



Sunday Worship Service
March 13, 2022

Welcome visitors, we are glad you are here! Please take time to fill out the welcome card in the pew to place in the offering basket and look for the welcome sign after church in the atrium during our time of fellowship so we can meet you!

Gathering

Prelude: “A Lenten Chorale Sequence”

Hassler, Shop, Cruger, Bach

***Welcome**

***Greeting from God and Mutual Greetings**

***Call to Worship:**

Lent is not a time for being miserable,
but for taking stock and resetting our aims for following Christ.

**Loving God, in you we trust,
let us never fool ourselves.**

Lent is an opportunity for healthy repentance -
repentance for our indifference in face of overwhelming evil in the world,
repentance for personal sins which we have glossed over as “mere foibles.”

**According to your loving kindness,
remember us, O God of goodness and saving grace.**

Lent is a time for joy; the exhilaration that comes from defying temptations,
from turning our face to the light that shines on the narrow path of Christ Jesus,
from walking into adverse winds and enjoying small victories day by day.

**Help us to know your ways, O God, teach us your paths,
for you are the God of our salvation and the only source of true happiness.**

***Opening Hymn of Praise : “O Give the Lord Wholehearted Praise”** LUYH 502 V 1, 3, 6, 7

O give the LORD wholehearted
praise. To him thanksgiving I will
bring; with all his people I will raise
my voice and of his glory sing.

God's wondrous deeds of
faithfulness his people ever keep in
mind. His works of love and
graciousness reveal that God the
LORD is kind.

From God's own hand redemption
came; his covenant sure no change
can know. Let all revere his holy
name in heaven above and earth
below.

In reverence and in godly fear
we find the key to wisdom's ways;
the wise his holy name revere.
Through endless ages sound his
praise!

Service of Confession

Sung Call to Confession: “Create in Me a Clean Heart. O God”

Mueller

Prayer of Confession:

**Holy God,
we bring to this sanctuary and place before your cross
our burdens and brokenness;
our self-image, bruised and hurting;
our fears, shame, doubts and anxieties.
We ask You to bless and change these raw materials,
that in our dark tunnels we may begin to see light,
and in our desert experiences we may find You.**

Words of Assurance: (from “Our World Belongs to God”)

Being both God and man,
Jesus is the only Mediator between
God and his people. He alone paid
the debt of our sin, There is no
other Savior!

In him the Father chose those
whom he would save. His electing
love sustains our hope: God's grace
is free to save sinners who offer
nothing but their need for mercy

***Hymn of Assurance “How Blest Are They Whose Trespass”**

LUYH 669 V 1,2,5

How blest are they whose trespass has freely been forgiven,
whose sins are wholly covered before the sight of heaven.
Blest they to whom the LORD God does not impute their sin,
who have a guileless spirit, whose heart is true within.

While I kept guilty silence, my strength was spent with grief:
your hand was heavy on me; my soul found no relief.
But when I owned my trespass and did not hide my sin,
then you forgave my guilt, LORD, restored my life within.

The sorrows of the wicked increase from year to year,
but those who trust the LORD God know love instead of fear.
Then in the LORD be joyful, in song lift up your voice;
be glad in God, you righteous: rejoice, O saints, rejoice!

***Dedication to Grateful Living: The Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come 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.**

Children Sent to Walkout Worship

Service of the Word

Ministry Moment

***Sung Prayer for Illumination: Blessed Jesus at Your Word**

LUYH 763

Blessed Jesus at your word we are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear you.
By your gospel pure and holy, teach us, :Lord, to love you solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
Till your Spirit breaks our night with your beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us; you must work all good within us.

Glorious Lord, yourself impart; Light of light, from God proceeding,
open lips and ears and heart; help us by your Spirit's leading.
Hear the cry your church now raises; Lord accept our prayers and praises.

