

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 15, 2008 10 AM

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude: "Fugue and Harmonization on "St. Anne"
Bach/Hopson/Young

Minister The Lord be with You.

People: And also with You.

Opening Scripture Isaiah 40:31

All Sing: "Be Still, for the Presence" Sing! 11:1

Prayer

*All Sing: "Be Still, for the Presence" Sing! 11:3

*God's Greeting

*Greet One Another

*All Sing: "God Is Here" Psalter 516

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:

GOD ACCEPTS US!

Profession of Faith Justin Hall, Greg Ludema
Grant Ludema

All Sing: "In Christ Alone"

**In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light,
my strength, my song; this cornerstone, this
solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought
and storm.**

**What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My
comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ
I stand.**

**In Christ alone! – who took on flesh, fullness of
God in helpless babe! This gift of love and
righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to
save:**

**till on the cross as Jesus dies; the wrath of God
was satisfied for every sin on him was laid: here
in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground his body lay, light of the
world by darkness slain: then bursting forth in
glorious day up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory sin's curse has lost
its grip on me, for I am his and he is mine –
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power
of Christ in me; from life's first cry to final
breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power
of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me
from his hand; till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

Concerns of the Church

Congregational Prayer

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

Offering: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

Offertory: All Sing: "Spirit Song" Celebration 384

**O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit
and His love; Let Him fill your heart and satisfy
your soul. O let Him have the things that hold
you, and His Spirit, like a dove, Will descend
upon your life and make you whole.**

Refrain

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

**O come and sing this song with gladness as
your hearts are filled with joy; Lift your hands
in sweet surrender to His name. O give Him all
your tears and sadness; give Him all your
years of pain, And you'll enter into life in
Jesus' name. (refrain)**

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

Scripture: Luke 15: 11-32 (p. 1094)

Minister This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon The Waiting Father

Prayer

All Sing: "Softly and Tenderly" Great Hymns 246:1, 4

WE EAT AND DRINK WITH OUR LORD:
GOD FEEDS US!

God's Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift then 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.**

All Sing: "He Is Exalted" Sing! 41
Institution

All Sing: "O Christ, the Lamb of God" Psalter 257

The Memorial [said by all]

We shall do as our Lord commands.

**We proclaim that our Lord Jesus
was sent by the Father into the world,
that he took upon himself our flesh and blood,
and bore the wrath of God against our sin.**

**We confess that he was condemned
to die that we might be pardoned,
and suffered death that we might live.**

**We proclaim that he is risen to make us right
with God and that he shall come again in the
glory of his new creation.**

This we do now and until he comes again.

Prayer of Consecration

Preparation of the Bread and Wine

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 which we share is our
participation in the blood of Christ.**

Invitation to the Table

Minister: The Gifts of God for the people of God.

The Bread and Wine are Distributed

Bread: "In Remembrance" R. Courtney, B Red

Wine: "Let Us Break Bread Together"

All Sing: "Praise the Savior" Psalter 400
[Offering for Benevolence]

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE: GOD IS ALWAYS

WITH US!

*God's Parting Blessing

People: Amen.

*All Sing: "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"
Sing! 288

*Postlude: "New Doxology" arr. De Vries
(*stand, if you are able)

Ministers Rev. Carolyn Wharton, Rev. Steve De Vries

Organist Annelle Dekker

Plymouth Brass Jon Karnes, Adam Medema

Plymouth Band Kari Brouwer, Lisa Brouwer

Michelle Holwerda, Neal Van Allsburg,

William VanDenHeuvel, Jonathon Vander Laan

Pianist Deb Feys

Soloist Amy Blom

Readers Charlie De Vries, Sam De Vries, Cory Wharton

C. We don't know about the other.

D. What about you?

SERMON OUTLINE

THE WAITING FATHER

LUKE 15:11-32

I. INTRODUCTION

A. The Middle Eastern context

B. Three parables: Similarities and differences

C. "Abbuna"—a word of respect

II. THE PARABLE

A. The Younger Son's Request: "I want it now!"

B. The Father's Response: "It's yours!"

C. The Son's Wasted life

D. The Son's Repentance: "I've come to my senses!"

E. The Father's Response: "I've been waiting!"

a. The father's alternatives

b. The father's choice

F. The Younger Son's Response: "I've sinned!"

G. The Father's Response: "You're back! Let's celebrate!"

H. The Elder Son's Response: "You never....!"

I. The Father's Response: "Please come!"

a. The father's alternatives

b. The father's choice

III. CONCLUSION: Two Sons: One invitation

A. Both sons broke their father's heart.

B. One understood and accepted grace and forgiveness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 15, 2008

WORSHIP

Welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church! This morning we'll witness the public professions of faith of Justin Hall, Grant Ludema and Greg Ludema and at the conclusion of the service we'll celebrate communion together. Pastor Wharton will lead the morning worship service, preaching on Luke 15, *The Waiting Father*. Tonight Pastor De Vries will lead worship as we turn our attention to the "L" of TULIP – *Limited Atonement*.

Next week Sunday Pastor De Vries will lead both services. He'll be preaching on Luke 12:16-21, *The Rich Fool*, in the morning and on *Irresistible Grace* in the evening.

Summer PM Worship Schedule:

Plymouth Heights CRC will be celebrating combined worship services with some of the churches of Classis GR East on the following dates:

July 6 @Calvin CRC 5 PM

August 3 @PHCRC 6 PM

August 31 @Woodlawn CRC 5 PM

In addition, we've been invited to two other afternoon services this summer (though we will not be canceling our own services for them). The first is on June 22, at 5 PM, in Shawnee Park CRC. Their guest minister will be Rev Istifanus Bahago, President of the

Christian Reformed Church in Nigeria, who will be here for Synod. The second service is the Sea to Sea Celebration Service that will take place on Sunday, August 17, at 3 PM in Fifth Third Ball Park. Tickets are required for this service and more information will be available soon.

