

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 3, 2017 10 AM

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
arr. Don Freudenburg

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Opening Scripture based on Psalm 27; John 4:23
Prayer

*All Sing "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"
Lift Up Your Hearts 526

*All Sing "Come People of the Risen King"
Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise. Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace. From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him, where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Refrain
Rejoice! Rejoice! let ev'ry tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night. Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight. For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease, but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. (refrain)

Come, young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith. Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of His grace. Over all the world His people sing; shore to shore we hear them call-the Truth that cries through ev'ry age: "Our God is all in all." (refrain)

*Welcome

*God's Greeting

*Greet One Another

*All Sing "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Lift Up Your Hearts 575: 1 – 4

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:
GOD ACCEPTS US!

We Are an Unfaithful People
based on Psalm 139:23-24

Prayer of Confession

Solo "There's a Wildness In God's Mercy"
by Farber & DeMay

Assurance of Pardon Ephesians 2: 8

*All Sing "Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone"
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.

[Praise and Play, & Children in Worship
will not meet this morning.
Both will resume on September 10]

Concerns of our Church Family
Congregational Prayer

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!
Offering Ministry and Christian Education Funds
Offertory "Lord of the Dance"
arr. Mark Hayes

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!
Solo "The Wayfaring Stranger"
Scripture Luke 15: 11 – 32 (p. 1625)

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

Sermon Forgiven and Loved
Prayer

*All Sing "And Can It Be"
Lift Up Your Hearts 695: 1 – 4

**GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!**

*Invitation

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

*All Sing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Lift Up Your Hearts 965

*Postlude "Cebell" by Henry Purcell
(*stand, if you are able)

Minister Rev. Sarah Albers
Liturgist Rev. Steve De Vries
Organist/Pianist Rachel Plasman
Plymouth Band Nathan Diepstra, David Exoo
Soloist Kathy Natelborg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

September 3, 2017

Good morning and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church! Pastor Albers is preaching in the morning service. Her message is based on Luke 15:11-32, ***Forgiven and Loved***. Pastor De Vries will be leading the afternoon service (5:30 PM), a combined service with Woodlawn and Calvin, and will be preaching on Psalm 1, ***Blessed***.

Next week Sunday Pastor De Vries will be leading both services. In the morning we look forward to the baptisms of Lochlan Peter Brouwers and Lena Michelle Sytsma. Pastor De Vries will begin our study of the 8th Commandment with a sermon on Luke 12:13-21, ***Stealing and Personal Property***. In the afternoon service his meditation will be on Psalm 3, ***Sweet Dreams and Broken Teeth***.

Sanctuary Choir: For those of you who enjoy singing, we encourage you to serve with the Sanctuary Choir. Our rehearsals will resume on Sunday, September 10 at 8:45 in the music room. Please contact Doug De Vries (243-5638, ddevries@phcrc.org) or any of our choir members if you have any questions. Childcare will be provided. We eagerly welcome you to this ministry.

TITHING OPPORTUNITIES

September 3, 2017 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

September 3, 2017 PM: Resonate Global Mission

September 10, 2017 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Fund

September 10, 2017 PM: Calvin Theological Seminary

Online Giving available at phcrc.org

YOUTH AND EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discovery Hour begins Sunday September 10 at 9am. The grades and classrooms will be:

K-2nd grade will meet in Room 104

3rd- 5th grade will meet in Room 105

6th-12th will meet in the Youth Room

Classrooms are in the lower level of the building. We will not meet on Sunday September 17 due to the church campout weekend. If you have any questions contact Rachel Harkema at rharkema@phcrc.org.

Breakaway (4th - 8th grade): Our first gathering will be on Sunday, September 10, from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Students in 4th - 5th grade please bring a 2 liter of pop, students in 6th - 8th grade please bring a bag of chips.

Lifeline (9th - 12th grade): Our first official gathering of the year will be Sunday, September 17, from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. We will be joined by Riverside CRC.

Church Campout: The Youth Group is going on the church campout! The campout is September 15-17 and the Youth Group is planning on taking a few campsites and tenting for the weekend. Let Rachel know if you want to come or if you need a ride out there by **Friday, September 8**.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

John & Eleanor Slagter: For those who would like to mail a note or card for John's birthday and their anniversary their address is c/o Barb Andreas, 8151 Pinyon St., Buena Park, CA 90620.

Our fall kick off for Kingdom Kidz (ages 2-3), Praise & Play (ages 4-young 5) and Children in Worship (ages 5-1st grade), will be September 10. All classes will be off for Labor Day weekend, and will begin the new class schedule September 10. Thank you for a great summer of Kingdom Kidz and Praise & Play classes. If you have any questions please contact Amy Blom at ablom@phcrc.org.

Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study will begin Wednesday September 13 with a Salad Supper at 6:30pm in the Library. Bring a salad to pass, everything else will be provided. Future meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 pm in the Library. We will be studying Psalms and Proverbs, and the lessons will be lead by Ruth Romeyn. New members are welcome. Lessons will be distributed at the first meeting. Any questions call Kathy Doyle 581-8173.

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.

A wagon ride has been added to the Saturday activities at the Family Weekend coming up September 15 – 17. Both the Saturday afternoon ice cream and the Friday night catered pizza buffet were great hits last year so they are back. Watch for a flyer in your communicator box detailing other activities. Remember, too, that a "community cottage" will be available for all those coming out just for the day and need a place to stash stuff or use the refrigerator or microwave. There are flyers and information at the Welcome Center.

Save the Date: Fricano's Italian Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner on Saturday, October 21, 5pm-6:30pm at church. This is to benefit our Plymouth Heights Food Pantry. There will be a silent auction. If you want to give a donation to the silent auction, contact Frank Diepstra at 616-452-3240. More details to follow.

Sunday September 3, 2017

10:00AM Morning Worship Service

Ushers: Bob & Jane Brouwer,
Chrysanthi Sinniah

Prayer Servants: Atts DeVries,
Huds Nyenhuis

Nursery: Jan Gelder, Becky Jansen,
Karen VanderLaan

Kingdom Kidz
(2 & 3 yrs old; larger room in
nursery): **Off today**

Praise and Play
(4 yrs old through young 5's):
resumes next Sunday Sept. 10

**Children & Worship (5 yrs old
through first grade)**
resumes Sunday September 24

Coffee Fellowship:
Dave Diepstra/Eric & Mary Uitvlugt

5:30 PM Combined Evening Worship Service
at Plymouth Heights

Sunday September 10, 2017

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

Ushers: Steve Penning, Dave Veen

Prayer Servants: Secrest Hallman,
Frank Diepstra

Nursery: Alyssa DeMaagd,
Vicki DeVries, Rachel Harkema

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

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

**Children & Worship (5 yrs old
through first grade):**
resumes on Sunday September 24

Coffee Fellowship:
Larry & Lori Tilma

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

5:30 PM Evening Worship Service