

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 19, 2018 10 AM Communion Sunday

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude "How Majestic Is Your Name"  
Michael W. Smith

Prelude "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"  
arr. Lani Smith

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Call to Worship Psalm 111: 1, 4, 9 - 10

Prayer

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

\*Welcome

\*God's Greeting

\*Greet One Another

\*All Sing "O Give the Lord Wholehearted Praise"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 502: 1,2,5,7*

"Lord, Be Glorified"

Sing! a New Creation 43: 1 – 4

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:  
GOD ACCEPTS US!

We Are an Unfaithful People Proverbs 9: 10 – 18

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon Proverbs 8: 1 – 3, 10 – 19

\*All Sing "The One is Blest"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 714: 1 – 5*

[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]

Concerns of our Church Family  
Congregational Prayer

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

Offering Ministry and Christian Education Funds  
Offertory "I Love You, Lord" arr. Jan Sanborn

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Ephesians 5: 15 – 20 (p. 1819)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Filled with the Spirit

Prayer

\*All Sing "Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 356: 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.**

Prayer of Consecration

All Sing "Bread of Life from Heaven"  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship 474

**Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given,  
we eat this bread and drink this cup until you come  
again.**

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 Music

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul" arr. Nolan Williams Jr.

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

The Thanksgiving

[Offering for Benevolence]

All Sing "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 832: 1 – 3*

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:  
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

\*Invitation

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*All Sing "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 832: 4*

\*Postlude "God of Grace"

arr. Paul Manz

(\*Rise, in body or in spirit)

Minister	Rev. Steve De Vries
Organist	Annelle Dekker
Plymouth Brass	Ethan Lonsway, Justin Schreier
Plymouth Band	David Exoo
Pianist	Rachel Plasman
Scripture Reader	Ali Buist

SERMON OUTLINE

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**Ephesians 5:15-20**  
**Filled with the Spirit**

**Intro: Wasted**

**1. Wisdom**

- a. OT slaves and slavery (Exodus & Proverbs)
- b. NT church: from slavery to freedom
- c. Commonality

**2. Worship & Wisdom**

- a. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of....
- b. Pious speech vs. true speech
- c. The gift of song

**3. Wonder & Wisdom**

- a. Thanksgiving: it's good for your health
- b. Thanksgiving: always and for everything?
- c. Thanksgiving Therapy

**Conclusion: Wasted or Wondered?**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 19, 2018

Good morning and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church! Please join us after the service for a time of refreshments and fellowship in the Community Room. Today is Communion Sunday, and Pastor De Vries is preaching on Ephesians 5:15-20, *Filled with the Spirit*.

Next week Sunday Pastor De Vries will conclude our Lectionary Series on Ephesians by preaching on Ephesians 6:10-20, *The Armor of God*.

## BANNERS

Ordinary Time is a season to deepen ones life of faith, to grow more into the likeness of Christ, becoming a more holy people by committing ourselves to grow in obedience and service to our Lord through the work of the Holy Spirit. As a congregation we work to grow and deepen the life and mission of the church in the world.

The Liturgical color for Ordinary time is green which represents new life, hope and growth. Each banner has a white panel representing Jesus Christ who is at the center of our faith and growth. The less discernable wedge shape panel on each banner represents roots growing down deep into the word of God, "like a tree planted by streams of water." The different colors of green and the different size wedge panels represent the differences in our faith, hope and growth in Jesus Christ.

## TITHING OPPORTUNITIES

August 19, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

August 26, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education and Special Mission Funds

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

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**Bassinet Blessings:** To help welcome Margaret Joanna Van Eck to our church family, we have the opportunity to give a small wrapped anonymous gift to her and her family. The bassinet will be out through September 16. Blessings abound!

**Safety Training:** Next Sunday, August 26 and Sunday, September 23. If you did not attend a safety training last spring, please sign up on the sheet on the table by the elevator (and note if you'll need childcare). Both trainings will occur in the Fellowship Room downstairs immediately following the morning worship service, and lunch will be provided. *Childcare and a kids' lunch* will also be provided in the nursery - you can drop your children off right after the service. We will do our best to keep the training to an hour. Please bring information for two references who are not related to you and do not attend Plymouth Heights. If you have any questions, call Megan Wunderink at 616-516-4953 or email her at [meganwunderink@gmail.com](mailto:meganwunderink@gmail.com).

**Senior event on August 28 at 1:30pm at Fifth Reformed Church:** Pam Pekelder, a gospel singer will lead us in a hour of gospel music. Pam began singing at her home church in 2008. She and her husband, Ben, who is the sound technician, began a gospel music ministry. Pam sings regularly at churches and retirement communities such as Breton Woods, Beacon Hill, Clark Homes. In 2013, she recorded a CD entitled "Praise the Lord". Her program will include familiar hymns as well as contemporary gospel songs. Following the music, we will share a time of fellowship over coffee and ice cream. Please let me know if you plan to attend. Paul Kortenhoven  
Home phone 616 742-7400. Cell 616 481-5167  
Email: [pkortenhoven@gmail.com](mailto:pkortenhoven@gmail.com).