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:1-3

Sermon: "Renovation of the Mind"

Pastor David Zuidema

***Hymn of Application: Faith Begins By Letting Go.**

LUYH 852

Faith begins by letting go, giving up what had seemed sure,
Taking risks and pressing on, though the way seems less secure:
Pilgrimage both right and odd, trusting all our life to God.

Faith endures by holding on, keeping memory's roots alive
So that hope may bear its fruit; promise fed, our souls will thrive,
Not through merit we possess but by God's great faithfulness.

Faith matures by reaching out, stretching minds, enduring hearts,
Sharing struggles, living prayer, binding up the broken parts;
Till we find the commonplace ripe with witness to God's grace.

Prayers of the People

God Sends Us to Serve In His Light and Love

***Doxology: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"**

LUYH 965

*Benediction

Postlude: “In the Cross of Christ / Glory”

arr. Cassler

Participants:

Pastor David Zuidema, preacher
Cathy Schaaf, organist
Jean Schuitman, pianist
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Credits & Liturgical Notes:

- Call to worship: — written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce Prewer’s Homepage. <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>. Used by permission.
- Prayer of Confession: ~ excerpted from a longer prayer written by Rev. Scott Mckenna, Minister of Edinburgh Mayfield Salisbury. Posted on the Church of Scotland’s Weekly Worship website. <http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/> Used by permission.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

We give prayers of praise for a successful surgery for **Jim Schuitman** this week. The cancer hadn’t spread so they were able to go in for the clinical trial surgery. Surgery went well and the doctor is feeling optimistic. Prayers for healing and strength!

Ken Westveld was discharged from Blodgett and moved to Spectrum Health Fuller rehab facility in Grand Rapids on Tuesday. Please continue to pray for strength and healing for him.

Dennis Schaaf is appreciative for the prayers and words of encouragement and concern regarding his recent back surgery. He is recovering very well.

Dordt University thanks the congregation for its recent offering of \$521 for the Dordt Annual Fund Drive. Their task of training kingdom citizens requires collaboration, and so they are grateful for our faithful support. Dordt University continues to be blessed by God, in its mission of raising up young people who will shape culture and further God’s kingdom in all areas of life.

Char wants to thank her church family for the many ways you blessed her life after surgery. The prayers, cards, visits, and food were all very much appreciated.

Volunteer Schedule:

March 13

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jason Zuidema, Aiden Rotman, Ethan Hodge

Ushers: Mulder (Team 11) Jim Mulder, Jon Mulder, John Rycenga, Carl Vertregt

Coffee Hosts: Ron and Patrice Frantz, Carl and Mary Erickson

Nursery: Jane DeGroot, Sam/Chris Farrar

Little Lambs: Kerry Bierma, Ian Clapp

Walk Out Worship: Cindy Brace, Yasmin Vander Heide

Greeters: Jan Zuidema, Roger and DeeAnn Hordyk

Offering: Special Offering for the Cuba Mission Trip

March 20

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Aiden Rotman, Jim Query, Dirk Weesies, Jacob Weesies

Ushers: Marotti (Team 1) Steve Marotti, Todd Cunningham, David Brace, and Eric Wolffis

Coffee Hosts: John and Agnes Fisher, Chuck and Carole DeWitt

Nursery: Ruth Marotti, Jenny Steigenga

Little Lambs: Emily Bierma, Cherise Vander Heide

Walk Out Worship: Cindy Brace, Zuidema Girl

Greeters: Glen Gronewelt, Ben and Lyndsey Huisman

Offering: Faith Promise: Anne Zaki

Next week we will have a Lenten service with Rev. Scott Hoezee on Mark 8:31-38.

