

May 5, 2024

*\*Indicates you may rise in body or spirit. You are invited to read the **bold font**.*

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*SONG OF WORSHIP

"Across the Lands"

\*SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Across the barriers that divide race from race:

**Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.**

Across the barriers that divide rich from poor:

**Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.**

Across the barriers that divide people of different cultures:

**Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.**

Across the barriers that divide those of us who share the same faith:

**Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.**

Across the barriers that divide men and women, young and old:

**Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.**

Confront us, O Christ,

**with the hidden prejudices and fears that deny and betray our prayers.**

**Enable us to see, with compassion, how we might meet**

**the needs of your children next door to us and around the world.**

**Remove from us all senses of superiority or traces of fear that prevent us**

**from a compassionate response to those who need to see your love.**

**Teach us to grow and stretch our empathy, care, and concern**

**for our neighbors, whom you call us to love as we love ourselves.**

In the name of Jesus we pray, **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## THE WORD OF GOD

\*SONG OF PREPARATION

"Teach Us Your Ways"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Acts 16:22-33

SERMON

"What Must I Do to Be Saved?"

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord our Creator, almighty and everlasting God!

You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being, and preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you we praise and bless you, O God.

With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God almighty,**

**All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;**

**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,**

**God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.**

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world.

In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices.

Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died!**

**Christ is risen!**

**Christ will come again!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole Church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

COMMUNION

*Children are invited to participate at the discretion of parents/guardians.*

*All communion elements are gluten free.*

*A station for anointing and healing is offered.*



## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

\*GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS #809 "Doxology"  
*Tithes/offerings placed in the box at the entrance of the sanctuary are transferred to an offering plate and brought forward during the "Doxology" as a sign of our response to God's call on our lives.*

\*SONG OF RESPONSE #701 "God is Here"  
*vv. 1, 2, 3, 4*

\*BENEDICTION

BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT CONSISTORY MEMBERS

POSTLUDE  
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### Participating In Worship

The Congregation	Serving the Lord in Worship
Julia Huisman	Organist
Rosalyn De Koster, Kathy Fictorie, Jenn Lambert, Teresa Sampson, Leif Schmitz, Tom Truesdell	Worship Team
Rev. Dr. Verlyn Boone, Transitional Pastor	Liturgist
Dr. Yohannes Bekele, Dir. of the Center for Christian/Muslim Engagement, Mekane Yesus Seminary	Guest Preacher

## ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

**Today—May 5, 2024**

Following the congregational meeting today, Ben Lappenga's Adult Discipleship class will meet for their final session.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & ELECTION

**Today—May 5, 2024**

Today we will hold a brief congregational meeting following the service to vote for our 2024 Deacons and Elders. If you are a member, please try to be at this meeting to vote. **Please keep your children in the sanctuary with you for this short meeting.**

## WELCOME DR. BEKELE

**Partnership in Ethiopia**

We began supporting Mekane Yesus Seminary in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, when our own member, Dr. John Hubers began teaching there. This seminary has a strong and growing Center for Christian/Muslim Engagement. We welcome Dr. Yohannes Bekele as our worship leader today and look forward to learning more. ARC is grateful to partner with Dr. Bekele in his new role as director replacing John Hubers.

## TULIP FESTIVAL COMMUNITY

**WORSHIP SERVICE—**

**Sunday, May 19, 2024**

There will be no regular worship service at ARCOC Sunday, May 19. All ARCOC members and friends are invited to attend the Tulip Festival Community Worship Service at Windmill Park in downtown Orange City at 11:00 a.m. that day. Please bring your own blanket or lawn chair. An offering will be received for various ministries in Orange City. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at First Reformed Church, located at 420 Central Avenue NW.

## Across The Lands

You're the Word of God the Father  
From before the world began;  
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet  
Has been fashioned by your hand.  
All creation holds together  
By the power of your voice.  
Let the skies declare your glory;  
Let the land and seas rejoice.

You're the author of creation,  
You're the Lord of ev'ryone,  
And your cry of love rings out  
Across the lands.

Yet you left the gaze of angels,  
Came to seek and save the lost  
And exchanged the joy of heaven  
For the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer you fed the hungry,  
With a word you stilled the sea,  
Yet how silently you suffered,  
That the guilty may go free.

You're the author of creation,  
You're the Lord of ev'ryone,  
And your cry of love rings out  
Across the lands.

With a shout you rose victorious,  
Wresting victory from the grave  
And ascended into heaven,  
Leading captives in your way.  
Now you stand before the Father,  
Interceding for your own;  
From each tribe and tongue and nation  
You are leading sinners home.

You're the author of creation,  
You're the Lord of ev'ryone,  
And your cry of love rings out  
Across the lands.

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## Teach Us Your Ways

Teach us your ways, teach us your ways,  
As we learn from one another,  
Learn to love each other,  
Teach us your ways.

Teach us to give, teach us to give,  
Give ourselves for one another,  
Learn to love each other,  
Teach us to give.

Teach us to weep, teach us to weep;  
Let us weep with one another,  
Learn to love each other,  
Teach us to weep.

Hallelujah, hallelujah;  
Let us learn from one another,  
Learn to love each other,  
Teach us your ways.

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## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

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## God Is Here As We His People

God is here! As we his people  
Meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure  
What it is in Christ we share:  
Here, as in the world around us,  
All our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of his Spirit  
Into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us  
Of our lifelong need of grace;  
Here are table, font, and pulpit,  
Here the cross has central place:  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
Here in silence as in speech,  
Here in newness and renewal  
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome  
In the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
Here, as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old;  
Here the servants of the Servant  
Seek in worship to explore  
What it means in daily living  
To believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
In an age of change and doubt,  
Keep us faithful to the gospel,  
Help us work your purpose out;  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
All we have to give, receive;  
We who cannot live without you,  
We adore you! We believe.

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