

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 17, 2017 10 AM Communion Sunday

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude "My God, How Wonderful You Are"  
arr. S. Gabrielson

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

Opening Scripture Psalm 133: 1 – 3  
Prayer

\*All Sing "Gather Us In"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 529: 1, 3, 4*

\*Welcome

\*God's Greeting

\*Greet One Another

\*All Sing "There Is a Redeemer"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 833: 1 – 3*

"As Your Family, Lord"  
Sing! a New Creation 246: 1 – 3

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:  
GOD ACCEPTS US!

We Are an Unfaithful People I John 3: 16 – 18  
Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon Galatians 3: 26 – 28  
\*All Sing "See, What a Morning"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 181: 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 Grade 1 dismissed for  
Praise and Play, & Children and Worship]

Concerns of our Church Family  
Congregational Prayer

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

Offering Ministry and Christian Education Funds  
Offertory "Trio on "Nettleton"" arr. David Lasky

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

All Sing "Break Now the Bread of Life"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 764: 1, 3*

Scripture Exodus 20:15 (p. 117)  
Acts 2: 42 – 47 (p. 1693)

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

Sermon **A Communion Orientation**  
Prayer

\*All Sing "Sing a New Church"  
Worship and Rejoice 577: 1, 4, 5

**Summoned by the God who made us rich in our  
diversity, gathered in the name of Jesus, richer still in  
unity.**

**Refrain**  
**Let us bring the gifts that differ and, in splendid, varied  
ways, sing a new church into being, one is faith and  
love and praise.**

**Bring the hopes of every nation; bring the art of every  
race. Weave a song of peace and justice; let it sound  
through time and space. (refrain)**

**Drawn together at one table all the human family;  
shape a circle ever wider and a people ever free.  
(refrain)**

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 "He Is Exalted" Sing! a New Creation 41

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 is distributed

"Let Us Break Bread Together"  
arr. Carol Tornquist

The Wine is distributed

All Sing "Behold the Lamb"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 840: 1 – 4*

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

The Thanksgiving

[Offering for Benevolence]

All Sing "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"

*Lift Up Your Hearts 571: 1 – 3*

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:  
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

\*Invitation

\*God's Parting Blessing

All Sing "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"

*Lift Up Your Hearts 571: 5*

\*Postlude "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring"

arr. Wayne Wold

(\*stand, if you are able)

Minister Rev. Steve De Vries

Organist/Pianist Rachel Plasman

Plymouth Brass Zach Hall, Ethan Lonsway,

Beth VanDenHeuvel, Andrew Van Zytveld

Drums David Exoo

Scripture Reader Todd Sytsma

## SERMON OUTLINE

### ***A Communion Orientation***

**Acts 2:42-47 (vs. 42)**

Introduction: Utopian society

1. Hearing a New Story
  - a. Jesus the Messiah
  - b. For all people
  - c. Salvation isn't what you thought
2. Living a New Story
  - a. Greek notions of koinonia
  - b. Beyond the "fellowship" room
  - c. Grace based
3. Tasting a New Story
  - a. Breaking bread and regular meals
  - b. Breaking bread and communion
4. Praying a New Story

Conclusion: Utopian soul

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORSHIP

September 17, 2017

Good morning and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church! Today is Communion Sunday. Pastor De Vries is leading worship here (and Pastor Albers at the Church campout at the Conference Grounds). Pastor De Vries will preach on Acts 2:42-47, **A Communion Orientation**. Seminarian Norm Underland will lead the afternoon service with a meditation on Psalm 2.

Next week Sunday we look forward to another baptism. Aiden Joseph Brummel, son of Brad and Wendy Brummel will be baptized. Pastor De Vries will conclude our study of the 8<sup>th</sup> commandment by preaching on Ephesians 4:28, **If not Stealing, then What?** In the afternoon his meditation will be on Psalm 8, **Knowing Your Place**.

Plymouth Heights will be celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation by building our morning worship services around the five Solas of the Reformation.

October 1: "Sola Gratia – Grace Alone" with presentations by Bob Bulten and Crossroads Prison Ministries.

October 8: "Sola Fide – Faith Alone" and a combined service with the Falam Baptist church.

October 15: "Solus Christus – Christ Alone" with several baptisms and professions of faith

October 22: "Sola Scriptura – Scripture Alone"

October 29: "Soli Deo Gloria – To the Glory of God Alone"

We plan on concluding each of the services with a celebration of our unity in Christ alone through the sacrament of communion.

