

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Confirmation Sunday

June 2, 2019 10:00 a.m.

PRAISING GOD

PRELUDE Simple Gifts Wilbur Held

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)* Grant Honeycutt

The Lord rules!
Let the earth rejoice!
God’s lightning lights up the world;
the earth sees it and trembles!
**The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,
before the Lord of the whole world!**
Those of you who love the Lord, hate evil!
God guards the lives of faithful people,
delivering them from the power of the wicked.
**Light is planted like seed for the righteous person;
joy too for those whose heart is right.**
Rejoice in the Lord, righteous ones!
Give thanks to God’s holy name!

GOD’S GREETING

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Lift Up Your Hearts* 795
We Know that Christ Is Raised Tune: ENGELBERG

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

PIANO SOLO Nora Frens

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*
**We pride ourselves on being self-sufficient and competent.
We dislike weakness and neediness.
We enjoy being comfortable and independent.
We heartily resist discomfort and dependency.
Forgive us, God, when these traits cause us to ignore our need for you.
Help us to see the depth of our need for you,
so we may more clearly know the depth of your saving work.
In Jesus’ name, amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & GRATEFUL LIVING *Lift Up Your Hearts* 738
Jesus, All for Jesus Tune: ALL FOR JESUS

CHILDREN’S TIME

SONG *Lift Up Your Hearts* 745 (vs. 2)
Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit Tune: DWELL IN ME

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 16:25-34 p. 136 James Stewart
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “What Does It Mean to Be Saved?”

VIDEO
A. Can we determine who is saved?
B. What does it mean to be saved?
C. “To be saved” has a variety of meanings
1. Jesus is Lord
2. We are forgiven through Christ
3. We turn away from sin
4. We turn toward Christ
5. We receive new life
6. We find freedom
7. Our identity is rooted in Christ

*HYMN *Lift Up Your Hearts* 823 (vs. 1, 4)
O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts Tune: QUEBEC

CONFIRMANTS PROFESSION OF FAITH

HYMN *Lift Up Your Hearts* 802
Wash, O God, Our sons and Daughters Tune: BEACH SPRING

SENDING OUT

STATEMENT OF FAITH: Madi Remenschneider

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(responsively)*
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to you, Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to praise you, Lord.
It is right...who forever proclaim:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**
Blessed are you...we proclaim the mystery of our faith:
**Christ has come among us.
Christ has died. Christ has risen.
Christ abides with us. Christ will come again.**
Pour out your Spirit on us.
Pour out your Spirit on these gifts.
Make them the body and blood of Christ.
Make us, through them, Christ’s body alive in the world.

COMMUNION
THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION *(responsively)*
Loving God,
**eating at this table means we belong to you.
Help us to live in a way that honors Jesus. Amen.**

MOMENT FOR MISSION AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Philip W.J. Stopford
In my Father’s house are many dwellings, and if I go to prepare a place for you,
I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.
Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.
In my Father’s house are many dwelling places.
If there were not, would I have told you I am going to prepare a place for you?

Where I am going, you know the way. For I am the way, the truth, and the life;
no one comes to the Father except through me.
If you know me, you also know my Father.
My spirit will be with you always. The Advocate, the Spirit of Truth
will remind you of all I have said. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled; do not be afraid. I have told you
I will come back to you; have faith in me.
—from John 14

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER David Van Duinen

**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* 770 (vs. 1 & 4)
In Christ Alone Tune: IN CHRIST
ALONE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE The Kingsfold Trumpet Alfred V. Fedak

+Latecomers will be seated. *You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kama Jongerius, preaching; Rev. Kent Fry, liturgist; James Stewart, 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 16. 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 DECORATING DAYS: Come join the youth, (who will take the lead) to help us decorate our Church for our “Power Up with God’s Love” VBS. Decorating dates that are now scheduled: Saturday, June 8 (10 – Noon); Wednesday, June 19 (10-Noon) and Wednesday, July 17 (10:00). Everyone is welcome and teens are needed! Join the fun and “connect” with others as we “Power Up” for VBS this summer!

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For up to date information, including staff and ministry contacts, visit us on the web at <http://www.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 today are given by Al and Jane Osman.

We joyfully welcome the following members into our Christian faith community this morning: Nora Frens, Grant Honeycutt, Madison Remenschneider, James Stewart, David Van Duinen. There will be a receiving line after the worship service where you may greet these new members.

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 Lucille Schroeder and Dennis Gebben 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: Greeters-Dick & Carol Jones; Deacons: Jane Osman, Willis Weymon, Jim Vander Meer, Laura Halsey.

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

11:15 a.m. Confirmation Reception
1:00 p.m. Adoracion en Español/Spanish Worship Gathering

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. NewElders Training on ShelbyNext

Wednesday

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers

Thursday

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

Friday

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Saturday

10:00 a.m. VBS Work Day

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. Maple Woods-Phyllis Mahy; The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village-Martha Beld, Elton Bruins, Mary Heideman, Eleanor Hoffman, Janet Rund, Marian Vande Bunte, Mike Van Doornik. Missionaries-John Hubers (Ethiopia), Andy Nakajima (Ministry with Japanese of West Michigan).

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 today.**

Do you like digging in the dirt? Your help is needed. Flowers for the church's portion of Tulip Lane will arrive later this week. Please sign up in the Gathering Place today or call the church office, 392-1459, this week if you're able to help plant flowers on Friday, June 7, at 6:00 p.m.

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 World Renew. 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.

You're invited to a special evening of laughter and insight with performing artist Ted Swartz, "Laughter Is a Sacred Space" at Christ Memorial Chapel, 595 Graafschap Rd., Saturday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m. The work of RCA Disability Concerns around suicide prevention and mental health issues (in conjunction with the other sponsoring organizations) will be undergirded through this outstanding event, which is open to all.

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.

A CALL TO COMMUNITY ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE: Many people of faith hear in the discussion of climate crisis a plea for help—a call for God's people to reengage with their identity as caretakers of the earth. But how to do that? Learn more at this open community program on Thursday, June 13, at 6:00 p.m., in the new Bultman Student Center on the Hope College campus. Presenters include: George K. Heartwell, Mayor of Grand Rapids (Ret.); Kayla McCallum Social Justice Awareness Club, Holland Christian High School; Mary Ellen Mika, Global Compliance & Sustainability, Steelcase Inc.; and Keith Van Beek, City Manager, Holland, MI. For more information, please see the poster on the church bulletin board or talk to Don Triezenberg.



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