, including Martha Waldvogel. This should be a fantastic time of beautiful music and fellowship. Let's try to sit together, so look for us when you enter the sanctuary. All single women, please join us!

KIDS HOPE SUBSTITUTES! We are in great need of a couple of people to step up and be subs in our Kids Hope program. We have 21 mentors who from time to time need someone to cover for them. Please see, call, or email Beverley Rannow (616-801-3190, b.rannow@icloud.com).

ALL CHURCH RETREAT: We are having an all-church retreat on March 8-10, 2019. Save the date! This is a great time to connect with each other outside at the dunes or inside playing games. We will be able to informally worship together with live music, eat together and relax together. If you would like to help plan this fun weekend, please come to our meeting after church on Sunday, Jan. 20 and see Adriann Divozzo with questions.

BAKERS NEEDED: It is that time again and the cake orders for February are here. If you are willing to bake a cake for a Hope College student please see Sandy Stielstra at the cake table in the Gathering Place.

