

MORNING WORSHIP

June 25, 2006 ~ 9:30 A.M.

*Those who are able are asked to stand +Latecomers will be seated

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Mutual Blessing:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

+*Opening Hymn: *Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes*

Psalter Hymnal 335

*Opening Prayer (in unison):

We are a people of hope waiting for the return of our Lord.

God will renew the world through Jesus,

who will put all unrighteousness out,

purify the works of human hands,

and perfect our fellowship in divine love.

Christ will wipe away every tear; death shall be no more.

There will be a new heaven and a new earth,

and all creation will be filled with God's glory. Amen.

*Greeting of God and God's People

*Hymn of Praise: *Jesus Loves Me, This I Know* Psalter Hymnal 571

(Little Stars are dismissed during the last verse and exit under the south balcony.)

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Leader: God blesses those who realize their need,
for the kingdom of heaven is given to them.

**People: But we have been proud in spirit,
inflated with pride in our own self-sufficiency.**

We have forgotten how needy we are.

Leader: Lord, please show us your mercy.

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us in the name of the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

WE COMMISSION -----

Leader: Gracious God, we thank you for the heritage of faith that has been passed to us, and for the privilege of passing that faith on to others. We thank you for those who have gone out from this church to China, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, the Netherlands, Bangladesh, Tanzania and elsewhere so that your name may be made great.

People: We thank and praise you, O God.

Leader: We ask your blessing upon --- --- as they teach in China, upon -- as he builds in Mexico, upon --- as he does street evangelism in the Dominican Republic, upon --- as he works with the people of Uganda this fall.

People: Bless them, O Lord, with your wisdom, love, encouragement and grace. May they bring your light to all they meet.

Leader: --- --- --- will you go out in the power of the Holy Spirit to serve our God in our world, relying on God in prayer and trusting in our Savior with what comes?

Response: *We will, God helping us.*

Leader: Will you, the people of God, remember these brothers and sisters in your prayers and as you do so, remember your own calling to be apostles of the kingdom and its gospel in the place to which God has called you?

People: We will, God helping us.

Hymn of Response: *Will You Come and Follow Me*

Sing! A New Creation 267

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Prayer for Illumination:

Leader: Lord God, you have declared

that your kingdom is among us.

Open our eyes to see it, our ears to hear it,

our hearts to hold it, our hands to serve it.

This we pray in Jesus' name.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 61 page 603

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lessons: Luke 18:9-17; Matthew 5:1-12. pages 853, 785

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit*

*Hymn of Response: *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* on insert

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

On Insert

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayer of the People

Announcements

Offerings of our Gifts to God:

First Offering is for the General Fund and all Envelopes.

Second Offering is for Eastern Avenue CRC Missionaries.

*Closing Hymn: *Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing* Psalter Hymnal 313

*Blessing

*Doxology: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Psalter Hymnal 638

*Call to Service:

Leader: In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

let us strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying: Come, Lord Jesus!

People: Amen!

*Postlude

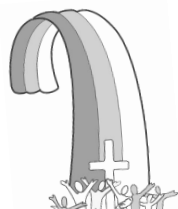
LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Thea Leunk, preaching

Carol Peters, organist;

Stephen Mulder, reader

Jim and Marsha Shade, guitarists



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Welcome! We are glad you are here! We at Eastern Avenue seek to be a redeemed and redeeming community in the core city of Grand Rapids. To that end, we offer education and service opportunities for all ages. We especially seek to minister to and with the youth of our neighborhood and of our church and have several programs which help us do that. If you would like to know more about the ministries of Eastern Avenue, please contact Fred Sterenberg—church administrator, one of the ushers, or note your interest on the welcome pad.

During the offering, please print your name and address on the welcome pad so we can get to know you. Also, we invite you to join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Fellowship Room following this morning's service.

Hearing assistance receivers and large print Bibles are available in the back of the sanctuary and large print bulletins are in racks at the entrances to the sanctuary.

Our nurseries for infants and toddlers are available in the northwest corner of the Fellowship Room next to the kitchen.

Little Lambs is available for children two-years-old (by Dec. 1, 2005). Parents bring children downstairs to Room 17 prior to worship and meet their children downstairs after the service.

Little Stars is available for children three-years-old (by Dec. 1, 2005). Little Stars meets downstairs in Room 19 after the children are dismissed from worship. Parents meet their children downstairs after the service.

Worship materials for worshipers 4 years old – 5th grade are available on the Worship Table in the Fellowship Room.