**Family Weekend / Church Picnic:** This year the picnic will be combined with the church Family Weekend at the Conference Grounds on Saturday, September 15, with games from 3pm-5pm and dinner at 5:30pm. Chicken Out is catering the meal. There is a new picnic shelter near the beach which will work perfectly to unite our annual church picnic with fun Saturday activities. A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center. Any questions contact Deb Hall at 450-4274.

**Mulick Park Bible Club:** Starting this fall, Plymouth Heights will be in charge of the after school Bible Club for Mulick Park Elementary School. The club takes place on Wednesday from 3:15pm - 4:45pm. We are in need of 4-5 volunteers to help with this program on a weekly basis. Please contact Rachel Harkema at [rharkema@phcrc.org](mailto:rharkema@phcrc.org) or 616-328-2549 if you would like more information about this program and what it would look like to be a volunteer.

**School Supply Drive:** As the beginning of school draws closer, we are hoping to gather school supplies for children right here in our neighborhood. NET (Neighborhood Engagement Team) and our children's ministry programs are holding a school supply drive. Crayons, pencils, notebooks, etc. can be dropped off in a box located by the nursery. The supplies will be gathered through the end of August and will be evenly distributed between Alpha Family Center of Grand Rapids, Mulick Park Elementary School, and Food Pantry participants. Please consider donating. Thank you!

**Pencils are available** in the back of church in the bulletin racks for your use during worship services. Pencils were removed from the pew racks due to some property damages from misuse. Thank you for your help in caring for our sanctuary.

**Online Church Membership Directory:** In your communicator box or in the back of the Sanctuary, find a half sheet of yellow paper regarding an upcoming, password-protected, online church membership directory. There are a couple questions on the form asking for a response to the online directory. Please put the completed sheet in the box in the back of the sanctuary or email your response to the church office at [office@phcrc.org](mailto:office@phcrc.org).

## **OUTREACH**

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**Mobile Food Pantry:** Our next event is this Saturday, August 25 with registration and a pancake breakfast starting at 7am, and food distribution from 8:30-10:00 am. 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.

**Meijer Simply Give:** Once again Meijer store on 28<sup>th</sup> and Kalamazoo has selected our church food pantry as the recipient for their Simply Give Fall Campaign. The fall campaign runs from August 19 to September 15. Each \$10 card (available at the store checkout and our table by the elevator) you purchase Meijer will match the donation giving us \$20 for our food pantry. See the flyer in your communicator box. Thank you for helping a neighbor who needs a little help.

**Service Opportunity:** Lucette, 68 years old, needs a ride to Ann Arbor to see a dental specialist. Lucette is on Medicaid and there are no oral surgeons in the Grand Rapids area that take Medicaid patients. Lucette has had to cancel two appointments already because she was not able to find transportation. The doctor's office in Ann Arbor is requiring that she find transportation first before she re-schedules. The appointment will need to be in the morning; Lucette hopes she can get in before the end of the month if possible. If you are interested in helping please contact Nevada Coakley [adaven3@gmail.com](mailto:adaven3@gmail.com) or call 616-617-4066.

## **OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**Why do some Christians affirm same-sex marriage?** While adhering to the CRC's official position regarding homosexuality, more than two years ago Classis Grand Rapids East commissioned a study on *The Biblical and Theological Support Currently Offered by Christian Proponents of Same-Sex Marriage*, and posted the report on its website for study and discussion. Realizing that many leaders and members are not familiar with the report, Classis will host a summary presentation on Thursday, Sept 20, 7 to 9pm, at Shawnee Park CRC, 2255 Tecumseh SE in Grand Rapids. The presentation will be led by members of the study committee. Congregational leaders and other interested persons are invited to attend, and are encouraged to read the report in advance. Go to <http://classisgreast.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/ClassisGREastreSSMStudyReport2016.pdf>

### **Sunday August 19, 2018**

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10:00AM Morning Worship Service  
**Usher:** Dave Kline, Mary Kline, Tom Diepstra, Ernie Noorman  
**Prayer Servants:** Nancy VanLopik, Huds Nyenhuis  
**Nursery:** Megan Wunderink, Alyssa DeMaagd, Betsy VanZytveld, April Li  
**Kingdom Kidz:** (2 & 3 yrs. old) Janeen VanSwol, Sophia Wunderink  
**Praise and Play:** (4 yrs. old through young 5's) Becky Jansen, Ian Blom

**Children in Worship:** (5 yrs. old through first grade) Off for the summer and will resume in the fall

**Coffee Fellowship:** Todd & Missy Harkema

### **Saturday**

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

### **Sunday August 26, 2018**

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10:00AM Morning Worship Service  
**Usher:** Larry Tilma, Lori Tilma, Jeff Peterson, James Vazquez  
**Prayer Servants:** Mary Gerritsen, Dennis Sikkema  
**Nursery:** Susan Post, Wendy Brummel, Deedre Vriesman, Bonnie Noorman  
**Kingdom Kidz:** (2 & 3 yrs. old)  
**Praise and Play:** (4 yrs. old through young 5's) Dawn Block, Cassandra Block  
**Children in Worship:** (5 yrs. old through first grade) Off for the summer and will resume in the fall  
**Coffee Fellowship:** Deb & Phil Hall