

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2016

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The Approach to God

PRELUDE

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

CALL TO WORSHIP *“I Will Call Upon the Lord, for He is worthy to be praised, So shall I be saved from my enemies. “”The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock and let the God of my salvation be exalted.”***

CALL TO WORSHIP (Lamentations 3:21-24)

**This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
His mercies never come to an end;
They are new every morning, great is your faithfulness.
“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “I will hope in him.”**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”* (see insert)

***SALUTATION**

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Almighty God, God of Sarah, Rebecca, and Ruth, we come before you this morning in thankfulness for the women of faith you have put into our lives. For mothers and grandmothers who have loved and nurtured us in the faith, we give you thanksgiving. For Sunday school teachers, and youth group leaders, and all the other women of faith who have shared with us, we give you praise. Thank you, Lord, for these special people. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

“Faith of Our Mothers” (see insert)

***GLORIA PATRI** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Hymn #390 "Open My Eyes"

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29:4-14 (Page 566 Old Testament)

*MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP

*HYMN #368

"My Hope Is Built"

SERMON

"God's Future"

Our Response to God

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

What We Believe
Who We Are

Apostles' Creed

(Page 12 Hymnal)

We are and will continue to be a community that loves and worships God in the Reformed tradition for the purpose of being known as a congregation that actively cares for those in need around us.

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power and love. Our God is an awesome God. [repeat] He reigns [3x] our God is an awesome God." [repeat]

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN #303

"Be Thou My Vision"

(Our monthly mission offering will be taken during the first verses)

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

"Three Fold Amen"

*POSTLUDE

*The congregation may stand.

Empty Nesters

We will be eating lunch together tomorrow at 1:00 PM at the Bob Evan's Restaurant in Crossroads Plaza.