COUNCIL

In the morning service on June 22 the deacons have scheduled a special second offering for CRWRC international disaster relief. As you are surely aware, there is a need for help in several areas of the world: the political disaster in Kenya, the cyclone in Myanmar and the earthquake in China. Please consider what you can give to relieve the ongoing suffering these disasters are causing.

TITHING OPPORTUNITIES

June 15, 2008 AM:	Ministry/Christian Ed. Funds
June 15, 2008 PM:	Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services
June 22, 2008 AM:	Ministry/Christian Ed. and Special Mission Funds
June 22, 2008 PM:	Oakdale Neighbors

YOUTH & EDUCATION

High School Ministries:

Colorado Challenge: Please fill out your forms and return to Gretchen either today or sometime this week. If you have any questions about our trip, Gretchen will be by the Welcome Center after the service. Please be at church on Saturday morning (June 21) at 6:30AM.

Interns: We will begin meeting this week Tuesday! We'll start with the Bible study at 10AM in the church library. See you there!

Bible Study: This summer we will have a weekly Bible Study that high school students are invited to join. It will begin on Tuesday, June 17, from 10:00AM - 11:00AM and meet most Tuesdays this summer. We will be studying the book of James. Meet in the church library.

Middle School Ministries (6th-8th grade):

Breakaway:

Our next event is a pool party this Wednesday evening, June 18 from 4-8PM at the VanAllsburgs. Current 5th grade students are invited to join us for the first time at this event.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

We appreciate the many kind thoughts and cards during the passing of my mother Mary Hofstra.
Dave & Marcia Hofstra

Congratulations to David De Jonge who will be celebrating his 65th birthday on June 19.

Nursery Reminder: If you are scheduled and NOT able to be in Nursery, you are responsible for finding a substitute. Thank you!

OUTREACH

Friendship: Whitecaps Baseball Game is Wednesday, July 9 at 7PM. We will leave church at 5:45PM and car pool to the game. If you are signed up to go, please send Nella your money. If you haven't signed up, you are welcome to join us. All Plymouth Heights members are welcome, call Nella to make your reservations.

SEA TO SEA – 2 WEEKS TO GO: On June 19, tour chairperson Claire Elgersma will speak about Sea to Sea to the 2008 Synod of the Christian Reformed Church. Please join with Claire, tour participants and leaders of the church in praying for God's will to be done through the tour and in the hearts and lives of those who are impacted by it. www.SeatoSea.org

Devotional Reading Guide and Sea to Sea Tour:

For the months of July and August we'll be using the Sea to Sea publication, "Shifting Gears," as our Devotional Reading Guide. All the members of the congregation are encouraged to read and pray along with our Sea to Sea riders, Bob and Lisa Brouwer.

You can get your copy of "Shifting Gears" from Bob or Lisa. Profits from the sale of these devotionals go to the causes represented by the tour.

You are needed tomorrow! Tomorrow is the first of two summer blood drives that we will be hosting. Please join us in serving the people of West Michigan by donating a pint of blood. Our drive is scheduled for Monday, June 16, from 2:00PM-7:00PM. Everyone who attempts to donate will receive a free t-shirt! If you'd like to reserve a donation time, please do so at the Welcome Center today!

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is a reminder that Safe Haven Ministries can still use your used cell phones! So bring that phone that is collecting dust in a drawer or closet to help keep abused women and their children safe. There is a box at the Welcome Center.

Donate your vehicle! Change a life! Volunteers in Service (VIS) has 8 families waiting for cars to be donated. Can you help? You can still get fair market value on your taxes if your car goes to a low income family. Call Carolyn at VIS at 459-7500, ext. 250.

Wedgwood Christian Services tees up for its 23rd Annual Charity Golf Classic on Monday, June 23, at Egypt Valley Country Club. To register call (616) 942-2392. For more information, visit www.wedgwood.org.

6:45AM Faith Builders
8:20PM Women's Ball game Diamond 7
8:20PM Men's A Team Ball game Diamond 6
6:30PM Men's B Team Ball game Diamond 1

Sunday June 15, 2008

10:00AM Morning Worship Service
Meet & Greet Team: Deb Feys, Mike Feys, Susan Kool, Vicki Ludema

Ushers: Dave Diepstra, Tom Diepstra, Dave Kline, Lori Tilma

Nursery: Rick & Jaltina Kehr, Morgan & Taylor Schuiteman

Children's Worship 1 (3, 4, and young 5)
Betsy VanZytveld, Amber Gilman

Coffee Fellowship: Bruce & Sandy Gilman

6:00PM Evening Worship Service
Nursery: Heidi Kett, Brian Holwerda

Monday

7:00-8:00PM Elders Meeting
8:00PM Full Council Meeting

Tuesday

7:00PM Basketball

Wednesday

7:20PM Men's B Team (MSP) Diamond 2

Thursday

Sunday June 22, 2008

10:00AM Morning Worship Service
Meet & Greet Team: Lory & Paul Bakker, Jackie Sikkema, Rosemary VanAllsburg

Ushers: Kevin Uitvlugt, Paul Bakker, Larry Tilma, Jeff Peterson

Nursery: Paul & Janeen VanSwol, Kari Brouwer, Lydia Schmidt

Children's Worship 1 (3, 4, and young 5)
Helene Bardolph, Duncan Leugs

Coffee Fellowship: Mike & Deb Feys

6:00PM Evening Worship Service
Nursery: Donna Anema, Emily

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