

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 7, 2024 10 AM

2nd Sunday of Easter

We extend a warm and loving welcome to you in the name of Christ our risen Savior. Our hope and prayer is that you have a thoughtful and joyful encounter with God's love and grace.

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"
"Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"

arr. by M. Burkhardt

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!

Opening Prayer

*All Sing: "Thine Is the Glory"

Lift Up Your Hearts 187: 1 – 3

*Welcome

*God's Greeting

*Greet One Another

*All Sing: "The Day of Resurrection"

Psalter Hymnal 390: 1 – 3

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: "Oh, How Good Is Christ the Lord"

(English, Spanish, English)

Lift Up Your Hearts 192

Plymouth Heights GEMS and Cadets Ministries

Concerns of our Church Family

Congregational Prayer

Schuyler Van Eck

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

Offering:

Ministry and Christian Education Funds

Special Cause Offering:

Calvinist Cadet Corps and GEMS Girls' Clubs

Offertory: "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

arr. By Bill Wolaver

Offering Prayer:

Deacon, Judy Johnson

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

All Sing: "The Risen Christ" Worship and Song 3179: 1 – 4

O breath of God, come fill this place; revive our hearts to know your grace; and from our slumber make us rise that we may know the risen Christ.

O Word of God, so clear and true, renew our minds to trust in You; and give to us the bread of life that we may know the risen Christ.

O love of God, so unrestrained, refresh our souls in Jesus' name. Let us reflect your sacrifice that we may know the risen Christ.

May God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit make us one. In holiness let us unite that we may know the risen Christ.

Scripture: Matthew 4: 18 – 22 (p. 1504)
Matthew 9: 9 – 13 (p. 1513)
Matthew 10: 1 – 4 (p. 1514)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: **Follow Me**

Prayer

*All Sing: "Take My Life and Let it Be" *Lift Up Your Hearts 863: 1, 2, 3, 5*

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

*Invitation

*God's Parting Blessing

People: Amen.

*All Sing: "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

Psalter Hymnal 389: 1 – 3

*Postlude: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!"

arr. by M. Burkhardt

(*Rise, in body or in spirit)

Minister:

Rev. Ben Van Arragon

Liturgist:

Rev. Sarah Albers

Organist:

Rachel Plasman

Singers:

Kathy Kool, Doug De Vries

Plymouth Brass:

Shawn Nichols, Max Gradisher

Drums:

Victory Tamungang

Audio/Video:

Joe Geelhoed

PowerPoint/Video:

David Van Zytveld

SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Am I looking for a life of greater possibility?
2. Do I know that Jesus loves me and wants me as His disciple?
3. Am I ready to follow Jesus and willing to let Him change my life?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 7 2024

Worship

Welcome to Plymouth Heights CRC. We extend a warm and loving welcome to you in the name of Christ our risen Savior. Our hope and prayer is that you have a thoughtful and joyful encounter with God's love and grace.

This Sunday, Pastor Ben preaches from Matthew 4:18-22; 9:9-13; 10:1-4 (Sermon title: "Follow Me").

Next Sunday, we'll resume our "Faith Practices" series with an introduction to "Celebration". Pastor Ben will preach from Leviticus 23:1-3,5,8,15-16,22,24-25,27-28,34-36,41-43 (Sermon title: "Commanded to Celebrate").

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

Bell Choir will meet this Wednesday, April 10 from 6 pm – 7 pm.

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.

Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator Update: Plymouth Heights' Council is delighted to announce we have recruited our new Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator. Plymouth member Susan Post has committed to a 20 hour/week position beginning in June. Susan's role will be primarily administrative, providing coordination and support for volunteers and fellow staff engaged in ministry with Plymouth's children and youth. Susan brings a wealth of professional skill as well as a depth of familiarity with and commitment to Plymouth's congregation. We are grateful for the leadership she will bring to this vital area of ministry.

Tithing Opportunities

April 7, 2024: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

Special Collection today is for: Calvinist Cadet Corps and GEMS Girls' Clubs

April 14, 2024: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

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.

Sunday Stations will not meet Sunday, April 7 but will resume on Sunday, April 14.

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. We will not be meeting on April 3 due to spring break. 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

Thank you for my beautiful lily that currently has six blossoms and more coming. And thank you for my birthday cards from my church family. They are all so beautiful and I really appreciate them. Thank you to my deacon Alyssa De Maagd for coming and bringing it all to me. It's such a blessing.

Evie Beimers

Save the Date! Our next church **potluck** will be Sunday, **April, 21**. Following the service.

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!

Plymouth Heights has been blessed with faithful giving to the Christian Education Fund. The **Christian Education Committee** is excited to be able to partner with PHCRC families in supporting Christian day school education for your child/children. The information is attached with the weekly bulletin email or available in the church office for families. If you do not receive the information, contact Janeen in the office. Fill out the forms and turn them into the church office **no later than April 28, 2024**.

Global Engagement Team (GET)

Mission Partners Update: Our missionaries regularly send us newsletters to share their ministry news and prayer requests. These are posted on our church website (Ministries > Outreach > Global Engagement), so you will want to check that often for the latest updates. The most recent missionary letter that was posted came from Steve and Lori De Vries.

Sunday April 7, 2024

10:00am **Worship**
Nursery:
Betsy Van Zytveld
Melody Van Arragon
Nursery Helper
Coffee Fellowship:
Eric & Mary Uitvlugt
Security:
Randy Van Wingerden

Monday

7pm-9pm Administrative Meeting

Tuesday

1:30-4:30pm Strings 'n Things
(Room 300 above the church office)
7pm-8:15pm Friendship
(Fellowship Room)

Wednesday

6pm-7pm Bell Choir
6:30-8pm Guys Group

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)