

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 13, 2010 10 AM

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude: "Jesus Shall Reign" arr. Hopson  
"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"  
Arr. Smith

Leader The Lord be with You.

People: **And also with You.**

Opening Scripture Psalm 5: 1-3, 7-8  
Prayer

\*All Sing: "Gather Us In" Sing! 8

\*God's Greeting

\*Greet One Another

\*All Sing: "Jesus shall Reign" Psalter 412  
"You Are My Hiding Place" Sing! 180

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:  
GOD KEEPS COVENANT WITH US!

Baptism Irene Hayes  
Reaffirmation of Faith John Hayes  
\*All Sing: "Shout to the North" abs 163

**Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King, You are strong when you feel weak in your brokenness complete.**

**Refrain**

**We will shout to the north and the south, sing to the east and the west; Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.**

**Rise up women to the truth, stand and sing to broken hearts, who can know the healing pow'r of our awesome King of love. (Refrain)**

**Rise up church with broken wings, fill this place with song again of our God who reigns in high, by His grace again we'll fly. (Refrain)**

Concerns of the Church  
Congregational Prayer

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

Offering: Ministry/Christian Education Funds  
Offertory: "As the Deer" arr. Keveren

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

All Sing: "Speak, O Lord" csw 17  
**Speak, O Lord, as we come to you, to receive the food of Your holy Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness; That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.**

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail Let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises; and by faith we'll walk as Your walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory.**

[Children Kindergarten through grade 1 dismissed for Children's Worship 2]

Scripture: 1 Kings 21:1-11, 17-20, 27-29

(p. 378)

Minister This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Prophetic Justice  
Prayer

\*All Sing: "For the Healing of the Nations" W&R 621  
**For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord, for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords. To a life of love and action help us rise and pledge our word.**

**Lead your people into freedom, from despair your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred all may come and go in peace. Show us how, through care and goodness, fear will die and hope increase.**

**All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned: pride in status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.**

**You, Creator-God, have written your great name on humankind; for the growing in your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind; that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.**

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:  
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

Prayer of blessing for Pastor Steve and his family  
Invitation

\*God's Parting Blessing

People: **Amen.**

All Sing: "The Trees of the Field" Psalter 197

\*Postlude: "Psalm 18" Marcello  
(\*stand, if you are able)

Minister Phillip Westra  
Liturgist Rev. Steve De Vries  
Organist Annelie Dekker  
Plymouth Brass Jon Karnes, Jared Kellogg  
Andrew Van Zytveld, David Van Zytveld  
Plymouth Band Kari Brouwer, Charlie De Vries  
Pianist Deb Feys

## SERMON OUTLINE

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Prophetic Justice  
1 Kings 21

Memory: *But Naboth replied, "The LORD forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers."*

Introduction: A Simple Business Proposal?

### 1. Comparing the Characters

- a. the Wickedness of Ahab:  
land is a commodity to possess  
lets other people lead for him  
wants a vegetable garden (Egypt)
- b. the Faithfulness of Naboth:  
land is God's give to all of Israel  
takes a clear and firm stand  
cares for the vineyard (Israel)

### 2. The Perfect Crime

- a. Simplicity:
- b. Efficiency:
- c. Conspiracy:

### 3. Prophetic Justice

- a. encountering \_\_\_\_\_ is encountering \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. God will give Ahab \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. punishment is \_\_\_\_\_ for Ahab's \_\_\_\_\_.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Sunday June 13, 2010

### WORSHIP

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Good morning and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church. In this morning's service Pastor De Vries will be leading our liturgy as we celebrate the baptism of Irene Hayes and the reaffirmation of faith of John Hayes. At the conclusion of our morning service, we are sending Pastor De Vries into his sabbatical with our blessing. Mr. Phillip Westra is preaching this morning from 1 Kings 21, "Prophetic Justice." Pastor Wharton is leading the afternoon service and preaching from Galatians 2:17-21, "Crucified but Alive."

Next week Sunday morning Mr. Phillip Westra will lead worship and preach from 1 Kings 19, "God's Whisper." There will be no afternoon service held at Plymouth Heights. Instead, you are encouraged to join Reformed Christians from around the world for a 4:00PM service in the Van Noord Arena at Calvin College.

**There are Prayer Servants 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, stop by the Welcome Center after this morning's service.

### TITHING OPPORTUNITIES

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| June 13, 2010 AM: | Ministry/Chr. Ed. Funds              |
| June 13, 2010 PM: | CRC Social Justice and Hunger Action |
| June 20, 2010 AM: | Ministry/Chr. Ed. Funds              |

## YOUTH & EDUCATION

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### 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. We will meet each Sunday during the summer with the exception of July 4.

**Children's Worship 2:** We will begin meeting again today! 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 come pick up your children after the service is done.

