

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 22, 2018 10 AM

4th Sunday of Easter

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude "What a Friends We Have In Jesus"
arr. David Cherwien
"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"
arr. Paul Manz

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Call to Worship Psalm 145: 3 – 7
Opening Prayer

*All Sing "We Will Extol You, God and King"
Lift Up Your Hearts 562: 1 – 4

*Welcome

*God's Greeting

*Greet One Another

*All Sing "How Great Is the Love of the Father"
Lift Up Your Hearts 683: 1 – 3

"Surely It Is God Who Saves Me"
Glory to God 71: 1 – 3

Refrain:

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation and on that day you shall say, "Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name." (refrain)

Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that the Lord is exalted. Sing the praises of the Lord, for God has done great things and this is known in all the world. (refrain)

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion; ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. (refrain)

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:

GOD ACCEPTS US!

Baptism Henry Justin VanDenHeuvel

*All Sing "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
Lift Up Your Hearts 521: 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 in Worship]

Concerns of our Church Family
Congregational Prayer
Dominican Republic Missions Trip Presentation

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

Offering Ministry/ Christian Education
and Special Mission Funds

Offertory "How Deep the Father's Love for Us/Love
Divine, All Loves Excelling"
arr. Carol Tornquist

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

Prayer of Illumination
Scripture 1 John 3: 1 – 7 (p. 1901)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Children of God
Prayer

*All Sing "Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"
Lift Up Your Hearts 796: 1, 3

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:

GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

*Invitation

*God's Parting Blessing

People: **Amen.**

*All Sing "We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus"
Evangelical Lutheran Worship 451: 1 – 3

We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are baptized in his death; that as Christ is raised victorious, we might live a brand new life. And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his, we will all be reunited for he lives.

In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread, in the waiting arms of Jesus who is risen from the dead, God has made a new beginning from the ashes of our past; in the losing and the winning we hold fast.

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one; as it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again in a song that has no ending... Amen.

*Postlude "God of Grace and God of Glory"
arr. Hal Hopson

(*Rise in body or in spirit)

Minister

Rev. Steve De Vries

Rev. Bert Block

Organist/Pianist

Annelle Dekker

Sanctuary Choir

Doug De Vries

Cello

Luke Tilma

Plymouth Band

David Exoo, Nathan Diepstra

Scripture Reader

Harrison Start

SERMON OUTLINE

Children of God

I John 3:1-7

Introduction: On coincidences

1. Shame

2. Self

3. Sin

Conclusion: On providences

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

April 22, 2018

Good morning and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church! Pastor De Vries will lead this morning's service, preaching in I John 3:1-7, **Children of God**. We'll also be celebrating the sacrament of Baptism as Justin and Beth VanDenHeuvel bring their son, Henry Justin to be baptized. And there will also be a brief report from members of the Dominican Republic team. Seminary Intern Norm Underland will lead our afternoon service. His meditation, **Just in Time**, will be based on Romans 5:1-11.

Next week Sunday will be Friendship Sunday! Our friends from Friendship will lead much of the service and Pastor De Vries will preach on II Peter 3:8,9, **The Speed of Love (or, Understanding Slowness)**. Pastor Albers will lead our afternoon service with a meditation based on various Psalms, **Praying to Sleep**.

The Plymouth Heights and Westview CRC congregations (David Duyst was a member of Westview) have agreed to show our love and support for the Duyst family by covering the funeral expenses for David Duyst. Each congregation will raise and contribute \$5,000. There will be an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary after each service, today and next week. You may use the "Special Collection" envelope and write "Duyst" in the cause line, or simply write "Duyst" on the memo line of your check. Should excess funds be raised they'll be given to Humanity for Prisoners. You can find the story of how David died at <http://humanityforprisoners.blogspot.com/>.