A communion service will be held for Raybrook residents and Plymouth Heights members at Raybrook Manor in the Friendship Room on Sunday, October 1, 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

September 17, 2017 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

September 17, 2017 PM: Chaplaincy and Care Ministry

September 24, 2017 AM: Ministry/Christian Education and Special Mission Funds

September 24, 2107 PM: Safe Haven Ministries

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

### YOUTH AND EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Discovery Hour:** There is no Discovery Hour today due to the church campout. We will resume next Sunday, September 24, at 9am.

**Breakaway (4th - 8th grade):** Our next gathering is September 24 from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room.

**Lifeline (9th - 12th grade):** Our first official gathering of the year is tonight from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. We will be joined by Riverside CRC.

**Food Pantry:** Food Pantry is this Saturday. Meet at 8:30am at church to help distribute food and we will be done around 10am. Hope to see you all there.

### CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**The Plymouth Heights** congregation is invited to celebrate with the Van Essen family as they host a party for Willard Van Essen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday, September 24, from 2pm-4pm at the Breton Woods Dining Hall.

**Thursday Morning Ladies' Bible Study** is starting at 9:45am on September 21 on the first and third Thursdays of each month. We will study the Gospel of John, using a short study guide. Members, friends, and neighbors are welcome to meet in the library for coffee and an introduction to our study.

**Wednesday Nights:** Beginning on September 27 we'll resume the Apprentice Series (6:30 - 8:00pm, Wed. nights). Last year we studied the *Good and Beautiful God* and the *Good and Beautiful Life*. We'll conclude the series with *The Good and Beautiful Community* this semester. All are welcome to participate. There will be more information, a calendar, and a sign-up sheet on the table by the elevator. Childcare will be provided.

**Basketball Snack Sign Up:** Basketball begins Tuesday, September 26. 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 616-956-2211  
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Mary Uitvlugt at 616-443-3743  
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## OUTREACH

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**Mobile Food Pantry:** Our next event is this Saturday, September 23 with registration and a pancake breakfast starting at 7am, and food distribution from 9-10:30am. 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.

## OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENT

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**Mulick Park Bible Club** (held at Evergreen Christian School) is looking for adult helpers to assist teachers on Wednesdays from October through March, from 3:00pm - 5:00pm. Many months we meet only three of the four weeks. If you love children and have a heart for sharing the Gospel, and can be there most Wednesdays, we would love to have you join our ministry (no preparation or teaching required). If you would like more information, please contact Libby Wiersma at [libw@comcast.net](mailto:libw@comcast.net).

**Seniors:** Fifth Reformed Church is inviting our seniors to a hymn sing on Thursday, September 28 at 2pm. Anne Tuuk will play the piano. Following the singing, we will share pie and ice cream. Please contact Paul Kortenhoven at [pkortenhoven@gmail.com](mailto:pkortenhoven@gmail.com) if you'd like to attend.

## Sunday September 17, 2017

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8:45AM Sanctuary Choir  
9:00AM Discovery Hour: Off today will resume next Sunday  
10:00AM Morning Worship Service  
**Ushers:** Dave Kline, Mary Kline, Ernie Noorman  
**Prayer Servants:** Mary Gerritsen, David VanZytveld

**Nursery:** Mary Uitvlugt, Rachael Diepstra, Ryan Diepstra

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

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

**Children in Worship (5 yrs old through first grade):**  
resumes next Sunday

**Coffee Fellowship:**  
Paul & Susan Holwerda,  
David & Jane Tiesenga

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

5:30 PM Evening Worship Service

**Monday**  
7:00PM Administrative Meeting

**Wednesday**  
6:30-8:15PM Cadets

**Thursday**  
8AM-10AM Endowment Meeting (Room 300)  
9:45AM Women's Bible Study (Library)

## Sunday September 24, 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:** Larry Tilma, Lori Tilma, Jeff Peterson, James Vazquez

**Prayer Servants:** Alice Geelhoed, Nancy VanLopik

**Nursery:** Alyssa DeMaagd, Kate DenBraber, Jan Gelder

**Kingdom Kidz (2 & 3 yrs old; larger room in nursery):**  
Jasmine Underland, Kieran Underland

**Praise and Play (4 yrs old through young 5's):**  
Becky Jansen, Rachael Diepstra, Harper Diepstra

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

**Coffee Fellowship:**  
Phil & Deb Hall

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

5:30 PM Evening Worship Service