

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 6, 2018 10 AM

6th Sunday of Easter

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude "The Gift of Love" arr. John Carter
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
arr. Carol Tornquist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Opening Scripture Psalm 89: 1 – 2, 1 John 4: 11 – 12
Choir "I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord
by Brian Wren, Annabel Buchanan

Prayer
*All Sing "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
Lift Up Your Hearts 581: 1 – 3

*Welcome
*God's Greeting
*Greet One Another

*All Sing "For the Beauty of the Earth"
Lift Up Your Hearts 19: 1 – 5

"Sing of the Lord's Goodness"
[Choir 1-3, Cong. 4] Renew 256: 1 – 4

Sing of the Lord's goodness Father of all wisdom, come to him and bless his name. Mercy he has shown us, his love is forever, faithful to the end of days.

Refrain:
Come, then, all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness, melodies of praise and thanks to God. Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music, worship him and bless his name.

Power he has wielded, honor is his garment, risen from the snares of death. His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken, new life he now gives to all. (refrain)

Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow, Spirit of our God most high; solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner, splendor of the living God. (refrain)

Praise him with your singing, praise him with the trumpet praise God with the lute and harp; praise him with the cymbals, praise him with your dancing, praise God till the end of days. (refrain)

**HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:
GOD ACCEPTS US!**

Installation of Elders and Deacons
Elders: Tom Brassler, Ron & Pat De Haan
Karen Nienhuis, Kumar Sinniah
Deacons: Scott & Christina Block, Laura Den Besten
Brad Jansen, Susan Poel

*All Sing "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"
Lift Up Your Hearts 299: 1 – 4

[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 and Christian Education Funds
Offertory "They Will Know We Are Christians"
arr. Mark Hayes

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

All Sing "Love, Love, Love, Love" Maranatha
(sing twice)

Love, love, love, love, the gospel in a word is love. Love your neighbor as yourself, for God is love.

Scripture 2 John 1 (p. 1905)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Truth and Love
Prayer

*All Sing "Church of God, Elect and Glorious"
Lift Up Your Hearts 252: 1 – 3

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

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

*All Sing "Will You Come and Follow Me"
Lift Up Your Hearts 742: 1

*Postlude "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"
arr. Hal Hopson

(*stand, if you are able)

Minister Rev. Steve De Vries
Organist Annelle Dekker
Sanctuary Choir Doug De Vries
Trumpet Justin Schrier
Drums David Exoo
Pianist Rachel Plasman
Scripture Reader Nathan Diepstra

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

May 6, 2018

Good morning and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church! This morning we'll be installing our new Elders and Deacons. Pastor De Vries will preach on II John, ***Truth and Love***. Our afternoon service will be a communion service at Raybrook, in the Community Room at 3 PM. Pastor De Vries will preach from Lamentations 3, ***Great Is Thy Faithfulness***.

Next week Sunday we'll celebrate Christ's Ascension into Heaven. Pastor De Vries will lead the morning service, preaching on Luke 24:44-53. We also plan on welcoming new members Paul, Jessica and Lucy Wang and Bessie Vineyard. Seminary Intern Norm Underland will lead our afternoon service with a meditation on Psalm 20.

BANNERS

During this season of Easter we celebrate the victory of Jesus and his Kingship over the whole universe. The white and gold colors in these banners represent the joy of Christ's victory over sin and death. The gold cords symbolize the royal character of Christ's shed blood. Isaiah 53: 5 reminds us that "by his stripes we are healed." The wedge-shaped panels in two of the banners represent the torn veil, the sign that we have full access to God's presence through Christ. The season of Easter is celebrated for seven Sundays, the number portrayed by the three white and two gold panels, plus the two groups of gold chords in each banner.

TITHING OPPORTUNITIES

May 6, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds
May 6, 2018 PM: Volunteers In Service (VIS)
May 13, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds
May 13, 2018 PM: Back to God Ministries
International

Online Giving available at phcrc.org

YOUTH AND EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discovery Hour: Today is the last Discovery Hour at 9AM. Thank you Jennifer Rieger, Tracy and Precious Acree for taking time this school year to spend the mornings with the kids and teach them more about God's love. Have a great summer!

Breakaway: Our last gathering of the semester is next Sunday, May 13, from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Please bring a 2-liter. Hope to see you all there!

