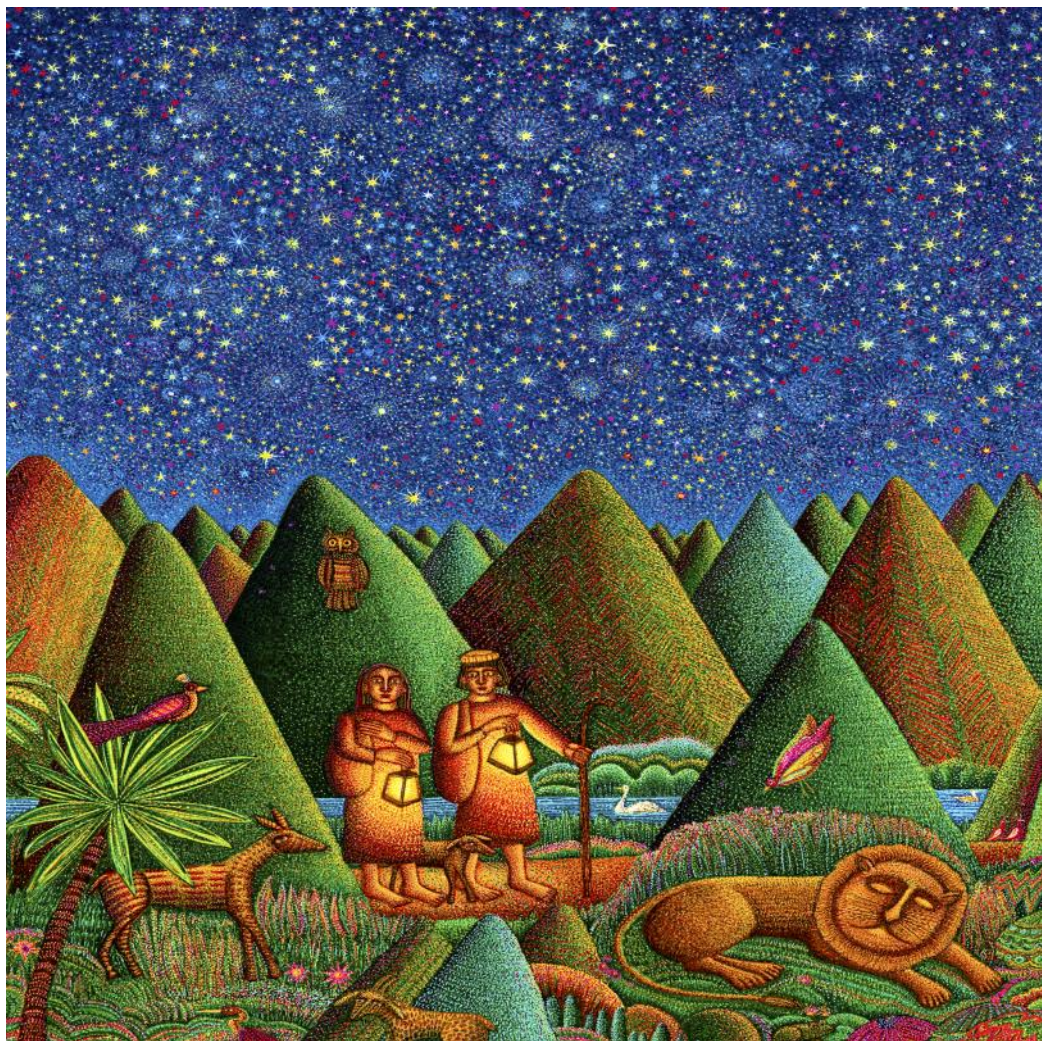


# Central Reformed Church

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# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2019

*(Please silence all electronic devices.)*

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## GATHERING IN LOVE

**Prelude**                      *Three Chorale Preludes on Lobe den Herren*                      Larry Visser

**Introit**                      *This is the Day*                      NUN DANKET ALL

### **Votum, Call to Worship** (responsive)

Leader:        O Lord our God, we praise you.

**People:        We cried to you for help and you answered us.**

Leader:        You have restored our lives;

**People:        you have rescued us from the grave.**

Leader:        Let us worship our great God!

