



Sunday Worship Service
May 8, 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: "When Morning Gilds the Sky"

arr. Innes

Welcome

*Call to Worship:

We come here today not because we are clever
but because God welcomes the slow learners.

**We come here not because we are wise,
but because God loves us in spite of our folly.**

We come knowing that the greatest persons will be found
among those who humbly serve like Jesus did,
and that the brightest ideas and the deepest truth will come
from those who see themselves as little children in Christ's school.

**O Lord, open up our mind and our hearts
and enable our lives to declare your praise.**

*Opening Song: "Forever"

LUYH 578 v1, 2 and refrain

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

LUYH 583 v1, 5, 7

*God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting

We Reconcile With God

Leader: Lord, I am not perfect. My mouth is just a little too slick and my soul is just a little too sick and tired of stumbling.

People: Lord, we're made in your likeness.

Leader: I keep falling because sometimes my tongue gets in the way. I know right from wrong, but sometimes my tongue gets the best of me.

People: Lord, we're made in your likeness.

Leader: It starts arguments and ignites fires that not even the firefighters can extinguish. My tongue, this sword of fire, has become an instrument of life and death.

People: Lord, we're made in your likeness.

Leader: I don't want to keep living this way. I am ready to lay down my sword and shield to study war no more, but it's hard. People keep coming for me when I never sent for them.

All: Lord, I am your child and I need you. Please help me control my tongue because we praise you and curse our brothers and sisters with the same tongue. And this should not be. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we humbly come to you this day to thank you. You have shown us so much compassion despite our tongues. We have hurt our neighbors, our friends, and our families. Bridle our tongues, God, that we might speak love and not hate. Bridle our tongues, God, that we might uplift and not tear down. Bridle our tongues, God, that we might continue to win more citizens for the kingdom. It's in the name of the one who saved us, Jesus Christ, that we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

God Speaks to Us

Children Leave for Walkout Worship

***Sung Prayer for Illumination: "Show Us Christ" v1**

Plank

Prepare our hearts, O God,
Help us to receive.
Break the hard and stony ground
Help our unbelief.
Plant Your Word down deep in us
Cause it to bear fruit.
Open up our ears to hear
Lead us in Your truth.

Show us Christ, show us Christ.
O God, reveal Your glory
Through the preaching of Your Word
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord.

Scripture Reading: James 3:1-12

Sermon: “Disarming”

Rev. Dr. Wayne Bro

***Hymn of Application:** “Take My Life and Let It Be”

LUYH 863 v 1,3,5

We Respond to God

Ministry Moment

Council Name Draw

Prayer of the People

Steve Ma

Offering and Offertory: “Take My Life”

arr. De Cou

Service of Communion

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord!

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Pastor: With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you have created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who was exalted as King of the universe, that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

***Sing:** “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

LUYH 538 v1

The Institution

We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of his sacrifice, until he comes again.

At his last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance

of me.” In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me.” For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. (Corinthians 11:23-26).

Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom. We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:

Our Father, who 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

God Sends Us to Serve In His Light and Love

***Benediction**

***Sending Song:** “Now Go In Peace”

LUYH 951

Postlude: “O God, My Faithful God”

arr. Haan

Participants:

Rev. Dr. Wayne Brouwer, preacher

Cathy Schaaf, organist

Julie Hordyk, pianist

Steve Marotti, prayer of the people

Chris Hordyk and Christie VanderHeide, praise team

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We display all music and congregational readings on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) and SNC (green) are located in the pew rack; CH (brown) is located under the seat. Large print bulletins are available in the narthex.

If you would like to receive our weekly digital newsletter, and have not been getting it, please call the office at 842-0710.

Questions following the sermon: What were the first words I spoke this morning? Why did I speak them? What is the usual tone of my speech? Why? How do I bless others with my words? How do I berate and belittle others with my words? For which of my words would I like to be remembered.

Offering:

The **Au Sable Institute** prepares students for careers in solving the earth's toughest environmental challenges. Through hands-on learning in the outdoors, engaging professors who integrate faith into their instruction, and a supportive community of friends, they inspire and educate people to serve, protect, and restore God's earth. They have over 50 Partner Colleges nationwide including Calvin University, Cornerstone University, and Dordt University.

Search Committee

The search committee met on Wednesday, April 27 via Zoom to continue their efforts at finding our next Pastor/Shepherd. The team is already evaluating interested and recommended candidates, so progress is notable. If you are aware of a certain pastor that you believe would be a great fit at Second Church, please recommend him or her to us by completing a form in the office. We will follow up with all potential candidates. God has this process in His hands and we can see it already! Watch for a classified ad coming out in the next edition of The Banner. We have also been running a post in "The Network," and may be linked here: <https://network.crcna.org/church-positions/pastor-second-crc-grand-haven-mi>. Starting on May 15 after the worship service, a couple of committee members will be available to answer individual questions in the North Hall on a monthly basis. For this first round, Joe

Risselade and Cindy Brace will be pleased to talk with you about your concerns and/or questions. That being said, the entire committee appreciates your prayers and support: Jamie Goorman, Chair; Cindy Brace, Jane DeGroot, Curt DeJongh, Sydney Fritz, Cal Keuning, Joe Risselade, Jacob Weesies, Jim Warners, and Jason Zuidema.