Calendar

Sunday, March 13

10:00 a.m.—Church Service

Monday, March 14

1:30 p.m. - Ping Pong

Tuesday, March 15

9 a.m.- 1 p.m.- Office Hours

Wednesday, March 16

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.- Office Hours

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Parish Nurse

10:00 a.m. – SWANS meeting

1:00 p.m.- Knitter's Club in the Parlor

6:30 p.m. – Pinewood Derby

Thursday, March 17

9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.- Office Hours

6:00 p.m.— Love in Action Activities

Friday, March 18

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.- Office Hours

9:00 a.m. – 12: 00 p.m. – Food Drive

Saturday, March 19

Sunday, March 20

10:00 a.m.—Church Service

11:15 a.m.—Adult Enrichment

6:30 p.m.- FOCUS

For more information on current events,
please visit our website:
secondcrcgrandhaven.org

Announcements:

Council Self-Nominations: Today is the last day to submit your form. Please prayerfully consider how you can use the gifts God has given you by serving on Council or as a Care Team Volunteer. Know of someone else you think has been gifted to serve? Encourage them to self-nominate as well. Self-nomination forms can be found in the bulletin or are available in the office.

Mask Update: Considering the recent changes announced by the CDC and the steadily declining number of Covid cases in Ottawa County the Council has determined that, beginning this Sunday, March 6, we are removing all mask mandates. If anyone wishes to continue to mask for personal reasons, we would encourage you to do so while returning to worship and fellowship at church. This has been a remarkable time of selflessness that we, as a congregation, have exhibited to each other and those around us in our community. We pray that this positive direction continues.

Consider joining the **Sanctuary Choir**. Anyone high school age or older is welcome to join. The rehearsals will be March 15th, 22nd, and 29th at 7 pm. The **Bell Choir** will practice after the service on the 20th and participate in the service on the 27th.

Our **Parish Nurse**, Judy Ponstine will be gone this week until Monday, March 14. If any needs arise, please contact your district Care Board Elder or Pastor David Zuidema.

High School Mission Trip: We are excited that we will be going back to Cuba this summer on July 15 - 22nd. We have a good group of kids already signed up. The cost per person is right around \$1600 and it would be great if we can get that down to help the families out. The loose offering this week will go towards the trip to help lower the cost per person, thank you!

The March Meeting of the **SWANS** will be on March 16 at Grand Haven Christian School at 10 A.M. Dave Ver Merris will talk about the history of the school along with an update of the school. It is one of the oldest Christian Schools in Michigan. The History is done in a pictorial format. Following we will have lunch together at the Stanz Restaurant on Washington St.

Sign up for Inspire 2022. Check out the link in the Friday News to learn more about Inspire 2022. If you have not attended Inspire before, this is the year to be there. There will be opportunities to learn and grow in faith together. Especially, if you are a leader in the church, Inspire offers you ways to connect with others across North America in many faith-related

topics. In addition, Inspire will take place in Tinley Park, Illinois, with easy access to the exciting city of Chicago. August 4-6, with pre-conference offerings on August 3, which include Ruth Haley Barton as the key-note for the 25th anniversary of women in office. Contact Jane DeGroot (616) 402-5689 or janehdegroot@charter.net with questions, or better yet—just register! Early bird signup ends on March 31.

Love in Action Food Drive It's time again for our next food drive for the Love In Action Central Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is in need of the following specific food items. as well as general items:

- Cereal - all types
- Hams for Easter baskets
- Miracle Whip
- Mayonnaise
- Relish
- Pickles
- Sugar
- Flour
- Brownie Mix
- Pie Filling
- Canned Pears
- Kidney Beans
- Taco Kits
- Salsa
- Deodorant
- Dish Detergent

If you are able to donate any of these items, please drop them off in the church parking lot on Friday, March 18, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon. We will unload your vehicle and deliver your donation to the Central Food Pantry. Contact Ron Brouwer with any questions or concerns.

Pinewood Derby Race - Please join us this Wednesday at 6:30 for an evening of fun and friendly competition racing our pinewood derby cars. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Please sign up after church at the welcome desk or let Rob know you might be attending so we can make sure to have enough food. Feel free to come even if you don't have a car to race. There will be prizes for best in show and race winners.