

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 1, 2017 10 AM

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude "Amazing Grace" arr. Raymond Haan  
"God We Sing Your Glorious Praises"  
(luh 519)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\*Opening Scripture Ephesians 1: 3 – 8

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the  
heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing  
in Christ.

**People: For he chose us in him before the creation of  
the world to be holy and blameless in his  
sight.**

Leader: In love he predestined us for adoption to  
sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance  
with his pleasure and will to the praise of his  
glorious grace, which he has freely given us in  
the One he loves.

**People: In him we have redemption through his  
blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance  
with the riches of God's grace that he  
lavished on us with all wisdom and  
understanding.**

Leader: Let us worship God! Let us celebrate his  
glorious grace!

\*All Sing "God, We Sing Your Glorious Praises"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 519: 1, 3, 4*

\*Welcome

\*God's Greeting

\*Greet One Another

\*All Sing "Sing Praise to the Lord,  
You People of Grace"

*Lift Up Your Hearts 7*

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:  
GOD ACCEPTS US!

Call to Confession Psalm 103, Hebrews 4: 15 – 16  
Prayer of Confession  
Assurance of Pardon Ephesians 2: 8 – 9, Psalm 103: 12  
\*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 First Grade dismissed for  
Praise and Play, & Children in Worship]

Crossroads Prison Ministry  
Concerns of our Church Family  
Congregational Prayer

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

Offering Ministry and Christian Education Funds  
Offertory "Like A River Glorious" arr. Chris Rice

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

Prayer of Illumination  
Scripture Ephesians 2: 1 – 10 (p. 1815)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **Grace Alone**

Prison Ministry testimony Dr. Bob Bulten  
Prayer

\*All Sing "As We Gather at Your Table"  
Sing! a New Creation 245: 1 – 3

GOD PREPARES A TABLE BEFORE US!

The Meaning of the Sacrament  
God's Invitation  
Approaching the Table

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

All Sing "Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord of Hosts"  
Sing! a New Creation 251

Words of Institution

Minister: The Bread which we break is a sharing in the Body of Christ.

**People: We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.**

Minister: The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

**People: The cup that we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.**

Minister: The Gifts of God for the people of God.

The Bread and Wine are offered at the Table

*We invite all participants to move to the center aisle and form two rows, beginning at the front. On both sides of the communion table elders will be waiting with the elements. When you get to the table, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and take communion there as it is offered to you, then return to your seat by the side aisles. We will bring the elements to anyone who may not be able to come forward. If you desire to participate in communion without taking the elements you are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. You may indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms as you approach the table.*

Communion "Cleansing Fountain" arr. G. Martin

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

The Thanksgiving

[Offering for Benevolence]

All Sing "In Christ There Is No East or West"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 268: 1 – 5*

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:  
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

\*Invitation

\*God's Parting Blessing Ephesians 2: 9 – 10; 3:20 – 21

\*All Sing "We Will Walk with God"  
(sing twice) *Lift Up Your Hearts 931*

\*Postlude "Fugue in C Major" D. Buxtehude

(\*stand, if you are able)

Minister	Rev. Steve De Vries
Liturgist	Rev. Sarah Albers
Organist/Pianist	Rachel Plasman
Plymouth Brass	Ethan Lonsway, Justin Schreier
	Andrew Van Zytveld
Drums	David Exoo
Scripture Reader	Tom Van Wingerden

SERMON OUTLINE

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### GRACE ALONE

Ephesians 2:1-10

Intro: Grace and frogs and a story from prison

#### 1. No Grace (verses 1-3)

- Prison
- Luther
- Addictions

#### 2. Some Grace (the church's constant problem)

- Sin
- Legalism
- Entitlement

#### 3. Only Grace (verses 4-10)

- Perfect poverty
- Complete consistency

- Surrender

Conclusion: Grace alone

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORSHIP

October 1, 2017

Good morning and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church! Today is both World Communion Sunday and the beginning of our celebration of the Reformation's 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Pastor De Vries is preaching on Ephesians 2:1-10, **Grace Alone**. Crossroads Prison Ministries and Dr. Bob Bulten will also participate in the service. Our afternoon service, also a communion service, will take place in the Friendship Room at Raybrook Manor at 3 PM (there will be no 5:30 pm service here). Pastor De Vries' meditation will be on Psalm 27.

Next week Sunday Pastor De Vries will lead the morning service, preaching on Romans 3:21-26, **Faith Alone**. We will again conclude our service with a celebration of Communion. Pastor Albers will lead our afternoon worship service with a meditation based on 46.

A communion service will be held for Raybrook residents and Plymouth Heights members at Raybrook Manor in the Friendship Room today from 3-5pm. A social time will follow the service. If your family member needs assistance to attend, please contact their household deacon or Nate Van Eck at 616-615-8462.

