

Third Sunday of Lent

March 24, 2019

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

All-knowing and all caring God, we gather this day drained by another week. We are like a parched desert, empty and in need of replenishment. Visit us with your presence, saturate us with your Spirit, and bathe us in your streams of living water, that our lives might acknowledge and worship you to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ.

GATHER

PRELUDE Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise arr. by Larry Sue

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Everyone who thirsts:

**Come to the waters,
seek the Lord,
repent and return
so that you may live.**

All who are hungry for righteousness:

**Come to the waters,
seek the Lord,
repent and return
so that you may live.**

GOD'S GREETING

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Lift Up Your Hearts* 796

Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Tune: EBENEZER

*SHARING THE PEACE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you.

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

And also with you.

*RESPONSE *Lift Up Your Hearts* 537

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Tune: EYES OF MY HEART

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

CALL TO CONFESSION Isaiah 55:6-7

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Lord, we are halfway through Lent.

We have been given the opportunity to be honest with you.

Looking at others who seem to be much worse than ourselves

we wonder why we even need to confess anything.

Looking at others that seem to be doing better than ourselves,

we feel that we are not worthy of anything at all.

We struggle to redirect our outlook during Lent.

Forgive us, Lord.

Extend your patience that we may truly celebrate

your amazing grace in Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE I Corinthians 10:13

GRATEFUL LIVING *(responsively)*

You shall not misuse the name

of the Lord your God,

for the Lord will not hold anyone

guiltless who misuses his name.

I will use the holy name of God

only with reverence and awe,

so that I may properly confess him,

**pray to him, and praise him
in everything I do and say.**

STAR GIFT

TRC CHIMERS Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Beethoven

CHILDREN'S TIME

SONG *Lift Up Your Hearts* 129

We Will Follow

Tune: SOMLANDELA

Through the waters, we will follow Jesus.

Through the waters, we will follow Jesus.

Through the waters, we will follow Jesus.

We will follow Jesus where he leads us.

HEAR THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 63:1-8 *(in unison)*

p. 527

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 13:1-9

p. 76

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*HYMN OF ILLUMINATION *Lift Up Your Hearts* 689

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Alternate Tune: IN BABILONE

SERMON

“God Moves...Over the Fence”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

REPSONSE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 4 & 5 *(responsively)*

What does God's law require of us?

Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22:37-40

You shall love the Lord your God

with all your heart,

and with all your soul,

and with all your mind.

This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it:

you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments hang

all the laws and the prophets.”

Can you live up to this perfectly?

No.

I have a natural tendency

to hate God and my neighbor.

MOMENT FOR MISSION AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

John Foley, S.J.

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.

And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:

without money, without price, why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?

And let all who seek, let them come to the water.

And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:

without money, without strife, why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?

And let all who toil, let them come to the water.

And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:

all who labor without rest, how can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?

And let all the poor, let them come to the water.

Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord:

bring the children without might, easy the load and light, come to the Lord.

*DOXOLOGY

Lift Up Your Hearts 965

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

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* 330

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Tune: BRADBURY

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Paul D. Weber

+Latecomers will be seated.

*You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, Linnea Fenske-Williams (11:00) liturgists; Kim DeJongh, star gift; Krystal Bulthuis, prayer of illumination; Dale Dykema, Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas, minute for mission; TRC Ringers; TRC Chimers; Mary Van Voorst, director; Matins Choir; Sanctuary Choir; Linda Strouf, Minster of Music.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY

LIFT CHILDREN'S PROGRAM AND MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: This Wednesday, March 27 begins with a pizza supper at **6:00 p.m.** We will end at our regular time (7:30 p.m.).

LIFT CHILDREN'S PROGRAM SERVICE PROJECT: THIS Wednesday, March 27 the Wednesday evening LIFT children will be going to the Warm Friend retirement home to sing and bring special Easter presents to the residents. We will need several adults/parents to help us on this evening (If you are willing to drive and chaperone this event, please let Joyce Fry know).

LIFT FAMILY NIGHT: Save Wednesday, April 10 for our “Let's Go Fly A Kite” Family night. We will have a picnic supper, celebrate the year of LIFT, decorate kites, then go to Kollen Park to fly our kites. Sign-ups for this event will start next week.

VBS PLANNING TEAM THIS TUESDAY: Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in helping with the planning of VBS, is invited to attend. Middle and High school youth are especially encouraged to join us. VBS is scheduled for Monday, July 29 through Thursday, August 1 this year.

