

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 19, 2024 10 AM

Pentecost

Our hope is that you discover a sense of community and belonging through the work of the Holy Spirit, and that you have a thoughtful and joyful encounter with God's love and grace.

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude: "Eternal Spirit, God of Truth"
(LUYH 641) arr. Burkhardt, Mahnke
"Holy Spirit Ever Dwelling" arr. D. Johnson
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Call to Worship: Psalm 105: 1 – 2
Opening Response:

Leader: The Day of Pentecost is here! God invites His people into His presence.
People: Holy Spirit, breath of life, we invite you into our hearts.
Leader: Enter our lives, and fill us with your abundant gifts of grace.
People: Holy Spirit, breath of Life, we receive you.
Leader: Enter your church; enliven us as Christ's Body; send us out to seek the lost and serve Christ's Kingdom.
People: Holy Spirit, breath of Love, inspire our worship and equip us to serve. Amen.
*All Sing: "Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"
Lift Up Your Hearts 523: 1 – 3
*Welcome
*God's Greeting
*Greet One Another
*All Sing: "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"
Lift Up Your Hearts 746: 1 – 3

**HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:
GOD ACCEPTS US!**

Call to Confession: John 3: 5 – 7; 1 Thessalonians 5: 18
Prayer of Confession

Assurance of God's Grace and Pardon: —from Romans 8: 1 – 2, 11
*All Sing: "Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me" *CityAlight: 1, 3, 4*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give. He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace. To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his. Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, the future sure, the price it has been paid. For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and he was raised to overthrow the grave. To this I hold: my sin has been defeated. Jesus now, and ever, is my plea. Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for he has said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne. To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus! All the glory evermore to him. When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

[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: As you learn of Jesus and his love, may the Lord be with you.
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 4 through 1st Grade are dismissed for
Choristers and Sunday Stations - all are welcome]

Concerns of our Church Family
Congregational Prayer

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

Offering: Ministry and Christian Education funds
Offertory: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" arr. M. Ham
Offering Prayer: Deacon, Schuyler Van Eck

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Acts 2: 1 – 12 (p. 1691)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: What Does This Mean?

Prayer

*All Sing: "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading"

Lift Up Your Hearts 320: 1, 2, 5

GOD PREPARES A TABLE BEFORE US!

Words of Invitation and Institution: John 6: 35, John 7: 37 – 39

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

All Sing: "You Are Holy" Sing! a New Creation 20

Words of Preparation

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 is distributed:

"There Is a Redeemer" arr. Kellner

The Wine is distributed:

All Sing: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Lift Up Your Hearts 830: 1 – 3

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

The Thanksgiving:

*All Sing: "Gift of Christ from God Our Father"

Sing! a New Creation 167: 1 – 3

[Offering for Benevolence]

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE: GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

*Invitation

*God's Charge and Blessing

*All Sing: "Gift of Christ from God Our Father"

Sing! a New Creation 167: 4

*Postlude: "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" arr. M. Burkhardt

(*rise in body or spirit)

Minister:	Rev. Ben Van Arragon
Liturgist:	Rev. Sarah Albers
Organist:	Rachel Plasman
Pianist:	Alyssa De Maagd
Singers:	Kathy Natelborg, Doug De Vries
Plymouth Brass:	Shawn Nichols, Max Gradisher
Timpani:	Eric Stone
Drums:	Victory Tamungang
Pianist:	Alyssa De Maagd
Scripture reader:	Estella Tamungang
Audio/Video:	Joe Geelhoed
PowerPoint/Video:	Larry Tilma

SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Do I think of myself, and my church, as “dwelling places for God”?
2. Am I in the habit of looking for, and pointing out, God’s work in the world?
3. Have I embraced the Holy Spirit’s transformative work in me?

PLYMOUTH PRAYER GUIDE

Pray for....

- Secret Hallman as she receives treatment for cancer
- Good health and safe travels for Kumar Sinniah and Calvin University students traveling through Nepal for a study abroad
- Lori Tilma as she continues to recover from her knee replacement surgery
- People facing unemployment or other workplace stressors
- Pete and Jo Duyst as Jo remains in nursing care
- Melvina Vander Linde and family as Melvina continues to work on rehabilitation
- People living with chronic pain and illness
- Doreen Ensing and family as Doreen remains at home in hospice care
- Peace in the Middle East and Ukraine

Give thanks for...

