

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 25, 2018 10 AM

Palm Sunday

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" arr. Albin Whitworth  
"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" arr. Raymond Haan

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

Opening Scripture based on Luke 13: 34; 19: 38  
Zachariah 9: 9

Opening Prayer

Choristers "Hosanna! Hosanna!" Helen Kemp  
\*All Sing "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 145: 1 – 3*

\*Welcome

\*God's Greeting

\*Greet One Another

\*All Sing "There's a Man Riding in on a Donkey"  
*Season By Season 17: 1 – 3*

**There's a man riding in on a donkey, there's a man, and they say he's king! And the palm leaves are waving a welcome and the voices of the people sing:**

**Refrain:**

**Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to the King of kings! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to the King!**

**Why a king riding in on a donkey? Why a king wearing no fine crown? Where the drums? Where the high sounding cymbals if a king is riding into town? (refrain)**

**Hear the voice of the King on a donkey! Hear the joy of the news he brings! He is Jesus, the Son of the Highest. He is Jesus and the King of kings! (refrain)**

\*All Sing "My Jesus, I Love Thee"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 366: 1, 2, 4*

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:  
GOD ACCEPTS US!

Prayer of Confession  
Commissioning Services Kelly Buist  
Dominican Republic Mission Trip

\*All Sing "Here I Am, Lord"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 869: 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/Christian Education  
and Special Mission Funds

Offertory "O Lamb of God" Twila Paris  
OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

All Sing "Filled with Excitement"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 143: 1 – 2*

Scripture Mark 11: 1 – 11 (p. 1576)

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

Sermon **The Politics of Palm Sunday**  
Prayer

\*All Sing "Rejoice, O Zion's Daughter" (use alt. tune)  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 151: 1, 3, 4*

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:  
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

\*Invitation

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

\*All Sing "Worthy Is Christ"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 605: 1 – 2*

\*Postlude "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"  
arr. Charles Callahan

(\*Rise, in body or in spirit)

Minister Rev. Steve De Vries  
Liturgist Rev. Sarah Albers  
Organist Annelle Dekker  
Plymouth Brass Ethan Lonsway, Justin Schreiber

Plymouth Band Nathan Diepstra, David Exoo  
Thomas Huiseman

Pianist Pat De Haan  
Scripture Reader Ava Leder

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORSHIP

March 25, 2018

Good morning and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church on this Palm Sunday! This morning we'll be commissioning Kelly Buist as our next Seminary Intern and the Dominican Team as we send them for a week in the DR. Pastor De Vries will be preaching on Mark 11:1-11, ***The Politics of Palm Sunday***. This afternoon Seminarian Lynn Song will lead worship with a meditation on I Corinthians 8:1-13, ***From Knowledge to Love***.

Please join us on Good Friday evening at 7 PM for a Good Friday Communion Service. Rev. Al Gelder will lead our service with a meditation on Luke 18:31-34. Pastor Albers will lead our Easter morning service, preaching on Mark 16:1-8, ***Fearful Discipleship***. There will be no afternoon service here on Easter Sunday, but Woodlawn CRC has invited area churches to an Easter Vesper Service at the Calvin College Chapel at 5 PM.

### 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 25, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education and Special Mission Funds

March 25, 2018 PM: Calvin Theological Seminary

April 1, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

April 1, 2018 PM: Resonate Global Mission

*Online Giving* available at phcrc.org

## FROM THE TREASURER

Treasures Report through February:

Total Receipts:	\$102,636
Total Expenses:	\$106,979
Current year Deficit:	\$4,343

All Ministry Shares are paid in full.

**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 Sunday April 1.

## YOUTH AND EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Discovery Hour:** There is Discovery hour this morning at 9AM. There is NO discovery hour on April 1 or on April 8. We will resume April 15.

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

**Lifeline:** Our next gathering will be after spring break! Enjoy the break.

**SERVE 2018:** If you or your child are planning on going to serve in Muskegon, MI this summer, please check your email for important documents that are due by March 31.

## 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 meet through May 8. If you are willing to help out providing a snack, please find a sign-up sheet 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:** 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.

**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](mailto:brad.a.jansen@gmail.com)) or Becky ([rebecca.m.jansen@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.m.jansen@gmail.com)) with any questions.

## OUTREACH

**Family Promise this week:** We start our week of hosting today, and we ask for your prayers that the Lord will use us to bless these families as they struggle with homelessness and uncertainty in their lives. Please check the sign-up sheet that is online. As of the bulletin publication this week there are still open volunteer spots. You are welcome to call Ellen Hekman (868-0610) about helping out as well. This is a great opportunity to share hospitality and God's love.

## 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](http://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](mailto:kbosma@safehavenministries.org).

## Sunday March 25, 2018

8:45AM	Sanctuary Choir
9:00AM	Discovery Hour K-2nd grade will meet in Room 104 3rd- 5 <sup>th</sup> grade will meet in Room 105 6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> will meet in the Youth Room
10:00AM	<u>Morning Worship Service</u> <b>Usher:</b> Larry Tilma, Lori Tilma, Jeff Peterson, James Vazquez <b>Prayer Servants:</b> Alice Geelhoed, Dennis Sikkema <b>Nursery:</b> Wendy Brummel, Jan Gelder, Nathan Blom, Amy Blom <b>Kingdom Kidz: (2 &amp; 3 yrs old):</b> Megan Coakley <b>Praise and Play: (4 yrs old through young 5's)</b> Becky Jansen, Ava Leder <b>Children in Worship: (5 yrs old through first grade)</b> Deedre Vriesman, Carol Honderd <b>Coffee Fellowship:</b> Phil & Deb Hall
5:30 PM	<u>Evening Worship Service</u>
5:30-7:30PM	Breakaway (4th - 8th grade) meet in the Youth Room

**Monday**  
7PM-9PM Stephen Ministers Meeting (Library)

**Tuesday**  
7PM Basketball  
Basketball snacks: Helene Bardolph

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

## Sunday April 1, 2018

10:00AM	<u>Morning Worship Service</u> <b>Usher:</b> Bob & Jane Brouwer, Chrysanthi Sinniah <b>Prayer Servants:</b> Eric Uitvlugt, Chrysanthi Sinniah <b>Nursery:</b> Mary Ma, Jennifer Rieger, Steven Rieger <b>Kingdom Kidz: (2 &amp; 3 yrs old):</b> Jasmine Underland, Zoe Underland <b>Praise and Play: (4 yrs old through young 5's)</b> Laura DenBesten <b>Children in Worship: (5 yrs old through first grade)</b> Off Today <b>Coffee Fellowship:</b> Joe & Alice Geelhoed
5:00 PM	<u>Evening Easter Vesper Worship Service</u> <u>At Woodlawn CRC's Calvin Chapel</u>