EASTER EGG & HOLY TREASURE HUNT: Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 a.m. for children aged 2 through the 3rd grade. Please contact Joyce Fry if you are willing to help in the preparations for this event. Thank you. (joycefry@trcholland.org)

Students, parents, and all Christian Ed. volunteers are invited to lunch after church **in the Fellowship Hall today** after the second service at **12:15 p.m.** Each month a few volunteers prepare a large meal and all are invited to come and have a bite and connect with others. **This month, we will be joining for lunch with worshippers from Spanish Worship**, prior to that 1:00 p.m. gathering which will take place in the Youth Room.

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.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Debbie and Dan Rooks 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: Deacons: (8:30) Amy Lunn, Susan Formsma (11:00) Dan Bolt, Bruce Stewart, Sandy Stielstra, Steve DeYoung.

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

There will be no education classes next Sunday, March 31 due to spring break.

EDUCATION HOUR, 9:45-10:45 a.m.,
nursery care available

Preschool/Kindergarten	room 15	1st & 2nd Grades	room 6
3rd Grade	room 10	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

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: The Harlem Renaissance led by Fred Johnson.

NEW MEMBERS' ORIENTATION: Those interested in learning more about Third Reformed Church are invited to attend a New Members' Orientation meeting today at 12:15 p.m. (during the Family Lunch) in the library.

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).

ADORACION EN ESPAÑOL: Alabamos al Señor! Les invitamos a un encuentro de adoración y predicación en español este mes Marzo (los domingos 3, 10, 17, y 24) a la 1:00 pm. Favor de invitar sus familiares y vecinos-- todos son bienvenidos! Este semana (24 de marzo) nos reuniremos en el Salon de los Jóvenes.

(Translation: WORSHIP IN SPANISH: Let's praise the Lord! You are invited to a gathering for worship and preaching in Spanish this month of March (Sundays 3, 10, 17, and 24) at 1:00 pm. Please invite your family and friends-- all are welcome! This week (March 24) we will gather in the Youth Room.)

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.	Family Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Encuentro de Adoración en Español (Spanish Worship)
4:45 p.m.	Carillon Choir

6:00 p.m. Lenten Book Discussion
7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. VBS Planning Team

Wednesday

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints
8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers
4:00 p.m. Communications Team
6:00 p.m. LIFT Dinner for Children, Youth & Families
6:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
6:20 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
6:30 p.m. Bilingual Bible Study and Prayer Group

Thursday

7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministries
7:00 p.m. Lenten Book Discussion at Linda Walvoord deVelder's

Friday

9:00 a.m. Newsletter Assembly
2:00 p.m. Frank Pettinga Memorial Service

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 Jane Snyder in the death of her husband, Ray, on March 20. A memorial service will take place on Saturday, April 6 at 11:00 a.m.

A service in memory of Frank Pettinga will be held on Friday, March 29 at 2:00 p.m. Visitation will be held at Langeland Sterenberg on Thursday, March 28, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Hospice Care-Jill Slenk, Walter Thome. Appledorn-P.J. Booi, Marv & Lois Jalving, Roger Rietberg; Maple Woods-Phyllis Mahy. Missionaries-Linn G (Asia), Malawi Children's Feeding Program, Lubna Younas (Asia).

CROP HUNGER WALK: CROP Hunger Walks have been happening in the US for 50 years! Since Holland's first walk in 1979, over \$4,000,000 has been raised. Community Action House is also celebrating 50 years of serving the Holland area! You can continue to support CAH and the other 7 local agencies the Holland walk supports, by getting an envelope today or by signing up online at: www.hollandhunger.org.

BAKERS THANK YOU so much for another successful year of serving the families and students of Hope College. Please contact Sue TenHoeve (546-3511) if you have any questions or problems from March 25 to April 9. Thanks!

HOUSING TEAM NEED: Third's house on the corner of Van Raalte and 16th St. is now vacant. We need to make preparation for renting it to another family. If you're willing to spend a few hours sometime in the next few weeks cleaning, painting, or doing repairs, please contact Steve DeYoung, sdeyoung71@gmail.com

CHI RHO WOMEN please join us on a free trip to the Meyer May house in Grand Rapids on Sunday, April 7. We will leave the church at 1:30 and all travel together on the church bus. If you have any questions and/or to make reservations please call Marcia Forsman at 616-566-7140 or Joyce Mott at 396-7061.

You are invited to the Hope College Meijer Lecture Series on Tuesday, March 26, at 4:00 p.m., at the Haworth Inn and conference Center. Father and son Thomas G. Bos and Thomas J. Bos will share the story of A.D. Bos Vending Services.

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