

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

May 5, 2024 10 AM

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Friendship Service**

Our hope is that you discover a sense of belonging, and that you have a thoughtful and joyful encounter with God's mercy and grace.

**ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!**

Greeters and Ushers

Members of Friendship

Prelude: "All Are Welcome"

arr. Mark Hayes

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Call to Worship:

Psalm 145:1, 8-10, 15-16, 21

Prayer

\*All Sing: "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

*Lift Up Your Hearts 526*

\*Welcome

\*God's Greeting

\*Greet One Another

Friendship Songs:

\*All Sing: "When Peace Like a River"

*Lift Up Your Hearts 451: 1 – 4*

(st. 1, Steve and MaryAnn; Refrain, Friends;

st. 2 – 4, Congregation)

"When I Am Afraid, I Will Trust In You"

by Frank Hernandez

All Sing: "God Is so Good"

(st. 1, Betsy Gelder; st. 2-3 congregation)

All Sing: "Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand"

*Lift Up Your Hearts 708*

(st. 1 Friendship, st. 2, 3 Congregation)

[After Friendship friends are seated, children and parents come forward 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 four through first grade are dismissed for

Choristers and Sunday Stations - all are welcome]

Courage Curriculum Recap

Kathy Natelborg

Concerns of our Church Family

Congregational Prayer

Dirk Buursma

## OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

Offering: Ministry and Christian Education Funds

Special Cause Offering: Resonate Global Missions

Deacon Assistants: Members of Friendship

Offertory: "Jesus Loves Me" arr. John Barr

Offering Prayer: Deacon, Sam Anema

## OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

All Sing "God Is Love" (sing twice) *Lift Up Your Hearts 305*

Memory Verse: Romans 12: 13

People: **Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.**

Scripture: 1 Peter 4: 7 – 11 (p. 1891)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: **A Hospitable Kingdom**

Prayer

\*All Sing: "All Are Welcome"

*Lift Up Your Hearts 269: 1, 4, 5*

**GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:  
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!**

\*Invitation

\*God's Parting Blessing

**People: Amen.**

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

*Lift Up Your Hearts 938*

(congregation, hold hands across the aisle)

\*Postlude: "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

arr. Janelle Clark

(\*Rise, in body or in spirit)

Minister:

Rev. Ben Van Arragon

Liturgist:

Kathy Natelborg

Organist/Pianist:

Rachel Plasman

Pianist for Friendship:

Deb Feys

Drums:

Victory Tamungang

Scripture Reader

Jan Gelder

Audio/Video:

Harrison Start

PowerPoint/Video:

Jonathan Poel

## **SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

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1. Can I think of a time when an act of hospitality changed my life?
2. Am I in the habit of extending hospitality to those outside my circle of friends and family?
3. Do I see hospitality as a way of sharing gifts and grace God has given me?

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sunday, May 5, 2024

### **Worship**

Welcome to Plymouth Heights CRC. Our hope is that you discover a sense of belonging, and that you have a thoughtful and joyful encounter with God's mercy and grace.

This Sunday is Friendship Sunday. Our service will be co-led by friends and volunteers from Plymouth Heights' Friendship ministry. Pastor Ben preaches from 1 Peter 4:7-11 (Sermon title: "A Hospitable Kingdom").

Next Sunday we observe Ascension day. Pastor Ben will preach from Acts 1:1-11 (Sermon title: "Unless I Go Away").

**Ascension Day Prayer Service:** On Thursday, May 9, 6:30 p.m., Shawnee Park CRC is hosting a special service of prayer and worship. Pastor Ben is helping plan and lead the service. In addition to Plymouth Heights, the Falam and Christian Agape Burmese congregations have been invited to participate. Please consider attending this shared worship event.

**Youth Choir (2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade):** will meet next Sunday, May 12.

**Banners:** During this season of Easter we celebrate the victory of Jesus and his Kingship over the whole universe. The white and gold colors in these banners represent the joy of Christ's victory over sin and death. The gold cords symbolize the royal character of Christ's shed blood. Isaiah 53: 5 reminds us that "by his stripes we are healed." The wedge-shaped panels in two of the banners represent the torn veil, the sign that we have full access to God's presence through Christ. The season of Easter is celebrated for seven Sundays, the number portrayed by the three white and two gold panels, plus the two groups of gold cords in each banner.

