

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 18, 2018 10 AM

5th Sunday in Lent

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"
arr. Donald Hustad
"All People That On Earth Do Dwell"
arr. Michael Burkhardt

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Opening Scripture Psalm 141: 1 – 2

Prayer

*All Sing "We Are People on a Journey"
Lift Up Your Hearts 142:1, 2, 4

*Welcome

*God's Greeting

*Greet One Another

*All Sing "Christ, the Life of All the Living"
Lift Up Your Hearts 137: 1 – 3
"What Wondrous Love is This"
Lift Up Your Hearts 164: 1 – 2

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:
GOD ACCEPTS US!

Call to Confession Psalm 32: 3 – 6

Sung prayer of Confession:

All Sing "Kind and Merciful God"
The Worshiping Church 455: 1 – 4

**Kind and merciful God, we have sinned in your sight,
we have all wandered far from your way; we have
followed desire, we have failed to spire to the virtue
we ought to display.**

**Kind and merciful God, we've neglected your Word and
the truth that would guide us aright; we have lived in
the shade of the dark we have made, when you willed
us to walk in the light.**

**Kind and merciful God, we have broken your laws and
in conduct have veered from the norm; we have**

**dreamed of the good, but the good that we could we
have frequently failed to perform.**

**Kind and merciful God, in Christ's death on the cross
you provided a cleansing from sin; speak the words
that forgive, that henceforth we may live by the might
of your Spirit within.**

Assurance of Pardon Ephesians 5: 1 – 2

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

[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 Grade 1 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: "Dearest Jesus, At Your Word"
arr. Michael Burkhardt

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

All Sing "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"
Celebration Hymnal 340: 1 – 2

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful
face; and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in
the light of His glory and grace.**

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus, take hold of his powerful
hand. He will lift you up in His mighty love, in the
strength of your God you can stand.**

Scripture John 12: 1 – 11 (p. 1670)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon What Smells?

Prayer

*All Sing "To My Precious Lord"
Lift Up Your Hearts 136: 1 – 3

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

*Invitation

*God's Parting Blessing

People: Amen.

*All Sing "We Will Follow"
Lift Up Your Hearts 129: 1, 2

*Postlude "The Church's One Foundation"
arr. Donald Hustad

(*stand, if you are able)

Minister Rev. Steve De Vries
Organist Annelle Dekker
Plymouth Brass Ethan Lonsway, Justin Schreier
Beth VanDenHeuvel

Plymouth Band Nathan Diepstra, David Exoo
Pianist Betty Van Mersbergen
Scripture Reader Precious Acree

SERMON OUTLINE

What Smells?

John 12:1-11

Introduction: What smells?

1. The Stink
 - a. Lazarus (rot, decay)
 - b. Sanhedrin - planning to kill both Jesus and Lazarus
 - c. Judas – betrayal and hypocrisy

2. The Smell
 - a. Dinner
 - b. Feet

3. The Fragrance
 - a. Nard
 - b. Jesus
 - c. Christians

Conclusion: What smells?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

March 18, 2018

Good morning and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church! Today is the fifth Sunday of the Lenten Season. Pastor De Vries will lead our morning service today and our focus will be on the sense of smell. The text is John 12:1-11, and the sermon title is ***What Smells?*** In our afternoon service Seminarian Norm Underland will share a meditation on Psalm 121.

Next week Sunday is Palm Sunday. Pastor De Vries will preach on Mark 11:1-11 and we'll install Kelly Buist as our next Seminary Intern (Norm Underland graduates in May). In the afternoon service Seminarian Lynn Song will lead worship with a meditation on I Corinthians 8:1-13, ***From Knowledge to Love.***

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.

TITHING OPPORTUNITIES

March 18, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

March 18, 2018 PM: Holland Home

March 25, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

March 25, 2018 PM: Calvin Theological Seminary
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 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.

YOUTH AND EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discovery Hour: There is no Discovery Hour this morning. We will resume next Sunday, March 25, at 9AM.

Breakaway: Our next gathering is Sunday, March 25, from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Hope to see you all there!

Lifeline: Our next gathering is tonight from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Please bring a 2-liter. Rachel is out of town so Justin, Tim, and Todd will be in charge of the evening.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

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: today 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.

Address change for Larry Kuipers:
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Grand Rapids, MI 49546

OUTREACH

Our Friendship Ministries group at Plymouth Heights is hosting an area-wide concert this Thursday, March 22 at 7:00 PM. Our featured group will be Dawn Bouman and Company. All are invited to share this wonderful evening of praise and celebration. Refreshments will follow at 8:00 PM.

Mobile Food Pantry: Our next event is this Saturday, March 24 with registration and a pancake breakfast starting at 7am, and food distribution from 8:30am-10:00am. Volunteer job assignment sheets are in your communicators today. If you are interested in joining us for a time of food and fellowship with our neighbors, please contact Tom or Mary VanWingerden (616-241-4911) this week.

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

Plymouth Heights Seniors: Today is the last day to sign-up for the Thursday, March 22 dinner and presentation at Shawnee Park Church. The cost is \$10 per person and the time is 6pm. Please park on the upper level. The event will be held on the upper level.

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 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

Monday
7:00PM Full Council Meeting

Tuesday
7PM Basketball
Basketball snacks: Amy Blom

Wednesday
6:30-8:00PM Apprentice Group (Youth Room)
6:30-8:15PM Cadets

Thursday
7PM Friendship Concert (Sanctuary)
Cookie Bakers: Evie Beimers, Jo Bajema, Atts DeVries, Mary Gerritsen, Dawn Gebben, Carol Honderd, Karen Nienhuis, Denise Mokma, Melvina VanderLinde, Marge VanderPloeg, Janeen VanSwol

Saturday

7AM-10:00AM Mobile Food Pantry: Breakfast in the Community Room, food distribution from 8:30am-10:00am south parking lot

Sunday March 25, 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: Larry Tilma, Lori Tilma, Jeff Peterson, James Vazquez

Prayer Servants: Alice Geelhoed, Dennis Sikkema

Nursery: Wendy Brummel, Jan Gelder, Nathan Leder, Amy Blom

Kingdom Kidz: (2 & 3 yrs old):

Praise and Play:
(4 yrs old through young 5's)
Becky Jansen, Ava Leder

Children in Worship:
(5 yrs old through first grade)
Deedre Vriesman, Carol Honderd

Coffee Fellowship:
Phil & Deb Hall

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