



# Eastern Avenue CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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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.

## MORNING WORSHIP

August 13, 2006 ~ 9:30 A.M.

The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Prelude

Welcome

Mutual Greeting:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

+\*Opening Hymn: *Rejoice the Lord is King.* . . . Psalter Hymnal 408

\*Opening Prayer:

Leader: Rejoice! The Lord is King!

**People: All praise to you, God of all, for your blessing upon us now, for your blessing upon us in what has been and for the gifts of grace and peace you wait to give us.**

Leader: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

**People: All praise to you, Jesus Christ, for your great love for us, for giving yourself to us, and for bringing us back to the Father.**

Leader: Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him.

**People: Lord Jesus, we look in expectant hope to the day of your great glory and wait with eager breath to join with all creation in your praise.**

Leader: "I am the Alpha and Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

**People: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.**

—based on Revelation 1:4-8; 7:12

\*Greeting of God and God's People

\*Hymn: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* . . . . Sing! 77

WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM OF --- --- ---

God's Invitation and Promises

Prayer of Preparation

Baptismal Vows

Baptism

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Welcome:

Leader: Brothers and sisters, we now receive --- --- --- into Christ's church.

I charge you to nurture and love them and to assist them to be Christ's faithful disciples.

**People: With joy and thanksgiving, we now welcome you into Christ's church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you and to help you know and follow Christ.**

Song: *You Are Our God; We Are Your People* . . . Psalter Hymnal 272  
(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 whose hearts are pure, for they will see God.

**People: But we have defiled our hearts with idols of our own choosing, doubting that God will keep God's Word and promises. We continually compromise the truth by trying to find meaning and security in our jobs, our friends, our pleasures, our projects— but not in God.**

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

\*Hymn of Dedication: *O for a Heart to Praise My God* (on insert)

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Prayer for Illumination:

Leader: Eternal God,

in the reading of the Scripture, may your Word be heard;  
in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown.

**People: Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 73: 1-9, 21-28 . . . . page 465

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lessons: Luke 19:1-10; Matthew 5:1-12 . . . . pages 854; 785

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: *Blessed are the Pure in Heart*

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Response: *Be Thou My Vision* (on insert)

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayer of the People concluded with the Lord's Prayer (unison)

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our debts,**

**as we also have forgiven our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from the evil one.**

**For yours is the kingdom**

**and the power**

**and the glory forever. Amen.**

Announcements

Offerings of our Gifts to God:

The first offering is for the General Fund and all envelopes.

The second offering is for Benevolence

\*Closing Hymn: *Rejoice, O Pure in Heart* . . . Psalter Hymnal 561:1-4

\*Blessing

\*Doxology: *Rejoice, O Pure in Heart* . . . . . Psalter Hymnal 561: 5

\*Call to Service:

Leader: Be loyal to your King, people of integrity,  
seeking to do God's will in all that you are and do.

**People: Blessed are we when we are pure in heart, for we will  
see God.**

\*Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Thea Leunk, preaching

Marjorie Boerema, organist

Cheryl Hoogewind, reader

Bill Byl, prayer

Dr. John Bolt, Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jim and Marsha Shade, guitars

Lisa Walhout, piano