

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
April 28, 2024 10 AM

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Our hope is that you discover a sense of community and belonging, and that you have a thoughtful and joyful encounter with God's love and grace.

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

Prelude: "We Are Called" arr. Mark Hayes

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Call to Worship: Psalm 36: 5 – 9

Prayer

\*All Sing: "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna"

*Lift Up Your Hearts 204: 1 – 3*

\*Welcome

\*God's Greeting

\*Greet One Another

\*All Sing: "We Are Called"

*Lift Up Your Hearts 296: 1 – 3*

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

Call to Confession: Romans 11: 22, 2: 4

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of God's Grace and Pardon:

based on Ephesians 2: 12 – 16

\*All Sing: "There Is a Redeemer"

*Lift Up Your Hearts 833: 1 – 3*

[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]

Crossroads Prison Ministry

Douglas Cupery

Concerns of our Church Family

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Ben

## OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

Offering: Ministry, Christian Education  
and Mission Funds

Offertory: "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

arr. Kevin McChesney

Offering Prayer:

Deacon, Rachel Bardolph

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

## OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

All Sing: "God Is Love"  
(sing twice)

*Lift Up Your Hearts 305*

Memory Verse:

Romans 12: 13

People: **Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.**

Scripture: 2 Kings 6: 8 – 10, 18 – 23

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: **The Dangerous Act of Hospitality**

Prayer

\*All Sing: "All Are Welcome"

*Lift Up Your Hearts 269: 1 – 3*

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

\*Invitation

\*God's Parting Blessing

**People: Amen.**

\*All Sing:

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow - Alleluia"

*Lift Up Your Hearts 965*

\*Postlude: "All Creatures of Our God and King"

arr. Roy Brunner

(\*Rise, in body or in spirit)

Minister:

Rev. Ben Van Arragon

Organist/Pianist:

Rachel Plasman

Singers:

Mark Bardolph, Nichole De Vries

Bell Choir:

Doug De Vries

Drums:

Victory Tamungang

Scripture reader:

Vicki Van Wingerden

Audio/Video:

Harrison Start

PowerPoint/Video:

Michael Lautenbach

## SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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1. Do I see myself as a recipient of God's hospitality?
2. Who are some people against whom I harbor hostility?
3. How might my habits change if I thought of hospitality as a faith practice?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 28 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.

During the 2023-2024 ministry year, we are studying "Faith Practices". Our current practice is "Hospitality". Our memory verse for this practice is Romans 12:13 "Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."

This Sunday, Pastor Ben preaches from 2 Kings 6:8-10, 18-23 (Sermon title: "The Dangerous Act of Hospitality"). We will also hear from ministry partner Douglas Cupery, Director of Church Engagement with Crossroads Prison Ministry.

Next Sunday is Friendship Sunday. Our service will be co-led by friends and volunteers from Plymouth Heights' Friendship ministry. Pastor Ben will preach from 1 Peter 4:7-11 (Sermon title: "A Hospitable Kingdom").

**Ascension Day Prayer Service:** On Thursday, May 9, 6:30 p.m., Shawnee Park CRC is hosting a special service of prayer and worship. Pastor Ben is helping plan and lead the service. In addition to Plymouth Heights, the Falam and Christian Agape Burmese congregations have been invited to participate. Please consider attending this shared worship event.

**Youth Choir (2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade):** will meet this 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 28, 2024: Ministry/Christian Education and  
Mission Funds

May 5, 2024: Ministry/Christian Education

Special Collection today is for Resonate  
(formerly World and Home Missions):

For nearly 125 years, Christian Reformed World Missions has been helping Christian Reformed churches fulfill the Great Commission primarily through planting churches and sending missionaries around the world. Partnering with people, churches, and organizations they are multiplying believers and churches, equipping and connecting leaders, reaching students and teachers with a biblical worldview, and strengthening churches and organizations. Christian Reformed World Missions has more than 200 missionaries serving in nearly 40 countries and, through partnerships, their work extends to more than 50 countries.

**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, May 1.

**Middle School Youth Group:** Our next gathering is Sunday, May 12, from 6:30-8:00pm. We meet in Classroom 104 and the Youth Room.

### **Global Engagement Team (GET)**

**Mission Partners Update: David Kromminga and Mary Buteyn in Berlin** ask for prayers for "friends who have immigration appointments in the near future. That the right decisions will be made so people can live securely and contribute to the society they are placed in. Also pray for the eight curious persons who attended our first Alpha meeting, a faith-building course. The attendees were from China, Japan, Iran, Iraq, Turkey, Mali, Ukraine, and the hosts from Germany and the US."

### **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.

## 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)

**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  
(Brunch/Library)

## Sunday May 5, 2024

10:00am     **Worship**

**Nursery:**  
              Laura Den Besten  
              Heidi Jansen

**Nursery Helper:**  
              Isa Seosenyeng

**Choristers**

**Sunday Stations**  
**(4 year's old - 1st grade):**  
              Vicki Van Wingerden  
              Susan Post

**Sunday Stations Helper**

**Youth Choir**

**Coffee Fellowship:**  
              Paul & Susan Holwerda

**Security:**  
              Randy Van Wingerden