

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 1, 2018 10 AM

Easter Sunday

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude "Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!"
"Fantasia for Easter Morning"
arr. Albin Whitworth

Leader: Christ is Risen.
People: **Christ is Risen. Alleluia!**

Opening Scripture 1 Corinthians 15: 20 – 22

Opening Prayer

*All Sing "See, What a Morning"
Lift Up Your Hearts 181: 1 – 3

*Welcome

*God's Greeting

*Greet One Another

*All Sing "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
Lift Up Your Hearts 182: 1 – 3, 5

*Scripture 1 Peter 1: 3

*All Sing "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"
Lift Up Your Hearts 188: 1, 3 – 5

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:
GOD ACCEPTS US!

Scripture Colossians 1: 10 - 14

All Sing "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"
Psalter Hymnal 402: 1 – 3, 5

Prayer of Reconciliation

*All Sing "Thine Is the Glory"
Lift Up Your Hearts 187: 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: **May the Lord be with you as you learn of
Jesus and his love.**

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 young 5's
are dismissed for Praise and Play]

[Children in Worship will not meet today]

Easter Prayer

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

Offering Ministry and Christian Education Funds

Offertory "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
arr. Robert Williams

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

All Sing "Oh, How Good Is Christ the Lord"
(sing twice) *Lift Up Your Hearts 192*

Scripture Mark 16: 1 – 8 (p. 1588)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **Failures and Fools**

Prayer

*All Sing "Come, People of the Risen King"
Awaken the Dawn 4: 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)**

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 "The Strife Is O'er" arr. Hal Hopson

(*rise in body or in spirit)

Minister Rev. Sarah Albers
Liturgist Seminary Intern, Norm Underland
Organist/Pianist Annelie Dekker
Music Director Randy Van Wingerden
Plymouth Brass Erin Ray, Justin Schreier
Andrew Van Zytveld, William Van Zytveld

Timpani Eric Stone
Plymouth Band David Exoo, Thomas Huiseman
Pianist Betty Van Mersbergen
Scripture Reader Freddy Ramos

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

April 1, 2018

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Good morning and welcome to our celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Pastor Albers will be leading worship this morning. Her text is Mark 16:1-8, and her sermon title is **Failures and Fools**. There will be no PM service here at Plymouth Heights, but Woodlawn has invited us to worship with them at 5 PM in the Calvin College Chapel.

Next week is our Spring Mission Emphasis Sunday and Dr. Paul Mpindi will be preaching and sharing a brief report of their work with Mission French Africa. His text will be John 21:1-17, **Jesus Confronts, Heals, and Restores Us!** Pastor De Vries will lead our afternoon service with a meditation on Psalm 117, **Short and Sweet**.

BANNERS

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 chords in each banner.

TITHING OPPORTUNITIES

April 1, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds
April 8, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds
April 8, 2018 PM: Degage Ministries

Online Giving available at phcrc.org

Annual Offering for Missionaries: The GET Mission Committee has decided to take our annual offering for personal gifts for the missionaries whom Plymouth Heights church supports at Easter instead of at Christmas this year. As we have done in the past years, the offering will be evenly divided between all ten families whom we support. The ten families are: Aupperlees, Bultens, Driesengas, Krommingas, Matos, Mpindis, Nagelkirks, Sliedrechts, Wiersmas and Yus. We encourage members of the congregation to give this support to our missionaries. You may use the special envelope stamped *Christmas Gift for our Missionaries* which has been placed in your communicator boxes or give online. Donations can be given through today.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Christian School Enrollment is starting for many of the local schools. The Christian Education forms are in your communicator box. Return them to the church office by Sunday, April 22. If you do not receive the information and would like it please contact Ben Post at (616)318-3232, email benpost37@gmail.com or Janeen in the church office at (616)243-5638.

YOUTH AND EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discovery Hour: There is NO discovery hour today or April 8. We will resume Sunday, April 15, at 9AM.

Breakaway: Our next event is Saturday, April 14. We will be going to the Kroc Center. Meet at church at 1pm and we will be back by 4pm. Cost is \$10. Our next gathering is Sunday, April 22, from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room.

Lifeline: Our next gathering is Sunday, April 15, from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Save the date for the retreat which is April 27 - 29.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Plymouth Heights members who have lost loved ones this year (Easter 2017 to Easter 2018) may take a lily home with them after the Easter Sunday morning worship service.

