

## Third Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2019 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

*Lord of life, in these great fifty days of Easter, help us to celebrate the possibility of moving from darkness to light, from death to life, from despair to new hope. We pray for the gift of hospitality today, that our community will welcome both old and new with open arms. We pray especially for those who will join us for worship and whose lives are filled with both great possibilities and also deep pain and loss. May a sense of transformation and community bring a source of hope and resurrection new life. Amen.*

### GATHERING

PRELUDE Meditation on Easter Hymn Michael Bedford

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*  
I looked and heard the voice of angels,  
thousands and thousands around God's throne, singing:  
**Worthy is the lamb who was slain  
to receive power and wealth  
and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!**  
Then I heard every creature on earth,  
and under the earth, and in the sea, singing:  
**To the one who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might  
forever and ever!**

GOD'S GREETING

+\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Lift Up Your Hearts* 599  
Come, Christians, Join to Sing Tune: MADRID

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

RESPONSE *Lift Up Your Hearts* 343  
Blessed Be Your Name Tune: BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

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

### CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*  
**Forgive us when we fail to see you in the face of a stranger,  
the voice of a neighbor, or the cry of a person in need.  
Forgive us when we are so consumed with our own stories  
that we forget the truth of the Easter story.  
Forgive us when we are quick to judge and slow to act,  
quick to speak and slow to listen,  
quick to fear and slow to care.  
Break into our lives, God of surprises,  
and grant us faith to recognize you. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND GRATEFUL LIVING 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

STAR GIFT

CHILDREN'S TIME

SONG *Lift Up Your Hearts* 343 *(refrain only)*  
Blessed Be Your Name Tune: BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

## WORD OF GOD IN PROCLAMATION AND SACRAMENT

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 9:1-20 p. 127  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN OF ILLUMINATION *Lift Up Your Hearts* 667  
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies Tune: LUX PRIMA

SERMON "An Unlikely Friendship"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER  
COMMUNION PRAYER  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts!  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**  
we worship and adore your glorious name.  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**  
...Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died!  
Christ is risen!  
Christ will come again!**

COMMUNION  
COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

### RESPONDING

MOMENT FOR MISSION AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
ANTHEM Healey Willan  
O Sacred Feast, wherein Christ is received,  
the memory of His Passion is renewed in us,  
our souls are filled with grace,  
and the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us.  
Alleluia!

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

PRAYERS OF 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* 742 (v 1, 3, 5)  
Will You Come and Follow Me Tune: KELVINGROVE

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Diademata Christopher Tambling

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

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, Hunter Brumels, liturgist; Jeff Maatman, star gift; Willem Bolt, prayer of illumination; Matins Choir; Sanctuary Choir; Linda Strouf, Minster of Music.*

The message series for the Season of Easter is entitled, "Surprise! The Unexpected Surprises of God," based on the Book of Acts, an early history of the Christian Church. As we explore the journey of surprises in these texts, we will learn the spiritual habit of welcoming the unpredictable God and coming to expect the unexpected.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held **today at 5:30 p.m.** We will elect Elders and Deacons and receive information about the various areas of the church. The Nominating Committee presents the following individuals to serve on Consistory. Care Elders-Carol Cox, Kara Green, Charles Hunt, Joyce Magee, Gretchen Munroe, Kathy Thornhill; Governing Elders-Chris Cook, Linda Jacobs, Andy Mulder; Deacons-Jane Keeter, Jane Osman, Jon Van Duinen, Willis Weymon.

### CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Next Sunday, May 12, the Children's Choir (preschool through 2nd graders) will be singing during the 11:00 service. Please have your children here by 10:30 next week to prepare for this special music.

TULIP TIME PARADES are THIS WEEK: Joyce Fry is planning to make a schedule of all the children and youth who will be marching in the Tulip Time parades and have it available for church members. If your child is marching in one or more parades, please let her know by this Tuesday, May 7, (name of child; which organization/school they are with; any identifying information--instrument, color costume, what they will be carrying, etc). She will develop the schedule which will help parade watchers cheer on our children and youth. (joycefry@trcholland.org)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019: The dates that have been reserved for our "Power Up with God's Love" VBS program this summer are Monday, July 29--Thursday, August 1. Put these dates on your calendar and plan to join us this summer.

