

# READINGTON REFORMED CHURCH

Cathy Gumpert, Pastor

John Ayer, Music Director

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
February 17, 2008  
11:00 a.m.

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

+Announcements

Prelude "Sleepers Awake" Johann Sebastian Bach

Moment of Silence

Call to Worship Psalm 121

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

**People: He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

Leader: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

**People: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

Leader: The LORD will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.

**ALL: The LORD will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

\*+Hymn of Praise #146 (RIL) "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" MIT FREUDEN ZART

Prayer of Confession Psalm 121

**Merciful God, You are the only source of our help and salvation. All that we are and are called to be comes from You. But too often we wander away from Your protection. We chase shadows and mirages of Your reality, instead of looking to You, and following You. We are sorry, Lord. Forgive us, and call us again to Your shelter so we can be renewed. In being renewed, we can carry Your word out to this lost and broken world, which so needs Your love, and the salvation offered to all through Jesus Christ, our Lord. In that way You can use even us to further Your will here on earth, until Jesus returns in glory. We ask this in His strong name. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

**Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Words of Assurance

Hebrews 10:19-22

Summary of the Law

Second Chronicles 31:20-21

\*+Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world with end. Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Sermon

\*+Hymn of Preparation #277 (RIL) "Come, My Way" THE CALL

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament

Jeremiah 1:11-19

p. 610

New Testament

Luke 10:17-24

p. 844

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon OVERCOMING OBSTACLES ON THE ROAD TO JERUSALEM

## THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering *(Please fill out the red pew pads at this time. Remember to PRINT your name.)*

Offertory "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded/Beethoven's Symphony No. 7"

Arr. Marilyn Ham

\*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below,  
praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

Dedication of Gifts

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Community and The Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn of Dedication #598 (RIL) "Ye Servants of God" LYONS  
Verses 1-3

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response "Ye Servants of God" LYONS  
Verse 4

Postlude "Beethoven's 7th Theme" Ludwig von Beethoven

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\*Congregation (those who are able) will please rise.

+Latecomers and returning worshipers may be seated.

Hymns this morning are from "Rejoice in the Lord".

# READINGTON REFORMED CHURCH

Organized 1719

February 17, 2008



*Above all, we exist to worship God. Through the grace of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will make the love of Jesus Christ tangible by caring for one another and those around us and will go out into the world to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ*

**The Rev. Cathy Gumpert, Pastor**  
**The Rev. Donald A. McCabe, Pastor Emeritus**

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**WORSHIP SERVICE: 11:00AM** (10:00 A.M. Father's Day through Labor Day) Nursery Provided

**SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30A.M.** Classes for Pre-school through adult (September through June)

Infant Nursery Provided

### Our Invitation

We welcome you as we join together in prayer, in song, and in praise to God. It is our prayer that the blessing and fellowship you find here will enrich your life so that you will truly feel that you are a part of this historic, caring church. May God bless you in a very special way!