

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 30, 2018 10 AM

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
arr. John Carter
"Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)"
arr. John Cumberland

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

Opening Scripture Psalm 100: 1 – 5
Choir "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Martin How

*All Sing "Sing of the Lord's Goodness"
[Choir 1-2, Cong. 3-4] 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)

*Welcome
*God's Greeting
*Greet One Another

*All Sing "What the Lord Has Done in Me"
Lift Up Your Hearts 800: 1 – 3

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM: GOD ACCEPTS US!

Baptism Elsie Rachel Post
Heidelberg Catechism Question & Answer #1
Said Responsively Psalter Hymnal (p. 861)

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

Food Pantry Ministry Paul Holwerda
Concerns of our Church Family
Congregational Prayer

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

SERVE 2018 Pictures Rachel Harkema
Offering Ministry and Christian Education Funds
Offertory "Children Medley" By Marilyn Ham

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

Prayer of Illumination
Scripture Genesis 21: 8 – 21 (p. 29)

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

Sermon **Tears**
Prayer

*All Sing "Christ Is God's Never Changing 'Yes!'"
Worship and Rejoice 369: 1, 2, 4
Christ is God's never changing 'Yes!' Every one of God's promises is confirmed in the love that died, by the one who was crucified.

Refrain [sing twice]
'Yes' from God and then, 'Yes' from Christ again! In the Spirit we say "Amen!" 'Yes' from God and then, 'Yes' from Christ again! In the Spirit we say "Amen!"

Earth, corrupted by sin and shame, scandalized the Creators name; now the Spirit of God says 'Yes!' Christ has honored God's holiness! (Refrain)

Love has conquered, though Jesus died; he is risen and glorified; this is promised, and nothing less, all creation will answer, 'yes!' (Refrain)

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE: GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

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

*All Sing "I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord"
Psalter Hymnal 169: 1

*Postlude "Postlude in G Major" George F. Handel

(*Rise, in body or in spirit)

Minister

Rev. Steve De Vries

Organist

Annelle Dekker

Sanctuary Choir

Doug De Vries

Plymouth Band

Nathan, Diepstra, David Exoo

Pianist

Rachel Plasman

Scripture Reader

Rachel Harkema

SERMON OUTLINE

Genesis 21:8-21

Tears

Intro: An Old Sermon

1. Rejected
2. Lost
3. And Found

Conclusion: God's Consistent Inconsistency

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

September 30, 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. This morning Pastor De Vries continues a series called, **Stories from Our Childhood**. Today the sermon is on Genesis 21:8-21, **Tears**. We also look forward to celebrating the baptism of Elsie Rachel Post, daughter of Ben and Susan Post. This afternoon (at 5:30) we'll welcome Michigan Representative David LaGrand, who will share a presentation on Criminal Justice Reform. All are invited to attend for a Christian perspective on an important issue that increasingly has bipartisan attention and support. Woodlawn CRC will be joining us and there will be time for refreshments and follow up conversation after the service.

Next week Sunday is World Communion Sunday and Mission Emphasis Sunday. Pastor De Vries, and our missionary to France, Roy Nagelkirk, will lead the morning service. Our afternoon service will be a communion service in the Friendship Room at the Raybrook campus of the Holland Home at 3:00 PM. There will be no service here at church. Pastor Albers will lead the Raybrook Service.

TITHING OPPORTUNITIES

September 30, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

October 7, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

Online Giving available at phcrc.org

FROM COUNCIL

Plymouth Heights Council has decided to discontinue the weekly evening service special cause collections in lieu of once a month special cause collection during the morning service. This will allow for a larger share of the congregation to participate in giving to selected special causes and provide more funds to these causes. More information will be provided in the coming month. If there are any questions or concerns or requests to include a specific cause please email Brad Jansen at brad.a.jansen@gmail.com

YOUTH AND EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discovery Hour: Today at 9am for grades K-12. Please meet in the **Youth Room** for a time of worship. We will end the morning in the Fellowship Room. We will meet next week at 9am in the **Youth Room**.

