

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 11, 2018 10 AM

4th Sunday in Lent

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Stuart Townend

Prelude "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

arr. Hal Hopson

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Opening Scripture

Psalms 95: 6 – 7

Responsive Prayer

Leader: In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

People: We gather, alive to the Word of God.

Leader: You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant, ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

People: We listen, alive to the Word of God.

Leader: You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom, sometimes startling and unexpected, sometimes still and quiet, but always dwelling among us.

People: We watch and wait for the Word of God. Amen

*All Sing "Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down"

(sing twice) *Lift Up Your Hearts 510*

*All Sing "Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"

Psalms for all Seasons 95a: 1 – 4

Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God acclaim, his greatness tell abroad and bless his saving name. Lift high your songs before his throne to whom alone all praise belongs.

Our God of matchless worth, our King beyond compare, the deepest bounds of earth, the hills, are in his care.

He all decrees, who by his hand prepared the land and formed the seas.

In worship bow the knee, our glorious God confess; the great Creator, he, the Lord of Righteousness. He reigns unseen: his flock he feeds and gently leads in pastures green.

Come, hear his voice today, receive what love imparts; his holy will obey and harden not your hearts. His ways are best and lead at last, all troubles past, to perfect rest.

*Welcome

*God's Greeting

*Greet One Another

*All Sing "Shepherd Me, O God"

Lift Up Your Hearts 456

Prayer

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:
GOD ACCEPTS US!

Choir "Kyrie Eleison"

Larry Visser

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 10: 8 – 10

*All Sing "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

Psalter Hymnal 479: 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 First Grade dismissed for Praise and Play, & Children in Worship]

Concerns of our Church Family

Congregational Prayer

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

Offering

Ministry and Christian Education Funds

Offertory

"O Lord, You're Beautiful/Fairest Lord Jesus"

arr. Keith Green

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

All Sing "Alleluia! Raise the Gospel – Speak, Lord"

OCP: 1,2,6

Refrain

Alleluia! Alleluia! Raise the gospel over the earth.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Peace and justice bringing to birth.

Speak, Lord, for your servant's list'ning, speak, Lord, for we're longing to hear Good News, that at last the promised reign of God is near. (refrain)

Listen to the Word now spoken, harden not your hearts to the call. Jesus comes to offer everlasting life for all. (refrain)

Holy is the gift now given, Holy is the peace it imparts. Holy is the Word God's planted deep within your hearts. (refrain)

Scripture John 10: 1 – 6, 25 – 30

(p. 1666)

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Voice Recognition

Prayer

*All Sing "You Are Mine"

Lift Up Your Hearts 430: 1 – 2

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

*Invitation

*God's Parting Blessing

People: Amen.

*All Sing "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Lift Up Your Hearts 590: 5, 8

*Postlude "O God, Our Help In Ages Past"

arr. Hal Hopson

(*stand, if you are able)

Minister	Rev. Steve De Vries
Organist	Annelle Dekker
Sanctuary Choir	Doug De Vries
Soloist	Nichole De Vries
Plymouth Band	David Exoo, Thomas Huiseman
Cello	Luke Tilma
Pianist	Pat De Haan
Scripture Reader	Kieren Underland

SERMON OUTLINE

Voice Recognition

John 10:1-6; 25-30

Introduction: The sound of your voice

1. The wrong voices

- a. Pharisees
- b. Conservatives & liberals

2. The right sheep

- a. Knowing the shepherd's voice
- b. Knowing how to follow

3. The way out

- a. Called by name
- b. Led
- c. Completely secure

Conclusion: Voice recognition

- Time listening
- Experience following
- Trust

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

March 11, 2018

Good morning and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church! Today is the fourth Sunday of the Lenten Season. Pastor De Vries will lead our morning service today and our focus will be on the sense of hearing. The text is John 10:1-6 and 25-30, and the sermon title is ***Voice Recognition***. In our afternoon service Dr. Kumar Sinniah will report on his trip to Nepal with students from Calvin.

Next week Sunday morning Pastor De Vries will preach on John 12:1-3, ***What Smells?*** And in our afternoon service Seminarian Norm Underland will give a meditation on Psalm 121.

TITHING OPPORTUNITIES

March 11, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

March 11, 2018 PM: Calvin Theological Seminary

March 18, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

March 18, 2018 PM :Holland Home

Online Giving available at phcrc.org

Annual Offering for Missionaries: Please give your donation online or in the church offering plate any Sunday through April 1. The offering is a personal gift for the missionaries we support this Easter. The offering will be equally divided between all ten families.

BANNERS

During this season of Lent we focus on the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus for our salvation. The purple banners in our sanctuary represent our penance as well as the royalty of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The red cords symbolize the sacrifice and shed blood of Christ. Isaiah 53: 5 reminds us that “by

his stripes we are healed.” The seven purple panels in each banner represent Ash Wednesday and the six Sundays of Lent. The different lengths and widths represent our individual differences in faith and life. Each banner is made of the same purple cloth which represents our oneness and unity in Christ.