### High School Ministries

**Colorado Challenge:** Reminder that your forms are due back to Gretchen as soon as possible.

**Golf Outing:** If you're interested in a round of golf on Wednesday afternoon, June 23, let Gretchen know by June 16!

### Middle School Ministries

**Canoe & Beach Day:** Saturday June 26 we will meet at church at 9AM and head to Muskegon for canoeing and the beach! We will return to church at 5:00PM. Cost is \$15.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

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**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.

**The summer nursery schedule** has been distributed in the communicator boxes. If you are planning on being out of town this summer, please make sure you

have a person to switch with and notify the church office when you do. Thank you for your service!

**The Neighborhood Engagement Team has created** a new Welcome Brochure for our guests. Copies are available at the Welcome Center to share with visitors you meet.

**Church Sale:** We are once again having a church sale to raise money for our high school summer trip. The dates of the sale are Friday, June 18, and Saturday, June 19. We will begin to collect donations in the Youth Room the week of June 6. Also, if you would be willing to volunteer your time or baked goods, please sign up at the Welcome Center.

**Alpha Training:** The following people will be attending the Alpha Training Conference in Naperville, Illinois, June 21-23 in preparation for our beginning the Alpha program, along with Eastminster Presbyterian Church, this fall: Doug DeVries, Deb and Mike Feys, Wendell and Dawn Gebben, Alice Geelhoed, Secrest Hallman, Cate Jansma, Huds Nyenhuis, Chrysanthi Sinniah, Donna VanderLinde and Pastor Carolyn from our church plus Pastor Ann Conklin, Katie Madison and Bev Samuelson from Eastminster. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel, study and make plans for this fall.

**Oasis:** We're taking a trip to John Ball Zoo on Wednesday, June 23. Meet at church at 10AM with a picnic lunch!

**VBS:** Plymouth Heights will be partnering with Fifth Reformed to host a VBS this summer from July 12-16, 9:00AM-11:30AM. We are looking for middle school, high school and adult helpers for the week. If you are interested, sign up at the Welcome Center and Gretchen will be in touch with the ways in which you can serve.

## **OUTREACH**

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**Prayer Walk:** If you would like to join our neighborhood prayer walk Saturday morning, please meet at the church by 10:30AM. Contact Phillip Westra with questions or comments.

**Food Collection** for the month of June is for Baxter Community Center's food pantry. Please leave your donations next Sunday on the table by the Elevator.

**Blood Drive:** Save the date of Monday, June 21, 2:00PM-7:00PM. Michigan Blood will be coming for our Community Blood Drive. Please reserve your donation time on the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center today or on the website at [www.miblood.org](http://www.miblood.org). It's easy and quick to donate.

## **OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**Like bikes? Oakdale Neighbors is looking for** volunteers for its Boston Square Community Bikes program. Help youth and adults learn to ride and repair bikes. Every Tuesday, 1-8PM throughout the summer and other times as well. Contact Tom Bulten at 248-2848 for more information.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

**June 13, 2010**

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**Sunday June 13, 2010**

10:00AM

Morning Worship Service

**Ushers:** Steve Penning, Bill Kamstra, Mark VanAllsburg, Bruce Gilman

**Prayer Servants:** Hudson Nyenhuis, Mark Bardolph

**Children's Worship 1 (3, 4, and young 5):** Ryan & Rachael Diepstra

**Children's Worship 2 (Kingergarten-1<sup>st</sup> grade):** Audrey Slotsema, Carley VanSwol

**Nursery:** Kristi Slotsema, Kelly Buist, Elisabeth Hekman, Lucas Slotsema

**Coffee Fellowship:** Paul & Janeen VanSwol

5:00PM

Afternoon Worship Service

**Monday**

7:00PM

Administrative Council Meeting

**Tuesday**

7:00PM

Prayer Group (Library, all welcome)

7:00PM

Basketball

**Wednesday**

8:20PM

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

**Thursday**

6:45AM Faith Builders  
8:20PM Men's A team softball at the Christian  
Recreation Center (Diamond 1)  
6:30PM Men's B team softball at the Christian  
Recreation Center (Diamond 6)

**Saturday**

10:30AM-12:00PM Neighborhood Prayer Walk

**Sunday June 20, 2010**

10:00AM Morning Worship Service  
**Ushers:** Dave Diepstra, Tom Diepstra,  
John Danielson, Lori Tilma  
  
**Prayer Servants:** Danelle Leugs, Mark  
Bardolph  
  
**Children's Worship 1 (3, 4, and  
young 5):** Ryan & Rachael Diepstra  
  
**Children's Worship 2 (Kindergarten-  
1<sup>st</sup> grade):** Morgan Gilman, Emily  
Diepstra  
  
**Nursery:** Ellen Hekman, Laura  
Stuyfzand, Jonathon VanderLaan,  
Joshua Stuyfzand  
  
**Coffee Fellowship:** Bruce and Sandy  
Gilman  
  
4:00PM Mass Worship Service for the  
Reformed family in West Michigan at  
Van Noord Arena