**New Council Members Update:** The following Plymouth Heights members have submitted their names for consideration to serve new 3-year terms on Council:

Deacons:

Nichole DeVries

Don Dykstra

Brad Jansen

Jin Li

Elders:

Karen Vander Laan

Tom and Mary Van Wingerden (team)

A congregation vote is required to approve these incoming Council members. A vote will be held immediately following the worship service on **Sunday, May 12**. This will be a simple yes/no vote. In addition, the following officebearers have agreed to extend their terms of service for another year: Dan and Judy Johnson (deacons); Randy and Vicki Van Wingerden (elders). We are so grateful for our current and prospective Council members, their willingness to serve, and the gifts they bring to leadership at Plymouth Heights.

## **Tithing Opportunities**

May 5, 2024: Ministry/Christian Education

Our Special Collection today is for Resonate:

For nearly 125 years, Christian Reformed World Missions has been helping Christian Reformed churches fulfill the Great Commission primarily through planting churches and sending missionaries around the world. Partnering with people, churches, and organizations they are multiplying believers and churches, equipping and connecting leaders, reaching students and teachers with a biblical worldview, and strengthening churches and organizations. Christian Reformed World Missions has more than 200 missionaries serving in nearly 40 countries and, through partnerships, their work extends to more than 50 countries. May 12, 2024:

Ministry/Christian Education Funds

## **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.

## **Community Life**

Long-time Plymouth Heights member **Donna Peterson** passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 25 at the age of 93. Her family will hold a memorial/celebration of life service this summer in Texas with her daughter, son in law, son, daughter in law, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren. For more about Donna's life and family, view her obituary here

<https://obits.mlive.com/us/obituaries/grandrapids/name/donna-peterson-obituary?id=55006644>

**Baking and Fellowship -Pigs in the Blanket:** Do you like them? Would you want to try making them? The Congregational Life Committee invites you to participate in preparing these tasty traditional Dutch treats on Saturday morning, May 18 at 9am in the church kitchen. Estimated time commitment is 2-2.5 hrs. The pigs can be frozen and baked later. As this is a new event, participation will be limited to 10 bakers, but if enough interest exists more dates will be arranged!

**Calvin Theological Seminary** thanks you for your recent offering of \$100. We have been providing students with theological knowledge, ministry skills, and the continued development of Godly character they will need for leadership in today's church.

## **Global Engagement Team (GET)**

**Mission Partner Update: Paul and Charlotte Mpindi**, serving with Mission French Africa Ministries, request that we continue to pray for the Kinshasa Congo judge to grant them access to the newly purchased building to be used as an expanded training center for local pastors. These pastors are eager to learn how to better preach the Gospel and lead their congregations. Paul and Charlotte are thankful that their daily radio broadcast is being followed by millions of listeners, and that a forum of listeners has formed on WhatsApp, where they come to request specific audio recordings. Paul writes, "We at Mission French Africa feel really blessed."

### **From Mission India (one of Plymouth Heights supported Mission Organizations):**

We want to join with you in celebrating how the Holy Spirit is working in India You're invited to gather with us on:

- Tuesday, May 7, for dinner at the Pinnacle Center in Hudsonville, MI,

OR

- Monday, May 13, for either lunch or dinner at the Frederick Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids, MI.

No matter which Banquet you attend, you'll hear incredible stories of believers in India who relied on the Holy Spirit as they shared the Gospel with unreached communities over the past year.

### **Sunday May 5, 2024**

10:00am **Worship**

#### **Nursery:**

Laura Den Besten

Heidi Jansen

#### **Nursery Helper:**

Isa Seosenyeng

#### **Choristers**

#### **Sunday Stations**

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

Vicki Van Wingerden

Susan Post

#### **Sunday Stations Helper**

#### **Coffee Fellowship:**

Paul & Susan Holwerda

#### **Security:**

Randy Van Wingerden

### **Tuesday**

1:30-4:30pm Strings 'n Things

(Room 300 above the church office)

### **Sunday May 12, 2024**

10:00am **Worship**

#### **Nursery:**

Lori Tilma

Betsy Van Zytveld

#### **Nursery Helper:**

Eliza Albers

#### **Choristers**

#### **Sunday Stations**

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

Judy Johnson

#### **Sunday Stations Helper:**

Charlotte Albers

#### **Youth Choir**

#### **Coffee Fellowship:**

Joe & Alice Geelhoed

#### **Security:**

Ben Post