Announcements:

The Connection Board is hosting a **potluck** in the North Hall after the morning worship service on **Sunday, May 15 at 11:30 a.m.** We will provide sandwiches and drinks. If you're in District 1 or 2, please bring a side to share. If you're in District 3 or 4, please bring a dessert. (You can find your district number in parentheses behind your name in the church directory.) Please complete the sign-up slip in the bulletin today and place in the basket you'll find on Emily's desk in the office or in the collection plate so we know how many people can attend. We're looking forward to sharing a time of casual fellowship together!

BRIDAL SHOWER - On Saturday, May 14 at 9:30 a.m. everyone is invited to a brunch shower celebrating Peyton Risselade's upcoming marriage to Ben Mars. Peyton is registered at Target and William Sonoma. Please remember that all gifts are given anonymously. So we can plan accordingly, please **Sign Up** at the welcome desk today!

Volunteers who work with our youth: There is still time to register for the presentation from Children's Advocacy Center on May 22. Check your email or reach out to Emily in the office.

Summer in Nursery and Children's Programs: We will take a break from Walk out Worship for the summer. Nursery and Little Lambs will be offered each week during the summer. Volunteers: A new volunteer calendar is in your mailbox and in your email. It will just be for the month of June, July, and August. We will make a big new calendar starting in the fall and hopefully have more congregants willing to volunteer in the months to come!

Vacation Bible School: We are excited again to offer the kids of our church and community a fun morning of vacation bible school (VBS) June 13 - 16, 9:30 - 11:45. This takes though a fair amount of help and volunteers. It is such a fund and rewarding time though being around the kids and seeing them being excited for Christ. If you would like to help in some capacity, please sign up at the welcome desk. If you would like more information please contact Rob Wagenmaker - rwagenmaker@hotmail.com or 616.638.0976.

Blessings in a Bag: Greetings congregation from your outreach team! Thank you for participating in this effort! Our goal was to assemble 30 "blessing bags" and, with one per

family unit, bless someone in need as God provides the opportunity for one's path to cross with that person. The goal was met with your help! Bags will be available after church on May 8 and May 15. Thanks again, Steve M., Joan Q., Mary E., Greta H., Kase K.

Please stop by the church kitchen in the next few weeks to see if any of the **containers** by the microwave are yours. Thanks!

Any graduates? Please let the office know if you have any 8th grade, high school, or college kids graduating this year. We would like to know by next Sunday, May 15.

Praise and Prayer Requests

Joyce Dark has been moved to Rest Haven for rehab following a bad fall. The hope is that she will regain strength in the next few weeks and be able to return to her apartment at Appledorn. Prayers for healing!

It is with great gratitude we thank you for your presence, cards , food and encouragement during the recent loss of our husband, father grandfather and great grandfather. The **DeVries family**

Please pray for **Ken and Kathy Westveld**. Ken was transferred to Holland hospital Wednesday afternoon with low blood pressure and an elevated temperature.

Jim and Jean Schuitman are making positive steps along their health journey. Jim has had 2 cycles of chemo in hopefully 6 in the clinical trial. His cancer numbers have come down by amazing numbers. Such a miracle and answer to prayer. Jean has finished radiation treatments this week which caused fatigue. She will now consider the next part of her treatment. Both of them continue to be so grateful for this congregation as you continue to nourish their spirits and bodies through food, cards, calls, and most importantly prayers.

Volunteer Schedule:

May 8

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Harley Dyk, Jason Zuidema, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

Ushers: Hordyk (Team 8) Roger Hordyk, DeeAnn Hordyk, Dan Holtrop, John Buitenhuis

Coffee Hosts: Dan and Debbie Braak, David and Sandra Klassen

Nursery and Little Lambs Combined: Rosemary Geertsma, Sam/Chris Farrar, Mary Terpstra

Walk Out Worship: Barb Fritz, Gabe Schaaf

Greeters: Jim Winkle, Kase and Laura Knochenhauer

Offering: Ausable Institute

May 15

Projection: Ben McCarthy

Video: Jay Brace, Jim Query, Dirk Weesies, Ethan Hodge

Ushers: Rotman (Team 9) Eric Rotman, Ron Fratz, Dave VanderWall, Jason Zuidema

Coffee Hosts: Brian and Kerry Bierma, Scott and Lisa Alfree

Nursery: Mabelle Knochenhauer, Mary Winkle

Little Lambs: Kerry Bierma, Ian Clapp

Walk Out Worship: Rob/Joslyn Wagenmaker, Claire Clapp

Greeters: Amy Goorman, Paul and Linda LaMaire

Offering: ReFrame Ministries

Calendar

Sunday, May 8

10:00 a.m.—Church Service

Monday, May 9

1:30 p.m. - Ping Pong

Tuesday, May 10

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

7 p.m.-Friendship Club

Wednesday, May 11

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

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

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

7:00 p.m.- CHAOS

Thursday, May 12

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

6:00 p.m.— Love in Action Activities

Friday, May 13

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

Saturday, May 14

9:30 a.m.- Shower for Peyton Risselade

Sunday, May 15

10:00 a.m.—Church Service

11:15/11:30 a.m. All Church Potluck!

6:30 p.m. - FOCUS

Next Sunday, May 15, we will have Dr. Neil Plantinga.

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