

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 8, 2018 10 AM

2nd Sunday of Easter

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"
George F. Handel
"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"
arr. Hal Hopson

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Opening Scripture Psalm 103:8-12
Prayer
*All Sing "All Are Welcome"
Lift Up Your Hearts 269:1, 3, 5

*Welcome
*God's Greeting
*Greet One Another

*All Sing "For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free"
Sing! A New Creation 66:1-4
"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"
Lift Up Your Hearts 615

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:
GOD ACCEPTS US!

Call to Confession 1 John 1:6, 8, 10
Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon 1 John 1:7, 9
*All Sing "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"
abs 3-9

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a
wretch like me. I once was lost, but now I'm found, was
blind but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my
fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the
hour I first believed.**

Refrain
**My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, My
Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy
reigns, unending love, amazing grace.**

**The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope
secures. He will my shield and portion be as long as life
endures.**

Refrain (two times)
**My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, My
Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy
reigns, unending love, amazing grace.**

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear
to shine. But God who called me here below will be
forever mine. Will be forever mine. You are forever
mine.**

[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]

Concerns of our Church Family
Congregational Prayer

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!
Offering Ministry and Christian Education Funds
Offertory

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

Prayer
Scripture John 21: 1 – 19 (p. 1687)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Missions Video
Sermon **Jesus Confronts, Heals, and Restores Us!**
Prayer

*All Sing "Take My Life and Let It Be"
Lift Up Your Hearts 863: 1,2, 5, 6

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

*Invitation
*God's Parting Blessing
People: **Amen.**

*All Sing "Will You Come and Follow Me"
Lift Up Your Hearts 742:1-3, 5

*Postlude "Awake the Trumpet's Lofty Sound"
George F. Handel

(*rise in body or in spirit)

Minister Rev. Paul Mpindi
Liturgist Seminary Intern Norm Underland
Organist Annelle Dekker
Violin Betsy Van Zytveld
Pianist Rachel Plasman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

April 8, 2018

Good morning and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church on our Spring Mission Emphasis Sunday. Dr. Paul Mpindi will be preaching and sharing a brief report of their work with Mission French Africa. His text will be John 21:1-19, **Jesus Confronts, Heals, and Restores Us!** Pastor De Vries will lead our afternoon service with a meditation on Psalm 117, **Short and Sweet.**

Next week Sunday is Communion Sunday. Pastor De Vries will lead both services. In the morning he'll preach on I John 3:1-7, **Children of God.** In the afternoon service his meditation will be on Psalm 49, **Death and Taxes.**

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 8, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds
April 8, 2018 PM: Degage Ministries
April 15, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds
April 15, 2018 PM: Mission India

Online Giving available at phcrc.org

FROM COUNCIL

Council is pleased to announce the names of those who have accepted nomination for elder and deacon positions to be filled this June. Nominees are Elders: Tom Brassier, Ron & Pat De Haan, Karen Nienhuis, and Kumar Sinniah. Deacons: Scott & Christina Block, Laura Den Besten, Brad Jansen, and Susan Poel. The congregation will be asked to ratify these nominations by vote at a congregational meeting following the morning service on April 15.

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. We will resume next 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 next 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

Today is our Congregational Potluck. Visitors and College students are welcome to join us.

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!

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 bwbblock@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!

Circle the dates on your calendar for our annual Family Weekend in September. The dates this year are September 14 through 16, 2018. Cottages and camping areas have already been reserved for Plymouth Heights at the Christian Reformed Conference Grounds www.crcg.org. Stay overnight or drive out for the day. More information will be coming soon and we will begin accepting reservations for the cottages in the middle of May. We have a great time every year so start planning now for this fun-filled weekend.

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.

Volunteers In Service Benevolence Training: It is Biblical to take care of the physical needs of people around us. In responding to needs, do we take the opportunity to share the gospel? Do we view people as problems to solve or opportunities from God to love and embrace? Duke Gray, VIS trainer, will facilitate a three week training on how to love, serve and embrace people around us for the sake of growing the kingdom. ACCESS of West Michigan will be joining the conversation on Week 2. Dates are April 10, 17 and 23 from 6:30pm-8:30pm. For more details visit the VIS website at visgr.org. There is no cost to attend but to sign up email Bernita Tuinenga at btuinenga@visgr.org.

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
Monday
 7:00PM Deacons Meeting (Reflection Rm)
 7PM-9PM Stephen Ministers Meeting (Library)
Tuesday
 7PM-8:15PM Friendship
 Friendship Cookie Bakers:
 Sandy Gilman, Dottie Young
 7PM Basketball
 Basketball snacks: Atts DeVries
Wednesday
 6:30-8:00PM Guys Bible Study (Room 300)

6:30-8:15PM Cadets
 7PM-8PM Women's Bible Study (Library)

Sunday April 15, 2018

8:45AM Sanctuary Choir
 9:00AM Discovery Hour
 K-2nd grade will meet in Room 104
 3rd- 5th grade will meet in Room 105
 6th-12th will meet in the Youth Room
 10:00AM Morning Worship Service
Usher: Dave Kline, Mary Kline, Tom Diepstra, Ernie Noorman
Prayer Servants: Atts DeVries, Fae Diepstra
Nursery: Susan Holwerda, Mandi Markosky, Jack Markosky, Jane Tiesenga
Kingdom Kidz: (2 & 3 yrs old): Megan Coakley
Praise and Play: (4 yrs old through young 5's) Kristin VanHall, Cassandra Block
Children in Worship: (5 yrs old through first grade) Carol Honderd, Nathan Diepstra
Coffee Fellowship: Paul & Susan Holwerda
 5:30 PM Evening Worship Service
 5:30-7:30PM Lifeline (9th - 12th grade) meet in the Youth Room