Cadets/GEMS: Our next meeting is this Wednesday from 6:30pm - 8pm. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Feys at 616-957-2160 or Rachel Harkema at 616-328-2549 or rharkema@phcrc.org.

Breakaway (4th - 8th grade): Our next event is Saturday, October 6. Parents, check your emails for more details.

Lifeline (9th - 12th grade): Our first gathering is Sunday, October 7. We will be meeting from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Please bring a 2-liter. Hope to see you all there!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

We thank you for your prayers, support, and cards as we grieve the loss of our dear wife, mother, and grandmother. We are thankful for this Christian community that is upholding us as we walk through these days.
The Bardolph Family

We would like to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers, and cards during Janet's sickness. She is now home recuperating and gaining strength every day. Thank you again for your answered prayers.
Bob and Janet Buffham

Prayer Partner Potluck Today: Following the morning service there will be a potluck in the Community Room. All prayer partners, children/youth, and families involved are encouraged to come. The goal is for people to have a chance to sit with their prayer partner and possibly their family and have face-to-face time. Hope you can join us!

Bible Club Snack Sign-Up Sheet: Bible Club begins this Wednesday. The children meet at Evergreen Christian School (1630 Griggs SE). The sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center. The children really appreciate a snack after school when they meet for Bible Club. If you have trouble dropping your snack off to the school, you are welcome to drop off your snack to the church office.

Congregational Potluck is set for Sunday October 7 immediately following the morning service. Households 2,4,6,8 and 9 please bring a salad. Households 1,3,5,7 please bring dessert. Council members bring a potato dish. Plymouth Heights will provide the meat, vegetables, rolls and beverage. Visitors and college students are welcome to join us.

Family Promise: We will be hosting guests the week of October 21. Consider volunteering to show hospitality to our families! The sign-up sheet link is on the Plymouth Heights CRC website. Call Jane Brouwer (560-2902) or Ellen Hekman (868-0610) with questions.

Food Pantry Spaghetti Dinner & Auction: Save the date for our upcoming Food Pantry fundraiser to be held Wednesday, November 14 beginning at 5pm. Your special donated gift to our silent and live auctions will help us reach our goal of raising \$7000 for our PH Food Pantry. Sign up at the Welcome Center for both attending and giving a donation. Questions? Call Frank Diepstra (452-3240) or Paul Holwerda (915-6840).

Sunday September 30, 2018

8:45AM Sanctuary Choir
9:00AM Discovery Hour
K-12 grade meet in the Youth Room

10:00AM Morning Worship Service
Usher: Deacons

Prayer Servants: Alice Geelhoed,
Chrysanthi Sinniah

Nursery: Don Buist, Jan Gelder,
Jennifer Rieger, Emma Tilma

Kingdom Kidz: (2 & 3 yrs. old)

Praise and Play:
(4 yrs. old through young 5's)
Kate DenBraber

Children in Worship:
(5 yrs. old through first grade)
Amy Blom, Megan Coakley

Coffee Fellowship:
Phil & Deb Hall

5:30 PM Evening Worship Service

Monday

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

Tuesday

7-8:15PM Friendship: Welcome back!
Friendship Cookie Bakers:
Ruth Bolt, Barb Denhof

Wednesday

6:30-8PM Apprentice Series (Youth Room)
6:30-8PM Cadets/GEMS
6:30-8PM Oasis (Library)

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Chrysanthi Sinniah

Prayer Servants: Kathy Sikkema,
Linda Mulder

Nursery: Al Gelder, Jennifer Rieger,
Bonnie Noorman

Kingdom Kidz: (2 & 3 yrs. old)
Megan Coakley, Harrison Start

Praise and Play:
(4 yrs. old through young 5's)
Wendy Brummel, Mary Ma

Children in Worship:
(5 yrs. old through first grade)
Amy Blom, Sarah Start

Coffee Fellowship:
Doug & Kathy Kool

5:30-7:30PM Lifeline (High School) Youth Room
3-5PM Communion Service at Raybrook in the
Friendship Room