TITHING OPPORTUNITIES

April 22, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education and Special Mission Funds

April 22, 2018 PM: World Renew

April 29, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

April 29, 2018 PM: GEMS

Online Giving available at phcrc.org

FROM THE TREASURER

Treasures Report through March:

Total Receipts:	\$146,202
Total Expenses:	\$163,187
Current year Deficit:	\$16,985

Unpaid Ministry Shares:

1 Month of Classical

1 Month of Denominational

FROM COUNCIL

Members of PHCRC are requested to remain in the sanctuary following today's service for a brief congregational meeting to vote on the nominations for elder and deacon. The nominees are Elders: Tom Brassier, Ron & Pat De Haan, Karen Nienhuis, and Kumar Sinniah. Deacons: Scott & Christina Block, Laura Den Besten, Brad Jansen, and Susan Poel.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Christian School Enrollment: Return your forms to the church office today. If you do not receive the information and would like it please contact Ben Post at (616)318-3232, email benpost37@gmail.com or Janeen in the church office at (616)243-5638.

YOUTH AND EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discovery Hour: There is Discovery Hour today at 9AM and there will be Discovery Hour next week as well.

Breakaway: Our next gathering is tonight from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Also, we will be meeting next week in the Youth Room from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Hope to see you all there!

Lifeline: The retreat is this weekend, April 27 - 29. Cost is \$25, but let me know if this is a problem for you. I would love to see everyone at the retreat as this is our last big event of the year! Please meet at church at 6pm (eat dinner before) and we will return by 1pm on Sunday. Parents, check your emails for packing list and itinerary.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

I would like to thank the congregation for the cards, letters and prayers after my surgery and as I continue my recovery. I can really feel the prayers of support. Ruth Vander Molen

A communion service for Plymouth Heights Raybrook Residents and Plymouth Heights members will be held at Raybrook Manor in the Friendship Room on Sunday, May 6, from 3-4 pm. A social time will follow the service. If your family member needs assistance to attend please contact the household deacon or Merrie Brouwer (940-3818).

Safety Training April 29: ALL volunteers who work with children and teens, as well as Council members, are asked to attend our safety training Sunday, April 29. The training will happen downstairs in the Fellowship Room immediately after the worship service. Lunch is provided downstairs and child care (and lunch for your kids) is provided in the nursery. Please bring information for TWO references who do not attend Plymouth Heights and who are not related to you. If you have any questions, please speak with Megan Wunderink. We look forward to seeing you there!

OUTREACH

Mobile Food Pantry: Our next event is this Saturday, April 28 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.

ROC(Restoring Our Cities) Michigan fundraising bicycle tour is happening again June 8,9,10 GR to Holland, Holland to Benton Harbor, BH to Allegan (Kalhaven bike trail). We need riders and sponsors to join us in this effort!! The table by the elevator has information and sign-up sheet. We ride to raise money and awareness for the smaller non-profit organizations that transform city neighborhoods in the name of Christ. Our partner organization is Great Lakes Urban (GLU) which organizes this three day bicycling event so that we are able to support the Mulick Park mentoring program. Contact Joe and Alice Geelhoed or Deb Hall for questions? Check out www.rocmichigan.com for the full story.

Join a powerful conversation about restorative justice with State Representative David LaGrand, Kent County Prosecuting Attorney Chris Becker, and CAPPS Policy Director John Cooper on Sunday afternoon, April 29, beginning at 2 p.m. at Church of the Servant, 3835 Burton St., SE. To sign up for "Speaking of Restorative Justice, What Shall We Do?" go to Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/speaking-of-restorative-justice-what-shall-we-do-tickets-45221954082?aff=ehomecard>.

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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: Jeff Peterson, Larry Tilma, Lori Tilma, James Vazquez

Prayer Servants: Huds Nyenhuis, Linda Mulder

Nursery: Mary Gerritsen Rachel Harkema, Lori Tilma, Emma Tilma

Kingdom Kidz: (2 & 3 yrs. old): Megan Wunderink, Sophia Wunderink

Praise and Play:
(4 yrs. old through young 5's)
Susan Poel

Children in Worship:
(5 yrs. old through first grade)
Carol Honderd, Nathan Diepstra

Coffee Fellowship:
Eric & Mary Uitvlugt, Pat Schmidt

5:30 PM Evening Worship Service

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

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

Tuesday
7PM-8:15PM Friendship
Friendship Cookie Bakers:
Judy Block, Vonda Brasser

7PM Basketball
Basketball Snacks: Dawn Gebben

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

Saturday

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

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Prayer Servants: Ralph Honderd, Alyce Boender

Nursery: Kristin VanHall, Bonnie Noorman

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Praise and Play:
(4 yrs. old through young 5's)
Mandi Markosky, Jack Markosky

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