**\*Hymn No. 482**                      *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*                      LOBE DEN HERREN

### **\*The Salutation**

Leader:        Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father,  
                    and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

**People:        Amen!**

**\*Hymn No. 220**                      *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*                      OLD HUNDREDTH

### **\*Invitation to Confession**

### **\*Prayer of Confession** (unison)

**Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.**

*\*please stand in body or in spirit*

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**Anthem**

*Gloria*

Antonio Vivaldi

**\*The Peace**

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*(Exchange the Peace of Christ with those seated around you.)*

**LISTENING IN EXPECTATION**

**Children's Gathering**

**Congregation: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

**Children: Thanks be to God.**

*(Children pre-school through third grade are invited to continue worship in the Worship Room next to the parlor or return to their families in the pew. They may be picked up from the choir room behind the nursery following second hour at 12:00 pm.)*

**Cantata No. 166**

*Wo gehest du hin*

Johann Sebastian Bach

**Lesson:** Zephaniah 3: 16-20 (pg. 767)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Meditation**

*A Song of Promise*

Rev. Steven D. Pierce

**Prayer for a Blessing on the Word**

**\*Hymn No. 264**

*When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

ENGELBERG

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostles' Creed (unison)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Announcements and Invitation to the Offering

*(Please pass the Friendship Pads at this time. Share with us your e-mail address to receive weekly updates and important announcements.)*

**Offertory Anthem**

*Benedictus from Missa brevis St. Joannis de Deo*  
*Little Organ Mass*

Joseph Haydn

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

#### Communion Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

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

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: For it is holy and right to do so!**

Leader: 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:

**People:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

**Leader:** 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:

**People:** Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

**Leader:** 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!

## **The Words of Institution**

### **Communion**

*We will commune by mode of intinction (Latin: "to dip in"). You are invited to come forward down the center aisle, take a piece of bread and dip it into the chalice. After communing, return to your seat by the side aisles. Each station will provide grape juice and a limited amount of gluten-free bread. An elder will bring communion to you when requested. Parents/guardians are welcome to bring their children with them to receive communion.*

### **Communion Music**

*Gabriel's Oboe*  
(from the movie *The Mission*)

Ennio Morricone

### **Thanksgiving After Communion** *(from Psalm 103, with additions)*

**Leader:** Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at his Table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving! Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**People:** And all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**Leader:** Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**People:** And do not forget all his benefits —

Leader: who forgives all your iniquity,  
**People: who heals all your diseases,**  
 Leader: Who redeems your life from the Pit,  
**People: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**  
 Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
**People: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**  
 Leader: He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
**People: nor repay us according to our iniquities.**  
 Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
**People: so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**  
 Leader: as far as the east is from the west,  
**People: so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**  
 Leader: As a father has compassion for his children,  
**People: so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.**  
 Leader: Who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all,  
 and will also give us all things with him.  
**People: Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord,  
 from this time forth forevermore. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

Rev. Pierce

*(During the prayers each week, Rev. Pierce would like us to remember our neighboring faith communities and their leaders.  
 Today we are praying for the staff and congregation of Mayfair Church—1736 Lyon NE.)*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

*(During the prayer...)*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

## DEPARTING IN JOY

### \*Hymn No. 481

*Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show*

LLANFAIR

### \*Benediction & Blessing

Whoever you are, wherever you go in God's wide world,  
 Whatever happens to you of good or ill, always remember that...**Jesus is Lord!**

### \*Choral Benediction

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Franklin Ritter

### Postlude

*In Organo pleno on Lobe den Heren*

Larry Visser



## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

|  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| Preaching: Rev. Steven D. Pierce         | Acolytes: William Gearhart |
| Liturgist: Rev. Larry Schuyler           | Brooke TerMaat             |
| Director of Music Ministries: Taemin Han | Bible Bearer: Tory West    |
| Organist: Norma deWaal Malefyt           | Crucifer: Parker Overway   |
| Lesson Reader: Mike Magan                | Maria Simaz, alto          |
| Children's Gathering: Rev. Pierce        | Jungwoo Kim, bass          |
| Jennifer Sung, soprano                   |                            |

### **Guest Instrumental Ensemble:**

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Grace Ye-Eun Kim, violin | Christopher Martin, violin |
| Leslie Van Becker, viola | Alicia Eppinga, cello      |
| Kathleen Gomez, oboe     | Pamela Smitter, trumpet    |

(Large-print bulletins, Bibles, and hymnals are available. Please ask an usher.)

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