

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 26, 2019 10:00 a.m.

Living God, you directed Paul and his cohorts in a different direction than they expected. By the river you opened the heart of a business woman Lydia, and she her home for the spreading of the gospel. Fling wide the doors of our hearts this day as we hear your word of life, that we too might open our lives to your world in love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRAISING GOD

PRELUDE Glory and Praise be to the Highest Good Johann Krebs

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

May God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make God's face to shine upon us,
that God's way may be known upon the earth,
God's saving power among all the nations.

**Let all the people praise God;
let all the people sing praise!**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for God judges the people with equity
and guides the nations upon the earth.

**Let all the people praise God;
let all the people sing praise!**

GOD'S GREETING

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Lift Up Your Hearts* 551 (vs. 1, 5, & 6)
All Creatures of Our God and King Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*SHARING THE PEACE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

*SONG *Lift Up Your Hearts* 593
Lord Most High Tune: LORD MOST HIGH

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

God of mercy, hear our prayers.

**We want to be generous like your servant Lydia,
but we fear that we will not have enough.**

**We want to be transformed like your servant Paul,
but we worry that we are beyond your grace.**

**We want to be loving like our savior Jesus,
but we wonder whether we are good enough for your call.**

God of mercy, forgive our sins.

God of mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Revelation 21:10, 22-26

GRATEFUL LIVING Proverbs 3:5-6

CHILDREN'S TIME

SONG *Lift Up Your Hearts* 745 (vs. 1)
Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit Tune: DWELL IN ME

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 16:1-15 p. 135
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:23-29 p. 109
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*HYMN OF ILLUMINATION *Lift Up Your Hearts* 25
God Moves in a Mysterious Way Tune: DUNDEE

SERMON "An Amazing Detour"
*Who are some of the people that have come along on the journey of your life
and how have they contributed in wonderful ways?
What are some of the places that you thought you might have landed,
but you ended up somewhere completely different?
In what ways can you look back and see the Spirit of God
working in your life and journey?*

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SENDING OUT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Lift Up Your Hearts* (above hymn #25)
Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 27

*SONG OF AFFIRMATION *Lift Up Your Hearts* 23 (vs. 1)
Children of the Heavenly Father Tune:

MOMENT FOR MISSION AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY Carl Schalk

Thine the amen thine the praise alleluias angels raise
thine the everlasting head thine the breaking of bread
thine the glory thine the story thine the harvest then the cup
thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up.

Thine the life eternally thine the promise let there be
thine the vision thine the tree all the earth on bended knee
gone the nailing gone the railing gone the pleading
gone the cry gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

Thine the truly thine the yes thine the table we the guest
thine the mercy from thee thine the glory yet to be
then the ringing and the singing then the end of all the war
thine the living thine the loving evermore.

Thine the kingdom prize thine the full surprise thine the praise of all thy ways
thine the banquet then the praise then the justice of thy ways
thine the glory thine the story then the welcome to the least
then the wonder all increasing at thy feast.

Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light
thine the river thine the tree then the Lamb eternally
then the holy celebration jubilee
thine the splendor thine the brightness only thee.
—Herbert Brokering

*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* 934
God of Mercy, God of Grace Tune: DIX

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Dialogue Jean-François Dandrieu

+Latecomers will be seated. *You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; Marcia Bishop, prayer of illumination; Sanctuary Choir; Linda Strouf, Minster of Music.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY

"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) starting June 16th. 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.

VBS ADULT AND TEEN LEADERS NEEDED: It takes many adults and teens to lead our VBS program. Prayerfully consider how you might like to serve this summer and look for our volunteer sign ups to begin next Sunday. We would love to have you join our VBS "Power Up" team! Questions, please contact Joyce Fry.

VBS PLANNING TEAM: Our next planning team meeting for VBS 2019 is scheduled for THIS 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).

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.

Monday, May 27	Acts 16:16-24
Tuesday, May 28	Acts 16:25-34
Wednesday, May 29	Psalm 97
Thursday, May 30	Acts 1:1-11
Friday, May 31	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
Saturday, June 1	John 17:20-26

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 in memory of Dr. Carl Schroeder by his family.

The following are being ordained and installed to Consistory this morning: Care Elder-Charles Hunt, Gretchen Munroe, Kathy Thornhill; Governing Elder-Linda Jacobs, Andy Mulder; Deacons-Jane Keeter, Jane Osman, Jon Van Duinen, Willis Weymon. Unable to attend today: Elder-Andy Mulder, Kara Green, Carol Cox, Chris Cook.

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 Sue & Tom Ten Hoeve 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: Habeeb Awad, Bruce Stewart, Mike Norman, Sandy Stielstra.

WORSHIP CENTER PROGRAM: Our Worship Centers for children aged 4 years through the 2nd Grade meet during the worship service. Children will be dismissed, from our Sanctuary worship, to room 2 (previously the older Worship Center room) to worship and respond to God's stories in an age appropriate way.

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

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

Monday

Church Office Closed

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

5:15 p.m. Christian Education Committee

Wednesday

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

8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers

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

Thursday

7:00 p.m. VBS Planning Team

Friday

9:00 a.m. Newsletter Assembly

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: Marian Vande Bunte has moved to The Inn from the hospital. Hospice Care-Jill Slenk, Walter Thome. Appledorn-P.J. Booij, Marv & Lois Jalving, Roger Rietberg. Missionaries-Wayne & Miho Jansen (Japan), Rowland Jr. & Jane Van Es (Kenya), Victor Kanyi (Kenya).

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.

BILINGUAL BIBLE STUDY on Thursdays 6:30-7:30 during Summer: You are warmly invited to join us for prayer and time together in God's word on Thursday evenings this summer, with child care available. We will return to Wednesday evenings in September

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.

This past year, many helpful people have volunteered at the Welcome Center desk answering visitor's questions and making them feel welcome. We would like to thank all of you who have volunteered with a brunch after worship on Sunday, June 9, so put the date on your calendar. To help us plan, please contact the church office to RSVP.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES OF THIRD REFORMED is having a program on Monday, June 10, at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to hear Mike and Beverley Rannow speak of their recent work with Habitat for Humanity. Please join us for an inspiring program with refreshments following the meeting. Also, please consider joining one of WMTR's seven bible study groups in September when we will be studying the book of Isaiah.

On Sunday afternoon, June 9, Holland Classis will sponsor an opportunity for interested members of Classis congregations to gather to learn more about the 2020 Vision Group's interim report, share responses, and ask questions. (The online report may be found in the General Synod Workbook (<https://www.rca.org/rca-basics/general-synod/general-synod-2019-workbook>, beginning on p. 98.) The gathering will take place at Third Reformed Church, 111 W. 13th St., from 3-5 p.m.

Thanks to all of you who have volunteers to offer transportation for the Arizmendi family for their daughter's chemotherapy appointments on Friday's this summer. We have transportation in place for this week May 24, and are waiting for Hospital to inform the parents at that appointment of the times/details/schedule of the appointments that will follow. Please stay tuned for more info to come! We thank you for your flexibility and patience as the family adapts to this huge and unexpected life change.

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