

*Welcome visitors, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a welcome card (found in the pew rack) and place it in the offering basket if you would like to learn more about Second CRC. Also, please look for the welcome sign after church during coffee time so we can meet you!*

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### God Calls Us Into Worship

**Prelude:** Variations on “Holy Manna” arr. Haan

**Choral Introit:** “Come and Worship” arr. Drennan

**\*Call to Worship:**

**Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!  
For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.  
Praise the Lord! (Psalm 117:1–2)**

**\*Song of Praise:** “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” LUYH 570

**\*God’s Greeting & Welcome**

**\*Mutual Greeting**

### We are Reconciled with God

**Call to Confession**

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.  
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:3–10)

### **Prayer of Confession**

O, you plenteous source of every good and perfect gift, shed abroad the cheering light of your sevenfold grace over our hearts.

**Yes, Spirit of love and gentleness, we ask for your help.**

You know our faults, our failings, our necessities, the dullness of our understanding, the waywardness of our affections, the perverseness of our will.

**When we neglect to practice what we know, visit us, we ask you, with your grace; enlighten our minds, rectify our desires, correct our wanderings, and pardon our omissions, so that by your guidance we may be preserved from making shipwreck of faith, and keep a good conscience, and may at length be landed safe in the haven of eternal rest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Song of Confession: “Trisagion”**

Ortega

Holy God. Holy and mighty. Holy Immortal One, Have mercy, have mercy on us.  
Holy God. Holy and mighty.  
Holy Immortal One, have mercy, have mercy, have mercy.  
Have mercy, have mercy on us.

### **Words of Assurance:**

**Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:6–9)**

### **\*Song of Commitment: “Be Thou My Vision”**

LUYH 859

(Children 5 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are welcome to leave for Walk Out Worship during this song.  
The teacher will be waiting in the back of the church)

## God Speaks to Us

**Scripture Reading:** Genesis 43:1-34

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon:** What if God is better than you think?

Pastor Tim Blackmon

## We Respond to God

**\*Hymn of Response:** “We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

McCracken

Refrain: We will feast in the house of Zion,  
We will sing with our hearts restored.  
“He has done great things!” we will sing  
together. We will feast and weep no more.

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my  
soul be not afraid, For the promised  
morning, O how long? O God of Jacob, be  
our strength!

We will not be burned by the fire; He is the  
Lord our God. We are not consumed by the  
flood; upheld, protected, gathered up!

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed, You  
are the faithful One And from the garden to  
the grave Bind us together, bring shalom!

**\*Creed:**

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried.**

**The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Rick Geertsma

### **Lord's Prayer:**

**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.**

## **Announcements**

### **Offering:**

Liturgist: Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

**People: For where our treasure is, there our heart will be also. (Matthew 6:19-21)**

### **Offertory (Sung by Choir): "Communion Song"**

Paul LaMaire

## We Celebrate the Feast of the World's Redemption

### Invitation

### Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy and right it is and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord, our Creator, almighty and everlasting God! You created the heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being, and preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us men and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you we praise and bless you, O God.

With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name.

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the world.

In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices.

Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died!**

**Christ has risen!**

**Christ will come again!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in

him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into him Christ our Lord.

And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that thy whole Church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into thy kingdom. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

## Communion

The Lord Jesus, the same night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me.”

After the same manner also, he took the cup when they had supped, saying,

“this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

## \*Communion Thanksgiving

The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us;

**he will bless the house of Israel;**

**he will bless the house of Aaron;**

**he will bless those who fear the Lord,**

**both the small and the great.**

May the Lord give you increase,  
you and your children!

**May you be blessed by the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth!**

The heavens are the Lord's heavens,  
but the earth he has given to the children of man.

The dead do not praise the Lord,  
nor do any who go down into silence.

**But we will bless the Lord**

**from this time forth and forevermore. Psalm 115: 12 – 14**

## God Sends Us to Serve In His Light and Love

**\*Sending Song:** “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

LUYH 946 vs. 1,3

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude:** “Trumpet Maestoso”

Brunner

### Credits & Liturgical Notes:

- Prayer of Confession: Anselm (1033-1109) Archbishop of Canterbury renowned for his godly character and sharp intellect; his *Cur Deus Homo* (“*Why God Became Man*”) was a vital contribution to the church’s understanding of the person and work of Christ.
- Creed: Nicene Creed, 325 A.D.
- 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.
- Participants:

Pastor Tim Blackmon, preacher

Jan Zuidema, pianist

Jean Schuitman, organist and choir director

Rick Geertsma, prayer of the people and scripture reading

Patrice Frantz and Chris Hordyk, praise team

Karen Katje and Patrice Frantz, flute

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## Volunteer Schedule:

### October 2

**Projection:** Eric Wolffis

**Video:** Chuck DeWitt, Jason Zuidema, Dirk Weesies, Jacob Weesies

**Ushers:** Schuitema (Team 7)  
Dale Schuitema, Kraig Brolick,  
Cathy Brolick, Garry VandenBerg

**Coffee Hosts:** Joel and Greta  
Hoekstra, Dan and Cheri Holtrop

**Nursery:** Jenny Steigenga,  
Yasmin Vanderheide

**Little Lambs:** Mary Terpstra,  
Claire Clapp

**Walk Out Worship:** Jocelyn  
Wagenmaker, Vivienne McCarthy

**Greeters:** Dan Meindersma,  
Brian and Barb Sikkenga

**Offering:** Race Relations All  
Nations Heritage Sunday

### October 9

**Projection:** Dan Braak

**Video:** Mark Boelens, Jim Query,  
Jay Brace, and Ethan Hodge

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

**Coffee Hosts:** Jay and Mabelle  
Knochenhauer, Glenn and Jan  
Gronevelt

**Nursery:** Chris Farrar, Auerlia  
Koch

**Little Lambs:** Sam Farrar, Maelyn  
Wagenmaker

**Walk Out Worship:** Cindy Brace,  
Ian Clapp

**Greeters:** John and Marie  
Rycenga

**Offering:** World Renew- Disaster

## Calendar

### **Sunday, October 2**

10:00 a.m.—Church Service  
11:30 a.m.- Adult Enrichment  
6:30 p.m.- FOCUS

### **Monday, October 3**

9 a.m.-12 p.m.- Office Hours  
1:30 p.m.- Book Club

### **Tuesday, October 4**

7:30 a.m.- Prayer Team  
9 a.m.-12 p.m.- Office Hours  
7 p.m.- Friendship Club  
7 p.m.- Sanctuary Choir

### **Wednesday, October 5**

9 a.m.-12 p.m.- Office Hours  
7 p.m.- CHAOS

### **Thursday, October 6**

9 a.m.-12 p.m.- Office Hours  
1:30 p.m.- Women's Bible Hour  
6 p.m.- Empower U

### **Friday, October 7**

### **Saturday, October 8**

7:30 a.m.- Tool Time

### **Sunday, October 9**

10:00 a.m.—Church Service  
11:30 a.m.- Adult Enrichment

For more information on current  
events, please visit our website:  
**[secondcrcgrandhaven.org](http://secondcrcgrandhaven.org)**



## Announcements

All men are welcome to join a men's bible study on Saturday mornings at church. The Tool Time Men's Bible Study will be studying a book entitled "The Mulligan: Everyone Needs a Second Chance in Golf and in Life" by Wally Armstrong and Ken Blanchard for our fall season. It's a short book and we will be reviewing 3 chapters per session for 6 sessions. **Dates for Tool Time are October 8 and 22, November 5 and 19, and December 3 and 17.** We will meet at church in the North Hall from **7:30 – 8:30 a.m.** Coffee and donuts will be provided. For our winter sessions we will return to a traditional Bible study.

The 2022 Tri-Cities **CROP Hunger Walk** is today. Interested in collecting donations? Grab an envelope from the welcome desk! It will start at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 406 E. Savidge St. in Spring Lake. The sign-in opens at 1:30 p.m. and the walk starts at 2 p.m..

Office News: In anticipation of Emily Bierma's maternity leave, we are looking for a temporary part time replacement for the **administrative assistant**. If you or someone you know would be interested to learn more about the position and look at the job description, please email [admin@secondcrcgrandhaven.org](mailto:admin@secondcrcgrandhaven.org).

**Sunday Evening Gatherings with Districts:** Pastor Tim and Betsy would love another opportunity to get to know the congregation. We are planning district events on Sunday evenings for a time of dessert and fellowship. Dates are listed below for the different districts. You can use the directory to find your district or an email will go out specifically inviting you to the event. Are you not in a district or a visitor? Pick a date that works best for you! We will meet in the North Hall at 6 p.m. We hope you can make it! Call the office if you have any questions or can't find your district.

**October 16: District 4**

**October 23: District 3**

**October 30: District 2**

**November 6: District 1**

Today will be the final opportunity to pick-up a "**Blessings In A Bag**". The remaining few will be on a table in the atrium after service, during coffee time. Also, those who have given out their "Blessings' Bags", please e-mail or share your story with Steve Marotti, Mary Erickson, Joanie Query, Greta Hoekstra or send them to the Office. These stories will be shared in a bulletin of thanksgiving.

**Bridal Shower:** Alexandra Hodge married Zachary Boersen at a "small wedding" on July

19th. Now, prior to her December 30 wedding and reception, we get to celebrate her and all she has meant to our church with a brunch bridal shower!! This will be Saturday, October 22, at 9:30 am. Alex is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, as well as Amazon. Please **sign up** at the welcome desk, and remember, all gifts are given anonymously!!

Looking ahead... the church will host another **blood drive** on November 3, 12-5:45 p.m. Use the link from your Tuesday news to sign up for a slot.

### **Adult Enrichment:**

**Today** – Youth Group and Leader, Rob Wagenmaker – In depth review of recent Cuba mission trip

**Oct 9** – Catherine McClung – Local Artist and Author – Three-piece Work of Art and Book both titled Birds of the Bible

### **Prayers, Praises, and Thank You's**

**Jill Holman** had oral surgery this week to have all of her teeth removed. Please pray for peace, relief from pain, and a rapid healing process.

**New City Kids Bike Tour** brought in over \$1000 in donations from Second Church. Even though the actual ride had to be canceled due to rain, the money raised will be used to further their work using creative arts with underserved kids. A big thank you to everyone who contributed, who were prepared to ride, and worked behind the scenes. New City Kids is so grateful!