VBS PLANNING TEAM: Our next planning team meeting for VBS 2019 is scheduled for Thursday, May 30, at 7:00pm here at Third Church. If you are interested in helping to plan VBS or have questions about it, please join us for this meeting or contact Joyce Fry (joycefry@trcholland.org).

## 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 by Al and Jane Osman.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Joyce Mott and Phil Coray 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.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons: (8:30) Sandy Stielstra, Tim DuMez (11:00) Sue Hutchinson, John Hutchinson, Bruce Stewart, James Stewart.

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

**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 Star of Utrecht" led by Anne Larson. Next week: "Reclaiming Jesus: Justice in America" led by Daniel Rooks and Steve Orlow.

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).

ADORACION EN ESPAÑOL: Alabamos al Señor! Les invitamos a un encuentro de adoración y predicación en español a la 1:00 p.m. Favor de invitar sus familiares y vecinos-- todos son bienvenidos! 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 at 1:00 p.m. Please invite your family and friends-- all are welcome! We will gather in the Youth Room.)*

NEW MEMBERS: This morning we welcome new members into our Third Church family: Kirk and Stephanie Brumels, Eunice DeWitt, Kent and Maggie Franken, and Scott, Mary, Madison and Will Remenschneider. Last Sunday we welcomed Steve, Laura, Eleanor, Kimia and Jonathon McMullen and John, Remi, Nathan, Matthew, Timothy, Daniel, Sarah, Joey and Chauncey Schloff into new membership.

We encourage you to read the daily readings from "At Home with the Word." They can also be found on the devotion page of the church website, [trcholland.org](http://trcholland.org).

Monday, May 6	Acts 9:36-38
Tuesday, May 7	Acts 9:39-43
Wednesday, May 8	Psalm 23
Thursday, May 9	Revelation 7:9-12
Friday, May 10	Revelation 7:13-17
Saturday, May 11	John 10:22-30

## 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

1:00 p.m. Adoracion en Español/Spanish Worship Gathering

5:30 p.m. Congregational Meeting

### 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

## 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 Marj, John, Katherine and Elizabeth Hoekstra on the death of Marj's father, Clarence Bolt., on April 24.

SYMPATHY is extended to Keren, Jordi, Miquel, Eva and Jordi-Luke Fuentes on the death of Keren's father, Harvey Bock, on April 28.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Gen Bos has been released from Holland Hospital; Gloria South is recovering from surgery; Spectrum Downtown-Al Gibson. Hospice Care-Jill Slenk, Walter Thome. Freedom Village-Martha Beld, Elton Bruins, Mary Heideman, Eleanor Hoffman, Janet Rund, Mike Van Doornik; Missionaries-John Hubers (Ethiopia), Andy Nakajima (Ministry with Japanese of West Michigan).

NATURALIZATION CEREMONY: We are grateful for the overwhelming response to the request for volunteers and cookies. All volunteer roles have been filled and only a few more dozen cookies are needed. Dean and Kathy Miedema will be available after both services to sign up cookie bakers, and to answer questions about the ceremony on May 16, at Herrick District Library. Since Third Church may be asked to host another ceremony in the future, we will also take the names of people who might like to be involved in a future ceremony.

THIRD REFORMED CHURCH is now in the process of finding a new church administrator. The part-time position (20-25 hours/week) entails overseeing the facility, supervising support staff, and managing the church budget. A job description is available in the church office or by contacting office manager Kristen Beckner at 392-1459. Letters of interest may be sent to Trina Lichtenwalner, Personnel Chair, via postal mail or email (contact information may be found on Shelby Next). The deadline for expressing interest is June 2, 2019.

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with Heart, Head and Hands*