

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 19, 2019

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

*Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ you make all things new. Long ago you called your church to a love beyond all social and cultural differences. Give us the same spirit of openness, that we too might discern new directions in our day for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

### PRAISING GOD

PRELUDE Easter Joy arr. by Karen Lakey Buchwalter

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Praise the Lord!

**Praise God from the heavens!**

Men, women, all people alike,

**old and young together!**

Let us praise the name of the Lord,

**whose name is exalted above heaven and earth!**

GOD'S GREETING

+\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Lift Up Your Hearts* 19 (vs. 1, 4, & 5)

For the Beauty of the Earth

Tune: DIX

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

TEACHER APPRECIATION

THANKSGIVING (*in unison*)

**We thank you, Living Christ, for these who have acted upon our behalf**

**in fulfilling the vows we make at baptism. Thank you all who have**

**modeled faith in Jesus, the love of God, and trust in the Holy Spirit.**

**Thank you for teachers and leaders who accept our children for who**

**they are, who receive questions and doubts with grace, and who enjoy**

**unscripted interactions with our young people. It is in living together**

**that we learn what it means to be Christian. Thank you for**

**opportunities that lead to growth for all. Amen.**

\*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*)

**God of mercy,**

**your command to love one another**

**across all differences**

**opens us to new horizons,**

**yet we often respond with fear and judgment**

**that hinders your goal for humanity.**

**Forgive our sins, we pray,**

**and give us a true repentance**

**that leads to life for all creation.**

**We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Children of the Heavenly Father arr. by Larry Sue

(words can be found in *Lift Up Your Hearts* 23)

GRATEFUL LIVING John 13:34-34

STAR GIFT

SONG *Lift Up Your Hearts* 256 (vs. 1)

They'll Know We Are Christians

Tune: ST. BRENDAN'S

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Then I saw a new heav'n and a new earth for the first heav'n

and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heav'n from God,

prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"Behold the dwelling of God is with men.

He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe away ev'ry tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more,

neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore,

for the former things have passed away."

Revelation 21:1-4

Carl Schalk

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 11:1-18

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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SERMON

“An Unexpected Change of Menu”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (8:30)

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*responsively*)

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.**

Creating God...we praise you:

**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.**

Send now your Holy Spirit..Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

COMMUNION

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

### SENDING OUT

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Our Song of Hope (stanza 20) (*in unison*) (11:00)

**God saves the world through Jesus.**

**Those who call on that name will have life.**

**Christ's hand reaches out beyond those who say “Lord”**

**to the infants who live in the atmosphere of faith,**

**even to the farthest stars and planets—all creation.**

**The boundaries of God's love are not known,**

**the Spirit works at the ends of the world**

**before the church has there spoken a word.**

MOMENT FOR MISSION AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Stowey

(words can be found in *Lift Up Your Hearts* 397)

Larry Sue

\*DOXOLOGY

*Lift Up Your Hearts* 965

Tune: OLD HUN-

DREDTH

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* 318

Help Us Accept Each Other

Alternate Tune: LANCASHIRE

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Abbot's Leigh

Paul Manz

+Latecomers will be seated.

\*You may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; Scott Millen, star gift; Elaine Coffill (11:00), prayer of illumination; Amy Lunn, minute for mission; TRC Ringers; Mary Van Voorst, director; Carillon Choir; Matins Choir; Sanctuary Choir; Linda Strouf, Minister of*

### CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY

SUMMER SCHEDULE: Today was the last day for our Sunday School program for this school year. We will continue to have our Worship Center program for children aged 4-2<sup>nd</sup> grade (completed) during our 10:00 worship through June 9. Our “Summit Seekers” worship program will begin on June 16<sup>th</sup> and will continue throughout the summer.

“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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (completed) will take place during our morning worship (children will be dismissed from the sanctuary) starting June 16<sup>th</sup>. 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!

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).

## Congregational News

WES GRANBERG-MICHAELSON will be preaching at Third Church on Sunday, June 9 at the 10:00 worship service. Wes will be presenting on his recently released book, [Future Faith](#), prior to the worship service from 8:30-9:30 am.

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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 by Linda Strouf in memory of Marilyn Brown.

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.

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

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Carol Segrist and Greg Dykhouse 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: Greeter/Juice Server-Peg Van Grouw; 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

**Chapel Class:** "Reclaiming Jesus: Compassionate (Non-violent) Communication" led by Dan 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.)*

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. Matins Choir  
9:00 a.m. Teacher Appreciation Breakfast  
9:25 a.m. TRC Singers  
9:45 a.m. Children's Choir  
9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Live  
9:45 a.m. Adult Education Classes  
10:00 a.m. Children/Youth Education Classes  
12:15 p.m. Third Sunday Pizza Lunch  
1:00 p.m. Adoracion en Español/Spanish Worship Gathering

### Monday

7:00 p.m. Martha Bible Study at Beverley Rannow's

### Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

6:00 p.m. Elders meet with Confirmands

6:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

7:15 p.m. Consistory

### Wednesday

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

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints

8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers

6:00 p.m. Communications Team

6:20 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

6:30 p.m. Bilingual Bible Study and Prayer Group

### Thursday

12:00 p.m. Young Hearts Luncheon

7:00 p.m. Spanish Worship Team

## 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 Carol and Dick Jones in the death of Carol's brother, Harvey Terpstra, on May 10 in South Holland, IL.

SYMPATHY is extended to Karen and Steve Stam in the death of Karen's mother, Gerene Langejans, on May 13.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital-Marian Vande Bunte. Hospice Care-Jill Slenk, Walter Thome. Hallmark Living Center-Elizabeth Bennett; America House-Arlene Barton, Betty Maier; Royal Park Atrium-Isabelle Hanse. Missionaries-Linn G. (Asia), Cheryl Barnes (Malawi), Luba Younas (Asia).

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

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 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.

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.

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.

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 in the chapel for 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 guy? A hot date? **Tomorrow is the last day to make reservations by calling the church office, 392-1459.** Please indicate if you will need the bus when you make your reservation.



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