

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 25, 2010 10 AM

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude: "Jesus Loves Me" arr. Spong
"God of the Prophets" arr. Paxton

Leader The Lord be with You.

People: And also with You.

Welcome

Opening Scripture Psalm 138: 1-2

Prayer

All Sing: "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" Sing! 203

*God's Greeting

*Greet One Another

*All Sing: "Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him"
Worship & Rejoice 17

Praise the Lord! O heavens adore him; praise him angels in the height; sun and moon, bow down before him; praise him, shining stars of light. Praise the Lord, for he hath spoken; worlds his mighty voice obeyed; laws which never shall be broken for their guidance he has made.

Praise the Lord, for he is gracious; never shall his promise fail; God has made his saints victorious; sin and death shall not prevail. Praise the God of our salvation; hosts on high, his power proclaim; heaven and earth and all creation, laud and magnify his name.

*All Sing: "Great Is the Lord" Celebration 140

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just; by His power we trust in His love. Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true; by His mercy He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise! Great is the Lord! Now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just; by His power we trust in His love. Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true; by His mercy He proves He is love.

Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise! Great are You, Lord! I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice: Great are You, Lord! Great are You, Lord!

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:

GOD ACCEPTS US!

We Are An Unfaithful People Hosea 1: 2-3, 10-11

All Sing: "God Be Merciful to Me" Psalter 255: 1, 2

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-9

Solo: "Salvation Belongs to Our God"

A. Howard, P. Turner

Concerns of the Church

Congregational Prayer

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

VBS Presentation: A Week on a High Seas

Adventure

Offering: Ministry/Christian Education

Funds

Offertory: Vacation Bible School Ministry

[Please pass the Fellowship pads]

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

VBS children singing: "Vast Voyage" J. Stocker

"Ancient Words" L. DeShazo

[Children Kindergarten through Grade 1 dismissed for Children's Worship 2 following the VBS songs]

Scripture: Genesis 18: 20-33 (p. 17)

Minister This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Bold Prayer for Justice and Grace

Solo: "Make Us a House of Prayer" D. Brymer

*All Sing: "Seek Ye First the Kingdom"

Psalter 209: 1, 2

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:

GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

Invitation

*God's Parting Blessing

People: Amen.

*All Sing: "To God Be the Glory" Psalter 632

*Postlude: "Trumpet Voluntary in D Major" Purcell
(*stand, if you are able)

Ministers Rev. Carolyn Wharton & Phillip Westra

Scripture Reader

Carley Van Swol

Organist/Pianist

Annelle Dekker

Soloist

Karen Vander Laan

SERMON OUTLINE

Bold Prayer for Justice and Grace
Genesis 18:20-33

Memory: *Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the judge of all the earth do right?* - Genesis 18:25

Introduction: Bargaining with God?

1. How can Abraham talk to God like this?
 - a. God's Character
 - b. Abraham's Character
2. Justice
 - a. God _____ the people's _____
 - b. God personally _____
 - c. God _____ the _____
 - d. Abraham _____ for the _____
3. Grace
 - a. Abraham focuses on the _____
 - b. God can spare the _____ for the _____
 - c. God will _____ his people from _____

Conclusion: How then shall we pray?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday July 25, 2010

WORSHIP

Welcome to worship at Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church. We are glad you could join us today as we welcome participants from Fifth Reformed's VBS to our service this morning. We will hear about VBS, see a video, and listen to the children sing a couple of their songs. In addition to Pastor Carolyn Wharton and Phillip Westra's leadership of this morning's service, Karen Vander Laan will be singing two meditative solos and Carley Van Swol will be reading our Bible passage. Phillip is preaching on "Bold Prayer for Justice and Grace" from Genesis 18:20-33.

This afternoon Phillip Westra will lead our time of singing and prayer. Pastor Carolyn will be preaching on "The Heart of Life is Christ" based on Colossians 2.

Next week Sunday morning Phillip Westra will be leading worship and preaching on Jesus' parable often called "The Rich Fool" from Luke 12:13-21. There will be no afternoon worship service at Plymouth Heights because we will gather for a combined worship service at Seymour Christian Reformed Church at 5:00PM.

Prayer Servants are available to pray with anyone desiring prayer immediately following this morning's worship service. Please meet them in the front of the sanctuary.

If you are a visitor and would like to know more about ministries, groups, and other opportunities to connect with Plymouth Heights, information is available at the Welcome Center.

TITHING OPPORTUNITIES

- July 25, 2010 AM: Ministry/Chr. Ed. & Special Mission Funds
July 25, 2010 PM: Pregnancy Resource Center
August 1, 2010 AM: Ministry/Chr. Ed. Funds

YOUTH & EDUCATION

Children's Ministries

Children's Worship 1: Children ages 3, 4 and young 5 are invited to join in Children's Worship 1 during the morning service in the basement, Room 102.

Children's Worship 2: Children who are in Kindergarten and First grade are invited to join this class in Room 101 during the service. Look for the dismissal time in the bulletin. Parents, please pick up your children after the service is done.

High School Ministries

Bible Study: We will continue our weekly Bible study this week Wednesday, at 7:00pm on the parsonage deck. Bring your Bible!

Cottage Day: We are canceling cottage day due to too many conflicts.

Cedar Point: Mark your calendars for August 4! We will meet at church at 5:30am and return around midnight. Sign up by getting \$30 to Gretchen. There is limited space, so get your money in early!