### TITHING OPPORTUNITIES

October 1, 2017 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

October 1, 2017 PM: Congregations Organizing for Racial Reconciliation

October 8, 2017 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

October 8, 2017 PM: Christian Counseling Center

*Online Giving* available at [phcrc.org](http://phcrc.org)

## YOUTH AND EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Discovery Hour:** Discovery Hour is this morning from 9-9:45am. We will meet next week at the same time.

**Breakaway (4th - 8th grade):** Our next event is Saturday, October 7. We will be going out to Camp Roger for a cookout in the woods. There will be games, hot dogs, and s'mores. Meet at church at 4:30pm and we will be back by 9pm. Our next gathering is Sunday, October 8, from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Hope to see you all there!

**Lifeline (9th - 12th grade):** Our next gathering is this Sunday from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Note: November 18 is no longer a Murder Mystery Dinner. Instead, we will be going to do an Escape Room. More details to come. Thanks!

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**Basketball Snack Sign Up:** Basketball has started on Tuesdays at 7pm. We still have some dates we need help with providing snacks. If you are willing to help out, please find a sign-up sheet on the table by the elevator. If you have any questions, contact Mark Bardolph at 616-583-8376.

**Coffee Fellowship Volunteers Needed:** We are in need of people to help prepare and serve coffee, lemonade, and cookies on Sunday mornings. If you are willing to be part of Coffee Fellowship and serve our congregation by coming to church a little early to set up and stay after to clean up or have questions, please contact: Susan Holwerda at 616-956-2211 or [srholwerda@gmail.com](mailto:srholwerda@gmail.com).

**The Fall Plymouth Pulse** is in your communicator boxes. You can read it online and in color on Plymouth's website.

**Congregational Potluck** is set for October 15. College students and visitors are also welcome. More details soon.

**Fricano's Italian Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner** is Saturday, October 21, from 5pm-6:30pm at Plymouth Heights in our Community Room. Donations are to benefit our Plymouth Heights Food Pantry and donations will be double matched by Meijer. Be sure to check out the silent auction table. Friends are welcome! A sign-up sheet is on the table by the elevator. Any questions call Frank Diepstra at 452-3240.

## OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENT

**Volunteers in Service (VIS)** has requested the aid of a couple volunteers locally. There is a young woman who needs an old washer and dryer brought out of the basement and moved into a trailer. In addition the young woman at the house has requested help with moving some big boxes to the basement, as she is unable to do it herself. If you are able to assist please contact Nevada Coakley at [adaven3@gmail.com](mailto:adaven3@gmail.com) or 617-4066.

**Bible Club:** Bible Club begins in October and meets at Evergreen Christian School (1630 Griggs SE). If you are able to assist with signing up to bring a snack the sign-up sheet is on the table by the elevator. The children really appreciate a snack after school when they meet for Bible Club.

**Sunday October 1, 2017**

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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 Morning Worship Service  
**Ushers:** Bob & Jane Brouwer,  
 Chrysanthi Sinniah

**Prayer Servants:** Eric Uitvlugt,  
 Chrysanthi Sinniah

**Nursery:** Susan Poel, Dawn Block,  
 Rachael Diepstra

**Kingdom Kidz**  
**(2 & 3 yrs old; larger room in**  
**nursery):** Sharon Peterson,  
 Cassandra Block

**Praise and Play**  
**(4 yrs old through young 5's):**  
 Kristin VanHall, Harrison Start

**Children in Worship (5 yrs old**  
**through first grade):**  
 Amy Blom, Henry Blom

**Coffee Fellowship:**  
 Joe & Alice Geelhoed

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

5:30 PM Evening Worship Service

**Monday**

7:00PM Elders Meeting (Fellowship Rm)  
 Deacons Meeting (Reflection Rm)

**Tuesday**

7:00PM Basketball  
 Basketball Snack: Amy Blom  
 7PM-8:15PM Friendship; Welcome Back!  
 Friendship Cookie Bakers:  
 Jane Brouwer, Linda Mulder

**Wednesday**

6:30-8:00PM Apprentice Series; *Good Beautiful*  
*Community* (Youth Room)

**Thursday**

9:45 AM Women's Bible Study (Library)  
 Lesson 1 (handout, not in study book)

**Sunday October 8, 2017**

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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 Morning Worship Service  
**Ushers:** Steve Penning, David Tiesenga

**Prayer Servants:** Kathy Sikkema,  
 Alyce Boender

**Nursery:** Mary Uitvlugt, Vicki DeVries,  
 Betsy VanZytveld

**Kingdom Kidz**  
**(2 & 3 yrs old; larger room in**  
**nursery):** Nathan Blom, Ian Blom

**Praise and Play**  
**(4 yrs old through young 5's):**  
 Tracy Acree, Precious Acree

**Children in Worship (5 yrs old**  
**through first grade):**  
 Amy Blom, Kelly Buist

**Coffee Fellowship:**  
 Michael & Andrea Lautenbach

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

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