

MORNING WORSHIP

July 16, 2006 ~ 9:30 A.M.
The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*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: *I Will Exalt My God, My King* . . . Psalter Hymnal 186

*Invocation:

Leader: In Christ, the God of Heaven has made a home on earth.

People: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Leader: Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

People: He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Leader: Come now, all who thirst,

People: and drink the water of life.

Leader: Come now, all who hunger,

People: and be filled with good things.

Leader: Come now, all who seek,

People: and be warmed by the fire of love.

*Greeting of God and God's People

*Song of Praise: *Gather Us In* Sing! A New Creation 8
(Little Stars are dismissed during the last verse
and exit under the south balcony.)

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Sung Call to Confession: *Table of Plenty* . . . Sing! A New Creation 247

Prayer of Confession:

Leader: God blesses those who are hungry and thirsty for justice, for they will receive it in full.

People: But we have hungered after the pleasures, prestige, and possessions of this temporal world.

Like Esau, we have despised our birthright by choosing to satisfy our immediate desires.

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:

Leader: You, our Lord, are faithful in all your words and gracious in all your deeds. You uphold all who are falling and raise up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you and you give them their food in good season. You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

People: You are near to all who call on you, to all who call on you in truth. My mouth will speak your praises and I will join with all flesh to bless your name forever and ever. (Psalm 145)

Sung Response: *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

Psalter Hymnal 487:1-3

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Prayer for Illumination:

Leader: Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth.

People: Make us hungry for this your Word, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life. Through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 55 page 598

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lessons: Matthew 5:1-12; John 4:5-34 pages 785; 864

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Blessed Are Those Who Hunger and Thirst*

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Response: *Live into Hope*

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WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayer of the People concluded with the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever. Amen.

Announcements and Celebrations

Offerings of our Gifts to God:

First Offering is for the General Fund and all Envelopes.

Second Offering is for the Christian Reformed World Relief
Committee.

*Closing Hymn: *Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old*

Psalter Hymnal 616

*Blessing

*Doxology: *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* Psalter Hymnal 603:1,2

*Call to Service:

Leader: Let us go forth into the world to lead lives of holiness
and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of
the day of God. (II Peter 3:11-12)

**People: Blessed are we when we hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for we will be filled.**

*Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Thea Leunk, preaching

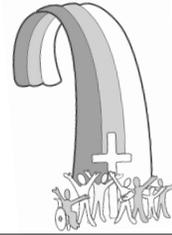
Marjorie Boerema, organist

Matt Heun, reader

Jen Overvoorde, prayer

Fred Sterenberg, guitarist

Lisa Walhout, pianist



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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 is available in the northwest corner of the Fellowship Room next to the kitchen.

Little Lambs for children two-years-old (by Dec. 1, 2005) and Toddlers will combine for July. 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.

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