Middle School Ministries

Bible Study: We will continue our weekly Bible study this week Wednesday, at 7:00pm on the parsonage deck. Bring your Bible!

Cedar Point: We are heading to Cedar Point for the day on Wednesday, August 4. Sign up by getting \$30 to Gretchen - there is limited space.

As the summer is at the halfway point we are starting to think about our next season of GEMS. Please pray for our combined club (Plymouth Heights, Shawnee Park CRC and Woodlawn CRC) and please consider how you could help make our new season possible. These are some ways we really need your help:

Head Counselor (or co head counselor)
Group leaders (can co lead or split teaching)
Photographer (come to take pictures of the girls in their classrooms at least once, at special events, and at the end of the year make a slideshow)
Song leader
Special craft night - if you have a skill or craft you would like to teach and share with GEMS girls, lead one! (we can assist)
Plan and execute fund raisers
If you are interested and would like more information about our club please call Christa VanderHorst at 246-9991 or 802-4058.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Cards can be sent to Sharon VanKalker, University of Michigan Hospital, Unit 8A Room #8103, 1500 E. Medical Center Dr. Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

Giving thanks for a new job starting in August with a company called Go Green.
Secrest Hallman

Friendship Whitecaps Game: Join us for a fun night at the park on Tuesday, August 3. The game begins at 7:00pm. Sixty tickets are reserved. The cost is \$11.50 per ticket and includes a hot dog and soda. Reserve tickets by sending a check to Nella Uitvlugt.

Yesterday's Kids (Seniors): Yesterday's Kids will be holding a summer picnic (potluck) at John and Atts DeVries' Cottage on Payne Lake on Wednesday, August 11. Please sign up at the Welcome Center and indicate what you will bring -- hot dish, salad, or dessert. We will leave church at 10:30am. Directions: Straight out Patterson to the Gun Lake BP Gas corner. Turn left (east) to Lynn Ave. and then left (north) again to the cottage. In addition to a time of fellowship we will hand out the meeting schedule for the coming season.

Kids' Night Out will be Wednesday, August 25, from 5-8pm. Sign-up for volunteers is still going on today. Please sign up for your favorite activities and games today in the Community Room. Sign up for one shift or the whole night and be part of this night of fun, fellowship, family, and food. Thanks to those who have already signed up. We look forward to an amazing evening!

You will find in your communicator boxes an update from Pastor Steve De Vries.

Regarding Pastoral Care: Someone on our pastoral staff is always available for emergencies or other unexpected circumstances that may require pastoral care. If such a pastoral need arises and the church office is closed, contact either Phillip (cell: 616-808-7685), Pastor Carolyn (cell: 616-560-3950), or your household elder.

OUTREACH

A huge furniture sale will be held at Oakdale Christian School from Thursday, July 29, through Saturday, July 31. Hours will be Thu/Fri 10am-5pm and Saturday 9am-12pm. Prices will be fantastic on all retired desks, file cabinets, and school furniture. Proceeds will go to Grand Rapids Christian School families.

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies' Golf Outing to benefit Safe Haven Ministries will be held at Fellowship Greens, Front 9, on Thursday, July 29. This is a four-person scramble format with a shotgun start at 9am. Minimum contribution is \$25 per person. Carts can be reserved at the course. Prizes include golf balls for tee shot on the green, 3-ball sleeves for each member of the winning foursome, and a special prize for the closest to the pin on Hole 4. A free-will offering lunch will be served after the game. Sign up at the course, or contact Irene Menninga, menn@calvin.edu or 956-9046.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK July 25, 2010

Sunday July 25, 2010

10:00AM

Morning Worship Service

Ushers: Paul Bakker, Larry Tilma, Jeff Peterson, James Vazquez

Prayer Servants: David VanZytveld, Nancy VanLopik

Children's Worship 1 Today (3, 4, and young 5): Kerri Driesenga, Kristin Danielson

Children's Worship 2 Today (Kindergarten-1st grade): Gretchen Driesenga, Jenny Koopmans

Nursery: Donna VanderLinde, Julie VanderWal, Emily Diepstra, Taylor Schuiteman

Coffee Fellowship: Don & Donna VanderLinde, Mark & Helene Bardolph

5:00PM

Evening Worship Service

Tuesday

7:00PM Prayer Group (Library, all welcome)

Wednesday

6:30PM Men's (40+) team softball at the Christian Recreation Center (Diamond 1)

Thursday

6:45AM Faith Builders

6:30PM Men's A team softball at the Christian Recreation Center (Diamond 5)

7:20PM Men's B team softball at the Christian Recreation Center (Diamond 6)

Sunday August 1, 2010

10:00AM Morning Worship Service
Ushers: Paul VanSwol, Tom Stuyfzand, Kim Root

Prayer Servants: Fran Karnemaat, Bruce Gilman

Children's Worship 1 Today (3, 4, and young 5): Kerri Driesenga, Melissa Danielson

Children's Worship 2 Today (Kingergarten-1st grade): Audrey Slotsema, Drey Andrews

Nursery: Mark VanKlompberg, Janeen VanSwol, Isabella VanKlompberg, Zach Lundell

Coffee Fellowship: Brian & Lori VanderBaan

5:00PM Evening Worship Service Combined with Seymour CRC