- A great ministry year
- Warmer weather and sunshine
- Teachers and other school personnel and their work in educating children and youth
- Kids’ Food Basket and their ministry to children experiencing hunger
- The work of Family Promise and our upcoming opportunity to host families
- The musicians and vocalists that lead our worship services each week

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Worship

Welcome to Plymouth Heights CRC. Our hope is that you discover a sense of community and belonging through the work of the Holy Spirit, and that you have a thoughtful and joyful encounter with God's love and grace.

This Sunday we observe Pentecost. Pastor Ben preaches from Acts 2:1-12 (Sermon title: "What Does This Mean?"). We will also celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Next Sunday, Pastor Ben will preach from Isaiah 58:1-12 (Sermon title: "Justice").

June 2 will be a special Sunday at Plymouth. We will install our new elders and deacons; commission our new Children and Youth Ministries Coordinator, Susan Post; and introduce our summer intern, Karis Schoon.

Banners – At Pentecost we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, poured out to dwell within all Christians. The fiery colors in these banners bring our imaginations to the tongues of fire at Pentecost. The white panel in each banner is a stylized representation of the descending dove. The red and gold cords point to Christ's royal and divine presence with us and remind us that, as Isaiah 53:5 says, "by his stripes we are healed." The nine different fabrics used to create these banners reflect the fruit of the Spirit. The banners are similar yet each is unique, just as each of us is united through the same Holy Spirit but uniquely manifests the gifts the Spirit distributed to the Church.

Tithing Opportunities

May 19, 2024: Ministry/Christian Education and
Benevolence Funds

May 26, 2024: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

On the Sundays that there is an announced Special Cause Offering, the loose cash will be designated for that Cause. If there is no special cause the loose cash is designated for the Ministry Fund.

If you wish to direct your donation differently, you may use the yellow envelopes in the pews, your personal budget envelopes or with your online giving.

Children and Youth Programs

Nursery (0 - 3 years old) and **Sunday Stations** (4 year's old - 1st grade). Follow this link to see where volunteers are needed in the coming months for Nursery and Sunday Stations. The schedule is set through August, so take a look and sign up for some dates that work for you.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044CAAAB2CAAF58-sunday>.

Community Life

Falam Baptist Church (the Burmese congregation that worships at Plymouth Heights) celebrates its 10th anniversary on Sunday, May 26. We are grateful to God for their ministry and our partnership with them!

Global Engagement Team (GET)

Mission Partner Update: Tim and Angie Sliedrecht, our missionaries serving with International Friendships, Inc., have reminded us to pray for international students in our local universities who are transitioning back to their homelands or who are pursuing other summer opportunities. There are several practical ways we can extend friendship to those students who have remained in the Grand Rapids area during the summer. For more information, contact Tim at t.sliedrecht@ifiusa.org.

Neighborhood Engagement

Mobile Food Pantry Volunteers: We will again be hosting a drive-thru food distribution service this Saturday, May 18 (a week early due to Memorial Day). We are asking volunteers to arrive at church at 7:15am this Saturday morning, May 18 to set up for distribution from 7:30 to 8:30am. Volunteers will receive more detailed info in an email tomorrow. If you have any questions or would like to join us, please call Tom or Mary Van Wingerden

Sunday May 19, 2024

10:00am

Worship

Nursery:

Becky Jansen
Jenny Van Wiene

Nursery Helper:

Anna Jansen

Choristers

Sunday Stations

(4 year's old - 1st grade):

Mary Ma
Wendy Brummel

Sunday Stations Helper

Coffee Fellowship:

Arie & Olga Leder

Security:

Brad Jansen

Tuesday

1:30-4:30pm Strings 'n Things
(Room 300 above the church office)

Sunday May 26, 2024

10:00am

Worship

Nursery:

Susan Post
Melody Van Arragon

Nursery Helper:

Mercy Li

Coffee Fellowship:

Gregg & Sarah Start

Security:

Gregg Start