Lifeline: Our last gathering of the semester is tonight from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Please bring a 2-liter. Hope to see you all there!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Safety Training Today: ALL volunteers who work with children and teens, as well as Council members, are asked to attend our safety training. It is downstairs in the Fellowship Room immediately after the worship service. Lunch will be provided downstairs and child care (and lunch for your kids) will be provided in the nursery. You may still attend today even if you have not signed up ahead of time.

Seniors Breakfast with the Pastors: Enjoy breakfast with Pastor Steve and Pastor Sarah Monday, May 21, 9:30am at Arnies (Centerpointe Mall on the East Beltline). Dutch treat. A sign-up sheet is on the table by the elevator Questions call Frank Diepstra at 616-452-3240.

OUTREACH

Friendship Ice Cream Social is Tuesday, May 8, at 7pm. Please join us as we celebrate the end of our year with singing, prayer, fellowship and ice cream.

Men's Shoes Needed: Mississippi Christian Family Services agency in Rolling Fork, MI, needs men's shoes of all sizes. Examples are work shoes, casual shoes, dress shoes, or tennis shoes. Any men's shoes that you are willing to put in the box in our church narthex during the next four weeks will be taken by Don & Alyce Boender to Mississippi the end of May. Thanks so much!

Karen Vander Laan invites your sponsorship for the 5th/3rd Riverbank 5K Community Walk on May 12 where she will be raising money for Safe Haven Ministries. If you would like to contribute, please talk with Karen to arrange for your donation. Thanks so much for continuing our church's integral support for prevention, education, support, and shelter for victims of domestic violence.

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.

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Making Choices Michigan's Educational Series:

All classes are free and will be held at Making Choices Michigan: 770 Kenmoor Ave. SE, Suite 101, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

Tuesday, May 8 7-8:00 PM: Why Didn't Someone Tell Me?

Tuesday, May 15 7-8:00 PM: Sharing the Journey: Supporting a friend or neighbor at end of life

Tuesday, May 22 7-8:00 PM: Green Burial: It's more than a destination

Contact Meagan at 616-421-4840 to register, or contact us at www.makingchoicesmichigan.org

Looking for a Preschool for your 3, 4 or Young 5 year old for the 2018-19 school year? Eastminster Preschool ([1700 Woodward Ave SE](http://www.eastminsterpreschool.org)) is having an Open House along with our Art Show on Monday, May 14 from 6:30pm - 7:30pm. Come see what our program is all about. Questions? Call 247-0433.

Sunday May 6, 2018

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: Bob & Jane Brouwer,
Chrysanthi Sinniah

Prayer Servants: Frank Diepstra,
Chrysanthi Sinniah

Nursery: Judy Block, Kathy Kett,
Nathan Leder

Kingdom Kidz: (2 & 3 yrs. old):
Mary Ma, Ava Leder

Praise and Play:

(4 yrs. old through young 5's)
Lori Tilma, Emma Tilma

Children in Worship:

(5 yrs. old through first grade)
Karen VanderLaan, Ian Blom

Coffee Fellowship:

Tom & Laura Stuyfzand

5:30 PM Evening Worship Service

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

7PM-8:15PM Friendship Ice Cream Social
7PM Basketball
Basketball Snacks: Alyce Boender

Wednesday

6:30-8:00PM Guys Bible Study (Room 300)
6:30-8:15PM Cadets

Thursday

7:30PM Plymouth Heights Men's A
softball team at the Christian
Recreation Center (Diamond 1)

6:30PM Plymouth Heights Men's B
softball team at the Christian
Recreation Center (Diamond 1)

Sunday May 13, 2018

10:00AM Morning Worship Service

Usher: Steve Penning, Dave Veen,
David Tiesenga

Prayer Servants: David VanZytveld,
Secrest Hallman

Nursery: Amy Blom, Sarah Start,
Jennifer Reiger, April Li

Kingdom Kidz: (2 & 3 yrs. old):
Laura DenBesten

Praise and Play:

(4 yrs. old through young 5's)
Kristin VanHall, Harrison Start

Children in Worship:

(5 yrs. old through first grade)
Karen VanderLaan, Jackson Ouwinga

Coffee Fellowship:

Tom & Bea Diepstra/Dave Diepstra

5:30 PM Evening Worship Service

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