**Noordeloos Christian Reformed Church**

**Morning Worship**

April 19, 2020—9:30 AM

**Entering God’s Presence**

 Prelude—*Death Was Arrested*

 Welcome

 Call to Worship: I Peter 1:3

 The Lord’s Greeting

 Hymn of Praise—*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

**Expressing Our Faith**

Confession of Faith: Lord’s Day 2, Q&A 3-4

 Lord’s Day 44, Q&A 114-115

The Ten Commandments: Exodus 20:1-17

 Pastoral Prayer

 Offering Plan: I Corinthians 16:2

 Offering for the Capital Fund and Unity Christian School

 Hymn of Faith—*Broken Vessels*

**Listening to the Lord**

 Scripture: John 20:19-23

 Message: ***The Disciples***

 (Series: Post-Easter Encounters with Jesus)

 Prayer of Application

**Leaving with God’s Peace**

 Hymn of Assurance—*Shout to the North*

 The Lord’s Blessing

 Postlude—*Lift High the Cross*

**Morning Message—April 19, 2020**

Rev. Ron De Young

***The Disciples***

John 20:19-23

Introduction

 1. A powerful “Resurrection Sunday” encounter

 2. Points to ponder in our post-Easter reflections

I. PEACE: “Peace be with you.”

 A. What does the Lord’s declaration mean”

 B. In the words of a song, “Peace, Perfect peace.”

II. JOY: “The disciples were overjoyed.”

 A. What’s behind their great joy?

 B. A closer look at being overjoyed

III. MISSION: “As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”

 A. Disciples under divine commission

 B. Reflections on our divine mission

IV. POWER: “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

 A. The source of power and authority

 B. A story of “Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire”

Conclusion: Our Post-Easter Encounter

Lord’s Day 2

##### Q & A 3

Q. How do you come to know your misery?

A. The law of God tells me.

##### Q & A 4

Q. What does God’s law require of us?

A. Christ teaches us this in summary in [Matthew 22:37-40](http://bible.oremus.org/?passage=Matthew%2022:37-40&version=nrsv):

“‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. “And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ “On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Lord’s Day 44

##### Q & A 114

Q. But can those converted to God obey these commandments perfectly?

A. No.
In this life even the holiest have only a small beginning of this obedience. Nevertheless, with all seriousness of purpose,
they do begin to live according to all, not only some,
of God’s commandments.

##### Q & A 115

Q. Since no one in this life can obey the Ten Commandments perfectly, why does God want them preached so pointedly?

A. First, so that the longer we live the more we may come to know our sinfulness and the more eagerly look to Christ for forgiveness of sins and righteousness.

Second, so that we may never stop striving, and never stop praying to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, to be renewed more and more after God’s image, until after this life we reach our goal:

perfection.