

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 31, 2019 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

*Gracious God, seeker of the lost, draw your children back to your loving embrace, restore our inheritance as your sons and daughters, and reconcile our hearts to you, that we may become ambassadors of your reconciling love to all the world. Through the power of your Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.*

### GATHER

PRELUDE Come Down, O Love Divine Paul Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)  
Come as you are, broken and burdened,  
**and find healing in God's goodness.**  
Come as you are, gifted and beloved,  
**and find purpose in God's calling.**  
Come as you are, weary and wary,  
**and find comfort in God's embrace.**  
Trust in the Lord with all your heart  
**and worship God with gladness.**

GOD'S GREETING

+\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Lift Up Your Hearts* 521  
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Tune: NETTLETON

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF THE RISEN CHRIST  
May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**  
(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

\*RESPONSE *Lift Up Your Hearts* 537  
Open the Eyes of My Heart Tune: EYES OF MY HEART

### CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Lift Up Your Hearts* 122 (bottom of right page)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Song of Assurance Arnold B. Sherman

GRATEFUL LIVING (*responsively*)  
Honor your father and mother.  
**I will honor, love, and be loyal  
to my father and mother  
and all those in authority over me.  
I will obey and submit to them,  
as is proper,  
when they correct and punish me;  
and I will be patient with their failings—  
for through them God chooses to rule us.**

STAR GIFT

CHILDREN'S TIME

SONG *Lift Up Your Hearts* 129 (vs. 2)  
We Will Follow Tune: SOMLANDELA

### HEAR THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Joshua 5:9-12 p. 197  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 15:1-2, 11b-32 p. 78  
This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

\*HYMN OF ILLUMINATION *Lift Up Your Hearts* 122 (vs. 1-5)  
Far from Home We Run, Rebellious Tune: GOTT WILL'S MACHEN

SERMON "God Moves...into the Far Country"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

### REPSONSE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed (*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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
OFFERTORY Thomas Pavlechko  
Bread of the angels becomes the bread of all;  
Heavenly sustenance given our earthly form: O wondrous mystery!  
Food for humanity. Pauper, servant, the humble, small.  
O everlasting Love, God ever Three in One;  
Visit us as we pray, enter our grateful hearts;  
Lead us in righteousness, guide us along the path into the light in which you dwell.

\*DOXOLOGY *Lift Up Your Hearts* 965 Tune: OLD HUNDREDETH

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* 615  
Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling Tune: THOMPSON

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Passion Chorale Rebecca Groom te Velde

+Latecomers will be seated. \*You may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; John Lunn, star gift; Martin Keller, prayer of illumination; Carillon Choir; Matins Choir; Sanctuary Choir; Linda Strouf, Minster of Music.*

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY

SPRING BREAK SCHEDULE: There is no Sunday School this morning (March 31). We will resume Sunday School next week (April 7). We do have our Worship Center program at 11:00 a.m. both Sundays.

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-up in the Gathering Place or email to joycefry@trcholland.org with your reservations.

EASTER EGG AND HOLY TREASURE HUNT: Our annual Easter Egg and Holy Treasure Hunt event is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, at 10:00 a.m. (note new time). This fun event (designed for children 2 years through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade), teaches the story of Holy Week and allows for fellowship with our community and church families. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to this special Easter event. Don't forget to bring your Easter basket AND a non-perishable food item to donate to Community Action House!

TREATS AND HELP NEEDED: We need individuals to help at our Easter Egg /Holy Treasure Hunt, and people willing to bring treats. Please sign up to help or bring treats for this special event, in the Gathering Place. Thank you. Questions: Contact Joyce Fry (joycefry@trcholland.org)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019: The dates that have been reserved for our VBS program this summer are Monday, July 29–Thursday, August 1. Put these dates on your calendar and plan to join us this summer.

April 14 1:00-2:00pm "Children's Walk Through Holy Week" / *Caminando por la Semana Santa para Niños*. You are invited to this bilingual event with art, worship songs, and readings that tell the story of Jesus' last week before his crucifixion. Parents of youth and children who wish to volunteer to read in English or Spanish, please email janelle.lopezk@trcholland.org.

## Congregational News

FLOWERING THE CROSS: We invite each family to bring a long stem flower, on Easter Sunday morning, symbolizing loved ones who have died or a person who has touched our Christian faith. The flowers will be put on a wooden cross and processed into the sanctuary.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: A Maundy Thursday Communion Service will be held on Thursday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. On Good Friday, April 19 there will be a Neighborhood Good Friday Service beginning at 12:10 p.m. at Maple Ave Ministries.

**ORDER EASTER LILIES**  
**Sunday, April 14 is the last day to order lilies.**  
**Place your order in the offering plate or bring to the church office.**

No. of plants \_\_\_\_\_ \$7.25 each Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

In memory/honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Each person is responsible for picking up their own lily, taking it with them and/or delivering it to a shut-in.

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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.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Sarah and Bill Unzicker 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, Mike Norman (11:00) Habeeb Awad, Emily Lievense, Jim Vander Meer

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

WORSHIP CENTER PROGRAM: During the 8:30 service, Worship Center will be provided on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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).

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. Matins Choir  
6:00 p.m. Lenten Book Discussion  
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### 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  
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

### Friday

10:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group

### Saturday

11:00 a.m. Ray Snyder 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.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital-Ruby Thome. Elton Bruins has moved to The Inn from the hospital. Hospice Care-Jill Slenk, Walter Thome. Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village-Martha Beld, Mary Heideman, Eleanor Hoffman, Janet Rund, Walter Thome, Mike Van Doornik. Missionaries-Wayne & Miho Jansen (Japan), Rowland Jr. & Jane Van Es (Kenya), Victor Kanyi (Kenya).

CROP HUNGER WALK: The walk raises funds for Church World Service and eight local agencies. This year's theme is Veggies, Eggs and a Side of Hope. The walk also supports Buen Pastor. This local agency has provided hope to migrant families for 30 years. So walk with us, either April 27 at Holland Christian High School, or April 28 at Beechwood Reformed Church. Bring food and pantry items either day. Sign up at [www.hollandhunger.org](http://www.hollandhunger.org)

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](mailto: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.

BREAKFAST WITH BABY will be on Saturday, April 13 at Fourth New Community Church at 15th and Washington Ave. We are to provide hot dishes (breakfast casseroles) this time. Everyone is welcome to volunteer from 9:30 to about 11:30 a.m. We need people to serve food, hold babies, and especially some young people to help with the children. There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Place. Questions? Call Sarah Unzicker at 335-9559.

Did you know that the church is using a new membership software, ShelbyNext? Did you know that you can have access to it through your web browser or an app on your phone? You can either go to [thirdreformed.shelbynextchms.com](http://thirdreformed.shelbynextchms.com) or download the ShelbyNext membership app from your app store. Each member of the church has their own specific username. It is first name.last name. The first initial of both names is capitalized. When using the app it will ask for a domain name. That is [thirdreformed.shelbynextchms.com](http://thirdreformed.shelbynextchms.com) We recommend you do a forgot password and you will be sent a temporary password that you can change later. Once on the website or the app we encourage you to upload a picture for each member of your family. If you have questions on how to do any of the above steps Jeanette Beagley will be in the library for the next few Sundays to help or you can call or stop by the church office during the week for help.



“The Return of the Prodigal Son” by Rembrandt

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with Heart, Head and Hands