

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 14, 2024 10 AM

3rd Sunday of Easter

Welcome in the name of our risen Savior. Our prayer is that you have a thoughtful and joyful encounter with God's love and grace.

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"
[LUYH 599]

arr. Matthew Corl

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Call to Worship:

Leader: Shout for joy to God all the earth.

People: Rejoice, heavenly powers!

Leader: Sing, choirs of angels!

People: Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Leader: Exult, all creation around God's throne!

People: Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

Prayer

*All Sing: "Come, People of the Risen King"

Getty Music 1 – 3

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise. Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace. From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him, where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! let ev'ry tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night. Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight. For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease, but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.
(refrain)

Come, young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith. Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of His grace. Over all the world His people sing; shore to shore we hear them call- the Truth that cries through ev'ry age: "Our God is all in all." (refrain)

*Welcome

*God's Greeting

*Greet One Another

*All Sing: "Rejoice, O Pure in Heart"

Lift Up Your Hearts 353: 1 – 4

**HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:
GOD ACCEPTS US!**

Call to Confession: Mark 8: 34 – 35

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of God's Grace and Pardon:

John 1: 9,12; John 8: 12

*All Sing: "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

Lift Up Your Hearts 188: 1, 3, 5

[Children and parents come forward during last stanza of this song for Children's blessing]

Children's Message

Choristers: "Celebrate"

by Joe Pinson

Children's Worship Blessing

Leader: People of God, what is our prayer for these children?

People: As you learn of Jesus and his love, may the Lord be with you.

Children: And also with you.

People: May the word of the Lord grow in your hearts.

Children: Thanks be to God.

People: Go in peace.

[Children ages four through first grade are dismissed for
Choristers and Sunday Stations - all are welcome]

Concerns of our Church Family

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Ben

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

Offering: Ministry and Christian Education Funds

Offertory: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" [LUYH 538] arr. Mark Hayes

Offering Prayer: Deacon, Merrie Brouwer

[Children second grade through seventh grade
are dismissed for Youth Choir rehearsal]

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

All Sing: "For the Fruit of All Creation" *Lift Up Your Hearts 396: 1, 3*

Memory Verse: Psalm 145: 7

People: **We celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.**

Scripture: Leviticus 23: 1-3, 5, 8, 15-16, 22,
24-25, 27-28, 34-36, 41-43 (p. 190)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: **Commanded to Celebrate**

Prayer

*All Sing: "Bless the Lord (Ten Thousand Reasons)"

Lift Up Your Hearts 559: 1 – 3

**GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!**

*Invitation

*God's Parting Blessing

People: Amen.

*All Sing: "Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God" *Lift Up Your Hearts 356: 1, 3*

*Postlude: "Come, Come, You Saints" arr. Mark Kellner
(*Rise, in body or in spirit)

Minister:
Organist/Pianist:
Singers:
Drums:
Choristers Pianist:
Audio/Video:
PowerPoint/Video:

Rev. Ben Van Arragon
Rachel Plasman
Kathy Natelborg, Doug De Vries
Victory Tamungang
Alyssa De Maagd
John Lundell
David Van Zytveld

SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Do I have difficulty celebrating as a regular practice?
2. Does my worship and devotional life feel celebratory?
3. How might I incorporate elements of devotion into all my celebration?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 14 2024

Worship

Welcome to Plymouth Heights CRC. in the name of our risen Savior. Our prayer is that you have a thoughtful and joyful encounter with God's love and grace. During the 2023-2024 ministry year, we are studying "Faith Practices". Our current practice is "Celebration". Our memory verse for this practice is Psalm 145:7: "[We] celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness."

This Sunday, Pastor Ben preaches from Leviticus 23:1-3,5,8,15-16,22,24-25,27-28,34-36,41-43 (Sermon title: "Commanded to Celebrate").

Next Sunday, Pastor Ben will preach from John 2:1-11 (Sermon title: "The Wedding Feast").

Youth Choir (2nd – 7th grade): will meet this Sunday, April 14.

Banners: During this season of Easter we celebrate the victory of Jesus and his Kingship over the whole universe. The white and gold colors in these banners represent the joy of Christ's victory over sin and death. The gold cords symbolize the royal character of Christ's shed blood. Isaiah 53: 5 reminds us that "by his stripes we are healed." The wedge-shaped panels in two of the banners represent the torn veil, the sign that we have full access to God's presence through Christ. The season of Easter is celebrated for seven Sundays, the number portrayed by the three white and two gold panels, plus the two groups of gold cords in each banner.

Tithing Opportunities

April 14, 2024: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

April 21, 2024: Ministry/Christian Education and Benevolence Funds

On the Sundays that there is an announced Special Cause Offering, the loose cash will be designated for that Cause. If there is no special cause the loose cash is designated for the Ministry Fund.

If you wish to direct your donation differently, you may use the yellow envelopes in the pews, your personal budget envelopes or with your online giving.

Children and Youth Programs

Nursery (0 - 3 years old) and **Sunday Stations** (4 year's old - 1st grade). Follow this link to see where volunteers are needed in the coming months for Nursery and Sunday Stations. The schedule is set through August, so take a look and sign up for some dates that work for you.

GEMS, Cadets and Dwell (GEMS & Cadets are 2nd -8th grade and Dwell is Preschool - 1st grade) typically meet on the 1st, third and fifth Wednesday of the month from 6:30pm to 8pm. Our next gathering will be Wednesday, April 17.

Middle School Youth Group: Our next gathering will be Sunday, April 14, from 6:30-8:00pm. We meet in Classroom 104 and the Youth Room.

Community Life

Church Potluck is next Sunday, April, 21 following the service and coffee time in the Community Room.

Plymouth Chamber Players Concert:

Calvin Van Zytveld invites everyone to save the date for the next Plymouth Chamber Players Concert, which will be presented on Thursday, June 20 at 7:30pm here in the church sanctuary. As always, the concert will be free and open to all!

Global Engagement Team (GET)

Mission Partners Update: Roy and Jennifer Nagelkirk recently sent us greetings from Grenoble, France. They reflected on their 25 years in France, and how God has stayed solid and faithful through the ups and downs during those years. They are encouraged to hear stories from the Muslim background believers with whom they work who are now living out being disciples by making more disciples. Roy and Jennifer request that we continue to pray for their witness on the streets of Grenoble.

Sunday April 14, 2024

10:00am **Worship**

Nursery:
Becky Jansen
Jenny Van Wiene

Nursery Helper:
Anna Jansen

**Sunday Stations
(4 year's old - 1st grade):**
Judy Johnson
Youth Choir

Coffee Fellowship:
Doug & Kathy Kool

Security: Ben Post

6:30-8pm **Middle School Youth Group**
(Youth Room and Classroom 104)

Monday

6:30-7:30pm
Elders Meeting (Fellowship Room)
Deacons Meeting (Reflection Room)
Full Council Meeting after in the
(Fellowship Room)

Tuesday

1:30-4:30pm Strings 'n Things
(Room 300 above the church office)

Wednesday

6:30-8pm Cadets, GEMS, Dwell
(GEMS & Cadets are 2nd -8th grade
and Dwell is Preschool - 1st grade)

Thursday

10am Women's Bible Study (Library)

Sunday April 21, 2024

10:00am **Worship**

Nursery:
Lori Tilma
Wendy Brummel

Nursery Helper:
Mercy Li

**Sunday Stations
(4 year's old - 1st grade):**
Susan Post
Mandi Markosky

Coffee Fellowship:
Paul & Susan Holwerda

Security:
Brad Jansen