

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 21, 2024 10 AM  
Communion Sunday

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Baptism

Our hope is that you discover a sense of belonging, and that you have a thoughtful and joyful encounter with God's abundant grace offered in Christ as we celebrate Communion.

### ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude: "Now We Join in Celebration"

arr. Walther, Cherwien

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: "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

*Lift Up Your Hearts 206: 1 – 5*

\*Welcome

\*God's Greeting

\*Greet One Another

\*All Sing: "What the Lord Has Done in Me"

*Lift Up Your Hearts 800: 1 – 3*

### HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM: GOD KEEPS COVENANT WITH US!

Baptism:

Watson Seth Van Wienen

\*All Sing: "All Who Have Been Baptized"

*Lift Up Your Hearts 798: 1 – 4*

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

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: "Taste and See" [LUYH 817] arr. Mark Hayes  
Offering Prayer: Deacon, Larry Tilma

## OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

Prayer of Illumination

Memory Verse:

Psalm 145: 7

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

Scripture: John 2: 1 – 11

(p. 1649)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: **The Wedding Feast**

Prayer

All Sing: "Eat This Bread" (sing three times)

*Lift Up Your Hearts 818*

## GOD PREPARES A TABLE BEFORE US!

Words of Invitation:

from John 6:35

Words of Institution:

based on Luke 13: 29; 24: 30 – 31

Approaching the Table

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

The Great Thanksgiving

All Sing: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

*Lift Up Your Hearts 538: 4*

Words of Preparation

Minister: The Bread which we break is a sharing in the Body of Christ.

**People: We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.**

Minister: The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

**People: The cup that we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.**

Minister: The Gifts of God for the people of God.

The Bread is distributed

Youth Choir "Cornerstone-Solid Rock"

arr. Shane Coffman

The Wine is distributed

All Sing: "Behold the Lamb"

*Lift Up Your Hearts 840: 1 – 3*

## OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

The Thanksgiving:

[Offering for Benevolence]

All Sing: "Praise the Savior, Now and Ever"

*Lift Up Your Hearts 191: 1 – 3*

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

\*Invitation

\*God's Charge and Blessing

\*All Sing: "Praise the Savior, Now and Ever"

*Lift Up Your Hearts 191: 4*

\*Postlude: "In Thee Is Gladness"

arr. D. Busarow

(\*Rise, in body or in spirit)

Minister:

Liturgist:

Organist:

Pianist:

Singers:

Plymouth Brass:

Drums:

Scripture Reader:

Audio/Video:

PowerPoint/Video:

Rev. Ben Van Arragon

Rev. Sarah Albers

Rachel Plasman

Alyssa De Maagd

Karen Vander Laan, Doug De Vries

Joel Burns, Max Gradisher

Victory Tamungang

Stephen Jansen

Joe Geelhoed

Larry Tilma

## SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Do I experience celebration as a means of communion with Jesus?
2. Do I embrace Jesus as the antidote to my deepest hurt and longing?
3. Do I see life with Jesus as a celebration to which I can invite others?

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sunday, April 21 2024

### **Worship**

Welcome to Plymouth Heights CRC. Our hope is that you discover a sense of belonging, and that you have a thoughtful and joyful encounter with God's abundant grace offered in Christ as we celebrate Communion.

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 John 2:1-11 (Sermon title: "The Wedding Feast"). We also celebrate the baptism of Watson Van Weinen, son of Jenny and Kyle, and partake of the Lord's Supper together.

Next Sunday, we study the faith practice of "hospitality". Pastor Ben will preach from 2 Kings 6:8-10, 18-23 (Sermon title: "The Dangerous Act of Hospitality").

**Bell Choir** will meet this Wednesday, April 24, from 6 pm – 7 pm.

**Youth Choir (2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade):** will meet next Sunday, April 28.

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

April 28, 2024: Ministry/Christian Education and Mission 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..

**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, May 1.

**Middle School Youth Group:** Our next gathering will be Sunday, April 28, from 6:30-8:00pm. We meet in Classroom 104 and the Youth Room.

## **Community Life**

**Join us for our Church Potluck today** following the service and coffee fellowship. If you are visiting, please feel welcome to join us.

**Sincere thanks** to everyone at Plymouth Heights for participating in a wonderful hosting week for Family Promise at our church a couple weeks ago. Your prayers, support, volunteering, donations, and working behind-the-scenes are surely a visible demonstration of our Lord's love for all of us. Our guests were blessed by your faithful spirit!

Ellen and Chuck, Jane and Bob

### **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)**

### **From Mission India (one of Plymouth Heights supported Mission Organizations):**

We want to join with you in celebrating how the Holy Spirit is working in India You're invited to gather with us on:

- Tuesday, May 7, for dinner at the Pinnacle Center in Hudsonville, MI,  
OR

- Monday, May 13, for either lunch or dinner at the Frederick Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids, MI.

Sign up at: <https://missionindia.org/banquet-of-praise/>

No matter which Banquet you attend, you'll hear incredible stories of believers in India who relied on the Holy Spirit as they shared the Gospel with unreached communities over the past year.

**The Today Devotionals** are at the Welcome Center.

## **Neighborhood Engagement**

**Mobile Food Pantry Volunteers:** We will again be hosting a drive-thru food distribution service this Saturday. We are asking volunteers to arrive at church at 7:15am this Saturday morning, April 27 to set up for distribution from 7:30 to 8:30am. Volunteers will receive more detailed information in an email tomorrow. If you have any questions or would like to join us, please call Tom or Mary Van Wingerden.

**April 21, 2024**

10:00am **Worship**

**Nursery:**

Lori Tilma  
Wendy Brummel

**Nursery Helper:**

Mercy Li

**Choristers**

**Sunday Stations**

**(4 year's old - 1st grade):**

Susan Post  
Mandi Markosky

**Coffee Fellowship:**

Paul & Susan Holwerda

**Security:**

Brad Jansen

**Tuesday**

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

**Wednesday**

6pm-7pm Bell Choir

**Sunday April 28, 2024**

10:00am **Worship**

**Nursery:**

Deb Feys  
Janeen Van Swol

**Nursery Helper:**

Mary Van Swol

**Choristers**

**Sunday Stations**

**(4 year's old - 1st grade):**

Mary Ma,  
Laura Den Besten

**Sunday Stations Helper:**

Mercy Li

**Youth Choir**

**Coffee Fellowship:**

Michael & Andrea Lautenbach

**Security:**

Gregg Start

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