

Sunday Worship Service March 27, 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 during our time of fellowship after the service so we can meet you!

Gathering

Prelude: "A Way to Calvary Leadeth" "Hallelujah, What a Savior!"

Welcome and Greeting

Introit: "What Wondrous Love Is This?"

*Call to Worship

Lent calls us to journey, this and every day, following Jesus wherever he leads us. Lent calls us to journey: to the place where God covenants with us, to receive the new names we are given.

Lent calls us to worship together, to tell future generations the good news.

Lent calls us to practice justice, to bring God's hope to all people.

Lent calls us to faithful living, to trust the One who gives us life.

Lent calls each of us to take up our cross, to trust the One who bears it with us. Lent calls us to journey with God.

Let us worship God, who walks with us, this day and every day.

*Opening Hymn: "O Love of God, How Strong and True"

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O love of God, how strong and true, eternal and yet ever new, uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought.

We read you best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame. sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die.

We read your power to bless and save e'en in the darkness of the grave;

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Bell Choir

still more in resurrection light we read the fullness of your might.

O love of God, our shield and stay through all the perils of our way; eternal love, in you we rest, forever safe, forever blest.

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greetings

Service of Confession

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we come before you today knowing that we often fall short of your call to love one another well. We allow ourselves to be blinded by wealth and power. We ignore those around us who suffer injustice, poverty, and rejection. We tune out the cries of the poor and those on the edges of our communities. Help us to see your great generosity, hear your word of mercy, and feel your great love for all. Strengthen us to reach out in service to those who are in need. Make us aware of those outside our communities. that we may see them as your precious children and serve them in humility and joy. May we continue to grow in grace as we learn how to serve you, in the name of the great Servant, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance

We have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God. May we understand the grace and forgiveness bestowed upon us by God, that others may find the Kingdom within us and among us.

*Hymn of Assurance: "For Freedom Christ Has Set us Free"

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For freedom, Christ has set us free!" What joy is ours to claim! No more enslaved, humanity finds life in Jesus' name. We try, Lord, to be justified through all the works we do. Yet you adopt us, saying, "Child, it's Christ who makes you new." We're clothed in Christ and we belong; now no one waits outside. In him we find our common song; old ways no more divide. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. He died for us, new life to give and new identity.

Now, Spirit-filled, may we be led from ways that would destroy. May we, your people, turn instead to lives of love and joy. May we find peace that makes us whole and patience everywhere. God, give us kindness, self-control, and hearts and hands that share.

Service of the Word

Children Sent to Walkout Worship

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: James 2:1-13

Sermon: "Redrawing the Redlined Map"

Rev. Dr. Wayne Brouwer

*Hymn of Application: "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love" Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,

show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

PsH 601

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them. Refrain.

Neighbors are rich folk and poor, neighbors are black, brown, and white, neighbors are nearby and far away. Refrain.

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you. Refrain.

Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves; this is the way we should live with you. Refrain. Prayers of the People

God Sends Us to Serve In His Light and Love

*Sending Song: "Go, My Children, With My Blessing" Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirit's power filled you; here his tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

*Benediction

Prelude: "At The Cross"

Participants: Rev. Dr. Wayne Brouwer, preacher Jean Schuitman, bell choir director Julie Hordyk, pianist Cathy Schaaf, organist Anne Zuidema, prayer of the people David Brace and Joslyn Wagenmaker, vocalists OneLicense.net #A-721176 CCLI#775073

Questions Following the Sermon: How do I perceive of my social status? How do I describe others around me that I admire? How do I identify those from whom I feel alienated? Why? How would I describe our church to someone newly moved into the area? Who does not fit into our congregation? Why? If Jesus were to visit our town in visible form for a week, who would he likely spend each day with?

