

“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

July 23rd 2017



Burning the Weeds by Richard Stokoe

Preparation:

Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am

Prelude: Summer Idyl, Edwin Crusha

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there;

if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning

and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

even there your hand shall lead me,

and your right hand shall hold me fast.

Psalm 139:7-10

❖ **Hymn 129:**

The Lord is King! Lift up your voice

❖ **Prayer of approach** (ending with the Lord's Prayer)

(please say this in whichever language or version you prefer.)

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Word of God

- ❖ **Children's address**
- ❖ **Lesson:** Matthew 13:24-30,36-43 (New Testament, p.14)
- ❖ **Hymn 343:** *The reign of God, like farmer's field*
- ❖ **Music in worship:** *I call to thee, J.S. Bach*
- ❖ **Lesson:** Genesis 28:10-19a (Old Testament, p.25)
- ❖ **Hymn 96** (from Psalm 139) *You are before me, God, you are behind*
- ❖ **Sermon:** *The Gate of Heaven* *Followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 268:** *O God of Bethel!*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering** *Cornet voluntary, Starling Goodwin*
- ❖ **Dedication: Hymn 810** followed by:
Loving God,
with deep gratitude we offer back to you
these tokens of your grace and bounty.
**Use them and us, we pray,
that all the world may be transformed
and become the gate of heaven. Amen**
- ❖ **Hymn 139:** *Praise the Lord, you heavens, adore him*

Sending out with blessing *(followed by sung Amen)*



Postlude: Gelobt sei Gott im höchsten Thron, Ernst Pepping

*Please remain in place until the minister has left the Church.
Please turn off your mobile phones.*

*Our service is led this morning by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone.
Scripture reader is Rosemarie Tiggelovend. Prayers of intercession
are led by Sally Stone.*

*Consistory members on duty today are Judi Haynes-Smart &
Ingrid Sørensen.*

A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for refreshments afterwards.

Notices

- **Visitors** are invited to sign the Visitors' Book after the service.
- There is a **crèche** for children under four years old, please ask at the door.
- **Sunday School** is held at the Church Hall, 282A Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal (see map on back of this sheet). Parents are asked to collect their children after the end of the service. There is no **Junior Church** this morning.
- **Prayer:** Someone is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- This week's **midweek Fellowships:** this **Thursday, Men's Group** meets for a meal at the Oriental City restaurant, at the Oudezijds Voorburgwal 177-179, 1012 EV at 8:00pm. The **Ladies' Fellowship** meets the same evening at 6:30pm at the home of Je Hart. More information from Je or from Peggy Krol.
- Please note that **Pastor Lance is away on holiday** from this Tuesday, 25th July, for three weeks, returning for Sunday August 20th. **Rev John Bell** of the Iona Community will be taking services and living in the manse and offering pastoral cover.
- **27 August: Summer potluck picnic!** This year we will enjoy the last Sunday of summer breaking bread with people from the World House in their garden (Nieuwe Herengracht 20). Bring your favourite dish to share!
- **29-30 September: autumn/winter clothing Swap and Shop!** Bring in clothing, shoes and accessories *in good condition* (no undergarments or socks) throughout the month of September. On the evening of 29 September you can come help set everything up and on 30 September we will invite refugees to shop. More details to follow.
- Interested in work with refugees? Contact Gillian Walker at gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com.
- **Cooking at De Kloof!** Our church is committed to cooking lunch at this homeless shelter every second Monday of the month. Interested? Please contact Tom Flanagan: dekloof@ercadam.nl.
- We have a weekly collection of **non-perishable food and household goods** for distribution to those who are in need locally. These can be left in a box in the vestibule of the church. It's a good way to help your neighbour!
- There is a **Flower List** hanging in the Consistory room if you would like to sign up to sponsor the flowers on a certain Sunday. Donations can be given to Susan Polstra or to one of the members of Consistory.
- Receive news about our **services, concerts and church life** by signing up to our weekly e-newsletter on the homepage of www.ercadam.nl.
- This liturgy sheet is available in the vestibule in **large print**.

Bible Readings for next week:

July 30th : Genesis 19:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11,45b; Matthew 13:31-33,44-52; Romans 8:26-39

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