

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2019 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

*O Christ,
who lived to show what life is like,
who died to show that sin is death,
who rose to raise us up to life eternal.
Help us to follow you and love you forever. Amen.*

PRAISING GOD

PRELUDE Like a Source of Water Jan Pieterszoon Sweelink

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 103:-12, 20-22 (NIV) *(responsively)*

Praise the Lord, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**Praise the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.**

Praise the Lord, you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
who obey his word.

**Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts,
you his servants who do his will.**

Praise the Lord, all his works
everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

GOD'S GREETING

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Lift Up Your Hearts* 571 (vs. 1, 2, & 5)
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven Tune: LAUDA ANIMA

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

*SCRIPTURE Revelation 7:9-17

*SONG *Lift Up Your Hearts* 608
Salvation Belongs to Our God Tune: SALVATION BELONGS TO OUR GOD

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

**Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like sheep.
We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have left undone those things we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
Restore us that we may live a holy, just, and humble life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Psalm 23:2-3

GRATEFUL LIVING Ephesians 5:1-2

STAR GIFT

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEM Max Dyer
I will sing a song unto the Lord.
Alleluia, glory to the Lord.
We will come as one before the Lord.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SONG *Lift Up Your Hearts* 456 (vs. 1)
Shepherd Me, O God Tune: SHEPHERD ME, O GOD

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 9:36-43 p. 128
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:22-30 p. 104
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*HYMN OF ILLUMINATION *Lift Up Your Hearts* 527
Come Away from Rush and Hurry Tune: PROMISE

SERMON "An Astonishing Imitation"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SENDING OUT

*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

ANTHEM Howard Goodall
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want;
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for you are with me, you will comfort me.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.
—Psalm 23

*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* 927
God, the Father of Your People Tune: HOLY MANNA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Praise to the Lord Erik-Jan van der Hel

+Latecomers will be seated. *You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; Martha Holland-Anderson, star gift; John Lunn, prayer of illumination; Beverley Rannow, minute for mission; Matins Choir; Sanctuary Choir; Linda Strouf, Minster of Music.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY

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. More information on how to sign up to serve in this program will be coming soon.

VBS PLANNING TEAM: Our next planning team meeting for VBS 2019 is scheduled for Thursday, May 30 at 7:00 p.m. 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).

"SUMMIT SEEKERS" SUMMER WORSHIP PROGRAM: This summer we will be on a "mountain hike" adventure as we hear the stories of Joshua and discover and have confidence in the amazing promises which God has given to us. "Summit Seekers" for children aged 4 through the 2nd grade (completed) will take place during our morning worship (children will be dismissed from the sanctuary). Adult and teen leaders are needed each Sunday to lead this program. Lesson plans will be given to you. Please sign up to serve in this program in the Gathering Place. Questions, please contact Joyce Fry (joycefry@trcholland.org). Thank you!

Congregational News

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE: Summer services begin on Sunday, May 26. Beginning that day there will be one service at 10:00 a.m.

EDUCATION YEAR COMING TO AN END: Next week (May 19) will be our last Sunday of education classes this school year. The final session for the Adult Spiritual Formation class will be held today (May 12).

The following are being ordained and installed to Consistory on Sunday, May 26: Care Elder-Carol Cox, Kara Green, Charles Hunt, Joyce Magee, Gretchen Munroe, Kathy Thornhill; Governing Elder-Linda Jacobs, Chris Cook, Andy Mulder; Deacons -Jane Keeter, Jane Osman, Jon Van Duinen, Willis Weymon.

NATURALIZATION CEREMONY: Thank you for the overwhelming response to the request for volunteers and cookies. All volunteer roles were filled, and an additional 9 people indicated an interest in helping at a future ceremony. We also received plenty of commitments to make cookies. Third Reformed Church will represent the love of Christ at the ceremonies on May 16. There will be 65 new citizens sworn in at the morning ceremony, and 65 more (including our own Rev. Angel Lopez) at the afternoon ceremony.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES: Save the date for a year-end program on Monday, June 10, at 7:00 p.m.

YOUNG HEARTS LUNCHEON: What can keep you warm and cuddly but might also be called crazy? Your pet? Your spouse? Think about it... Who would enjoy a free 45 mile tour through the countryside surrounding Vicksburg, MI, not Mississippi? What might you see besides barns, farms, fields, and flowers? Wow! You might be surprised by what is just around that next curve! You can visualize this vicariously in less than an hour or in your vehicle plus a visit to Apple Knocker's Ice Cream Parlor. How is this possible? Very simply! Just join your friends at Young Hearts, Thursday, May 23 at 12:00 noon at Third Reformed Church. Your \$5.00 luncheon will immediately follow and you will have lots about which to chat! Whom to bring? Your best gal or

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.

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.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others George and Katherine Hunsberger 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) Jane Osman, Jim Vander Meer (11:00) Cindy Hiskes, Dan Bolt, Todd Honeycutt, Madeline Pasatta.

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: "Reclaiming Jesus: Justice in America" led by Daniel Rooks and Steve Orlow. Next week: "Reclaiming Jesus: Compassionate (Non-violent) Communication" led by Dan and Steve

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 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.)

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
- 10:00 a.m. TRC Ringers
- 1:00 p.m. Adoracion en Español/Spanish Worship Gathering
- 4:45 p.m. Carillon Choir

Monday

- 12:00 p.m. Blood Drive
- 1:30 p.m. Miriam Bible Study

Tuesday

- 8:30 a.m. Ruth Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Hannah/Elizabeth Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Lydia Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Outreach Team

Wednesday

- 6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints
- 8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers
- 1:30 p.m. Rachel Bible Study
- 6:20 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Bilingual Bible Study and Prayer Group

Thursday

- 7:30 p.m. Worship Committee

Friday

- 10:00 a.m. Women's 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.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Hospice Care-Jill Slenk, Walter Thome. Home-Craig Anderson, Bill Charlton, Gus Feenstra, Win Kooiker, Don Maatman, Barb Mummert, Carol Seidelman, Ruby Stekete, Margaret Thurber. Missionaries-Jaime & Martha Amaro (Mexico), Albino & Sandy Rodriguez (Peru).

BREAD FOR THE WORLD OFFERING OF LETTERS SUNDAY: Please join Beverley Rannow in the Gathering Place to sign letters urging our Congress people to support a global initiative to accelerate progress on nutrition and to protect and increase the funding for global nutrition.

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.

THIRD SUNDAY PIZZA LUNCH will be next Sunday, May 19, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

THIRD SUNDAY FOR HUNGER: Next Sunday, May 19, non-perishable food and other necessities will be collected for our monthly food drive. Donated items can be placed in the designated box in the Gathering Place.

BLOOD DRIVE: Sign up today in the Gathering Place to give blood at the Blood Drive on Monday, May 13, 12:00-5:45 p.m.

Thank you to those who provided Easter lilies on Easter Sunday. Now that they have all bloomed, don't throw them away. If you drop them off at the door (parking lot, outside) they will be placed in the garden at church. We will take tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils, too.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The deadline for the June/July newsletter is Tuesday, May 15. If you have any items for this newsletter they need to be received by May 15.

GRADUATES: Graduation time will soon be here. If you have a graduate (high school or college) in your family, please notify the church office by May 15. We would like to recognize them in the June/July newsletter. We will need the graduate's name, the institute from which he/she is graduating, and future plans (if known). Thank you for your help.



*To Know Christ and to Make Christ Known
with Heart, Head and Hands*