

# MORNING WORSHIP

June 18, 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: *Come, All Who Fear the Lord God* . . . . PsH 240

\*Opening Prayer (in unison):

**O gracious and holy God,  
give us diligence to seek you,  
wisdom to perceive you,  
and patience to wait for you.  
Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you,  
eyes to behold you,  
ears to listen for your Word,  
a heart to love you,  
and a life to proclaim you,  
through the power of the Spirit  
of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\*Greeting of God and God's People

\*Hymn of Praise: *It Is Good to Sing Your Praises.* . . . . PsH 171

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

## WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Call to Confession

Leader: In repentance and rest is your salvation,  
in quietness and trust is your strength,  
but you would have none of it.

Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you;  
our God rises to show you compassion.  
For the Lord is God of justice.  
Blessed are all who wait for him.

Prayer of Confession (in unison):

**Righteous God,**

**you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.**

**We confess that we have not bowed before him  
and are slow to acknowledge his rule.**

**We give allegiance to the powers of this world  
and fail to be governed by justice and love.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.**

**Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all,**

**that we may be loyal ambassadors,**

**obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah,  
the Root of David, has triumphed.

With his blood he has purchased people for God  
from every tribe and language and people and nation.  
He has made them to be a kingdom and priests  
to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sung Response: *May the Mind of Christ, My Savior* . . . . PsH 291

## 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: Psalm 1 . . . . . page 424

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12 . . . . . page 785

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: *Blessed Are They*

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response: *Blest Are They* . . . . . Sing! 122

**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 Christian Education.

\*Closing Hymn: *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* . . . . . PsH 603:4

\*Blessing

\*Doxology: *He Is Lord* . . . . . PsH 633

\*Call to Service:

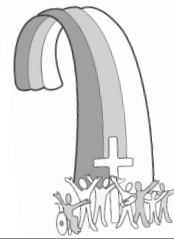
Leader: The Holy Spirit sends the church  
to call sinners to repentance,  
to proclaim the good news that Jesus is Savior and Lord.  
The Spirit sends us out in ministry  
to preach good news to the poor,  
righteousness to the nations,  
and peace among all people.

**People: Amen.**

\*Postlude

**LEADING IN WORSHIP**

- Rev. Thea Leunk, preaching
- Seminarian Mike Ribbens, liturgist
- Marjorie Boerema, organist
- Steve Ruis, reader
- Larry Molnar, prayer
- Jim and Marsha Shade, guitarists
- 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 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 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade are available on the Worship Table in the Fellowship Room.