Basketball Snack Sign Up: Basketball will continue through May 8. If you are willing to help out providing a snack we have a couple more dates we can use volunteers. A sign-up sheet is on the table by the elevator.

Safety Training: All volunteers who work with children and teens, as well as Council members, are asked to attend one of our safety trainings. There are two dates to choose from: April 15 and April 29. Training will occur right after the Sunday morning worship service, and lunch will be provided. Childcare, as well as lunch for your children will also be provided. Bring information for three references who do not attend Plymouth Heights and who are not related to you. This will help speed up the paperwork. If you have any questions, please speak with Megan Wunderink. We look forward to seeing you there!

Congregational Potluck is Sunday, April 8. Households 1,3,5,7,9 please bring a salad and Households 2,4,6,8 please bring a dessert. Meat, vegetables, rolls and drinks provided by church. Council members please bring a potato dish also. Visitors and College students are welcome to join us.

The Oasis Group (post college to early forties) will be having a Game Night at the Jansen's on Saturday, April 14, at 6:30pm. Euchre, Pictionary, Board games... grab your favorite game and come ready for a fun night! Dinner will be provided. Please contact Brad (brad.a.jansen@gmail.com) or Becky (rebecca.m.jansen@gmail.com) with any questions.

It's almost time for another summer playing softball at the Christian Athletic Complex. Plymouth's two men's slow pitch teams play on Thursday nights from early May through the end of July. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Don Buist at donbuist@gmail.com or (616) 450-9143 or Bert Block at bwblock@tds.net or (616) 292-4555. We could use a few more players, and also an additional pitcher as well. Come join in the fun!

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Michigan Men's Weekend will take place Friday afternoon, April 27 through Sunday noon, April 29, at Timber Wolf Lodge in Lake City, MI. The Michigan Men's Weekend is a retreat with great speakers, incredible food, worship, zip lines, go karts, basketball, canoeing, and other activities as well as a time for men to encourage one another. The retreat is cross-denominational and cross-cultural as men come from a variety of churches and groups across West Michigan. All men age 18 and over are welcome to join this weekend of praise and friendship. Please check the Michigan Men's Weekend website, www.michiganmensweekend.com or talk with Ralph Honderd.

Safe Haven has some exciting news to share. An anonymous donor has generously provided a matching gift. Any gifts received from new donors, increased gifts from current donors, and any gifts from donors who renew their support (gave previously, but not this year or last year) between March 1, 2018 and June 30, 2018 will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$50,000. We need your help to meet this match! If you have questions or would like to send a gift, please contact Kent Bosma at [616-452-6664](tel:616-452-6664) or kbosma@safehavenministries.org.

Sunday April 1, 2018

10:00AM Morning Worship Service
Usher: Bob & Jane Brouwer, Chrysanthi Sinniah
Prayer Servants: Eric Uitvlugt, Chrysanthi Sinniah
Nursery: Mary Ma, Jennifer Rieger, Steven Rieger, Megan Wunderink
Kingdom Kidz: (2 & 3 yrs old): Jasmine Underland, Violet Wunderink
Praise and Play: (4 yrs old through young 5's) Laura DenBesten, Sophia Wunderink
Children in Worship: (5 yrs old through first grade) Off Today
Coffee Fellowship: Joe & Alice Geelhoed
 5:00 PM Evening Worship Service at Woodlawn CRC's Calvin Chapel
Tuesday 7PM Basketball
 Basketball snacks: Karen VanderLaan
Thursday 9:45AM Women's Bible Study (Library) Lesson 11

Sunday April 8, 2018

8:45AM Sanctuary Choir
 10:00AM Morning Worship Service
Usher: Steve Penning, Dave Veen, David Tiesenga
Prayer Servants: Kathy Sikkema, Mary Gerritsen
Nursery: Doug Kool, Kathy Kool, Kristin VanHall
Kingdom Kidz: (2 & 3 yrs old): Janeen VanSwol, Sophia Wunderink
Praise and Play: (4 yrs old through young 5's) Becky Jansen
Children in Worship: (5 yrs old through first grade) Off Today
Coffee Fellowship: Larry & Lori Tilma
 5:30 PM Evening Worship Service