YOUTH AND EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discovery Hour: Discovery Hour is this morning at 9AM. Grades K-2 meet in Room 104 and grades 3-5 meet in Room 105. Grades 6-12 meet in the Youth Room. **There will be no Discovery Hour on March 18.** We will meet again on Sunday, March 25.

Breakaway: Our next gathering is tonight from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Hope to see you all there!

Lifeline: Our next gathering is Sunday, March 18, from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Please bring a 2-liter. Rachel will be out of town so Justin, Tim, and Todd will be in charge. Hope to see you all there!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Sub Pick-Up: If you ordered subs to support the Dominican Republic trip, they will be available in the Community Room after church this morning. Payments are due at pick-up. Checks can be made out to Plymouth Heights CRC.

A Big Thank You to everyone who participated in the Chili Cook-Off: for cooking chili, volunteering time, eating with us, and helping the Dominican Republic team earn \$1400 towards their trip. Congratulations to our top three winners: Mary Lou Diepstra 1st, Amy Blom 2nd and Nathan Leder 3rd. Thank you everyone for a great night!

Welcome and Enfolding: The Welcome and Enfolding Team is looking for volunteers to help with greeting before church on Sunday mornings. For more information or to sign up please email Pastor Sarah at salbers@phcrc.org.

The Youth & Education Committee would like to be proactive and encourage parents with questions or concerns to contact us. Please seek out Pam Menkveld, Rachel Harkema or Amy Blom at any time. Our goal is to keep the lines of communication open and productive. Thank you.

Upcoming 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 three dates to choose from: March 18, April 15 and April 29. All three trainings 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 at all three training options. Please 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!

Oasis Event (post college to early forties group): Ladies' Night Out at The Melting Pot on Tuesday, March 27, at 7pm. Join us for a fun time of fellowship and good food! Please contact Becky Jansen at rebecca.m.jansen@gmail.com to RSVP or with any questions.

Congregational Potluck: A Congregational Potluck is set for 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.

OUTREACH

GET Mission Committee: 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, 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, Wierengas and Yus. We encourage members of the congregations 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. Please give the donation in any regular church offering plate on any Sunday through April 1.

Family Promise Volunteers Needed: Our next Family Promise host week is March 25. This is a great opportunity to share hospitality and God's love with a group of families that really need love and support. Sign up to host an evening, stay overnight, make and share dinner with the families, set-up on Sunday or clean-up when we finish. Our sign-up link at phcrc.org is working and ready for volunteers or call Ellen Hekman (868-0610) for more information or to sign-up. We could also use some small containers of shampoo, lotion and toothpaste hotel "freebies" or travel sizes that we can provide for the guests while they are at our church. Leave them in Ellen's communicator box or downstairs by the Family Promise closet (west of the elevator).

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Adventurers: The Shawnee Park Church Seniors would like to invite the Plymouth Heights Seniors to an event Thursday, March 22 at 6pm. There will be a catered chicken dinner followed by Shawnee traveler, Ruth Wierenga presenting a sight sound program on "Iceland, Land of Fire and Ice." Sign-up continues today. The cost is \$10.00 per person. The event will be held in the upper level. Please park on that level.

Sunday March 11, 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: Steve Penning, Dave Veen, David Tiesenga

Prayer Servants: Secret Hallman, Frank Diepstra

Nursery: Tim Albers, Eric VanSwol
Dawn Block, Vicki DeVries

Kingdom Kidz: (2 & 3 yrs old):
Sarah Start, Harrison Start

**Praise and Play:
(4 yrs old through young 5's)**
Rachel Bardolph, Henry Blom

**Children in Worship:
(5 yrs old through first grade)**
Denise Mokma, Deedre Vriesman

Coffee Fellowship:
Doug & Kathy Kool, Dave Diepstra

5:30 PM Evening Worship Service

5:30-7:30PM Breakaway (4th - 8th grade) meet in the Youth Room

Monday
7:00PM Administrative Meeting (Reflection Rm)
7PM-9PM Stephen Ministers Meeting (Library)

Tuesday

7PM-8:15PM Friendship: Pizza & Game Night
7PM Basketball
Basketball snacks: Evie Beimers

Wednesday

6:30-8:00PM Guys Bible Study (Room 300)
6:30-8:15PM Cadets
7PM-8PM Women's Bible Study (Library)

Thursday

9:45AM Women's Bible Study (Library)

Sunday March 18, 2018

8:45AM Sanctuary Choir

10:00AM Morning Worship Service

Usher: Dave Kline, Mary Kline, Tom Diepstra, Ernie Noorman

Prayer Servants: Alyce Boender, David VanZytveld

Nursery: Susan Poel Kristin VanHall, Susan Post

Kingdom Kidz: (2 & 3 yrs old):
Jasmine Underland, Zoe Underland

**Praise and Play:
(4 yrs old through young 5's)**
Jack Markosky, Mandi Markosky

**Children in Worship:
(5 yrs old through first grade)**
Deedre Vriesman, Jackson Ouwinga

Coffee Fellowship:
Todd & Missy Harkema

5:30 PM Evening Worship Service

5:30-7:30PM Lifeline (9th - 12th grade) meet in the Youth Room