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Anne Zuidema

Volunteer Schedule:

March 27 **Projection: Dan Braak** Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jason Zuidema, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge Ushers: DeJongh (Team 2) Curt DeJongh, Gord Buitendorp, Chris Hordyk Coffee Hosts: Bob and Manette De Jonge, Bruce and Esther Drukker Nursery: Cindy Brace, Marilyn Bolt Little Lambs: Lyndsey Huisman, Auerlia Koch Walk Out Worship: Barb Fritz, Dawn Rotman Greeters: John Rycenga, Dick and **Shirley Good Offering: Luke Society**

April 3

Projection: Eric Wolffis Video: Aiden Rotman, Jim Query, Dirk Weesies, Jacob Weesies Ushers: Terpstra (Team 3) Ken Terpstra, Jamie Goorman, Les Lewis, Tom Bierma Coffee Hosts: Doug and Cheryl Diephouse, Kraig and Cathy Brolick Nursery: Dee Ann Hordyk, Cathy Brolick Little Lambs: Manette de Jonge, Zuidema Girl Walk Out Worship: Emily Bierma, Gabe Schaaf Greeters: Mike Katje, Cal and Jenny Keuning Offering: World Renew Next week we will have Rev. Wayne Brouwer preaching on James 2: 14-26.

Calendar

Sunday, March 27 10:00 a.m.—Church Service 11:15 a.m.—Adult Enrichment 6:30 p.m.- FOCUS Monday, March 28 1:30 p.m. - Ping Pong Tuesday, March 29 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.- Office Hours 7:00 p.m. - Friendship Club Wednesday, March 30 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.- Office Hours 9:00 a.m. -Safe Church Meeting 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Parish Nurse 1:00 p.m.- Knitter's Club in the Parlor 6:30 p.m.- Search Committee Meeting Thursday, March 31 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.- Office Hours 6:00 p.m.- Love in Action Activities Friday, April 1 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.- Office Hours Saturday, April 2 Sunday, April 3 10:00 a.m.—Church Service

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

Announcements:

Church Book Club: Our next meeting will be on April 18, Monday afternoon at 1:30 in the church parlor. The book to be discussed is "The Power and the Glory" by Graham Greene.

Our next meeting of the **SWANS (Single Women Aging Nicely)** will be on Thursday afternoon, April 21, at 1:30. We will meet at the Miniature Museum in Grand Haven. As a group we will have a docent with us. Ticket price is \$8. Members, put it on your calendar!

Adult Enrichment: Please join us after the service as we hear from Jon Terry, Executive Director of the Au Sable Institute. Jon will share the mission of the Institute and discuss ways for you to serve, protect and restore God's earth. All attendees will receive a copy of Au Sable's "Liturgies of Restoration," a workbook that identifies practices that reinforce our identity as God's people of restoration.

Are you available to **help in the office**? It would be great to find one or two people who are willing to answer phones and complete simple tasks when Emily is traveling or needs to take a day off. Call or email Emily if this is something you would be willing to help with!

Choir will not rehearse next Tuesday, the 29th, but will have rehearsals on April 5 and 12 at 7pm.

Friendship Club restarted on Tuesday with almost all of our friends returning and enjoying the hour together. We are still in need of female mentors, which involves sitting with a friend, and guiding them through the hour. We also need people to transport friends to club. This is your opportunity to give someone their "favorite hour of the week"! If you can help or have questions, please contact Lyndsey Huisman (616-481-1687) or Ruth Marotti (616-846-8644). Thank you for prayerfully considering this.

Search Committee Update:

Please follow our progress by going to the church website and click on the tab "About us" then the drop down menu of Pastor Search. Watch for a classified ad in the May issue of *The Banner*. The congregation will soon be given access to a form to recommend pastors for the SC to consider or if preferred, give our contact information to your selected individual (s). Jamie Goorman is the chair and receives email at <u>SecondCRCGHSearch@gmail.com</u> The next SC meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 30, at 6:30 pm at Second. The SC covets the prayers of the congregation as it waits on God for wisdom, patience, and faith. Search Committee: Jamie Goorman, Chair; Cindy Brace, Jane DeGroot, Curt DeJongh Sydney Fritz, Cal Keuning, Joe Risselade, Jim Warners, Jacob Weesies, and Jason Zuidema.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

Ken and Kathy Westveld are very thankful for the prayers for Ken during his illness and hospitalizations. Please continue to pray as Ken now recuperates at home.