

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!

God Calls Us Into Worship

Prelude: “Before Thee, God”
“Father, I Adore You”

Christiansen
arr. Bock

***Gathering Hymn:** “Gather Us In”

LUYH 529 vs.1,2,3

***Call to Worship:**

I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

**I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**

Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.

**This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.**

The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! Psalm 34: 1-8

***Song of Praise:** “With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring”

LUYH 585 vs. 1,2,4

***God’s Greeting & Welcome**

*Mutual Greeting

We are Reconciled with God

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Prayer of Confession

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Words of Assurance:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

***Song of Assurance:** “The Steadfast Love of the Lord Never Ceases” LUYH 347
(Children 5 through 2nd 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 39:21-40:23 (ESV)

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: What if God has not forgotten you?

Pastor Tim Blackmon

We Respond to God

***Hymn of Response:** “You are Mine”

LUYH 430 vs. 1,2,3

Prayer of the People

Rev. Jay Knochenhauer

Announcements

Liturgist: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. All things come from you, O Lord.

People: **And of your own have we given you.** 1 Chronicles 29: 11,14

Offering: Lighthouse Ministries

Offertory: “Take My Life and Let It Be”

LUYH 863 vs. 1,2,4,5,6

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:** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

LUYH 936

***Benediction**

Postlude: "O God, Our Help In Ages Past"

arr. Matthews

Participants:

Pastor Tim Blackmon, preacher

Jan Zuidema, pianist

Jean Schuitman, organist

Rev. Jay Knochenhauer, prayer of the people and scripture reading

Cindy Brace and Paul LaMaire, praise team

Cal Keuning, percussion

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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.

Volunteer Schedule:

September 11

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Mark Boelens, Jim Query,
Aiden Rotman, Ethan Hodge

Ushers: Geertsma (Team 4) Rick
Geertsma, Rosemary Geertsma, Dirk
Weesies

Coffee Hosts: David and Susan
Hoekema, Steve and Ruth Marotti

Nursery: Ruth Marotti, Gabe Schaaf

Little Lambs: Amy Wolffis, Yasmin
Vanderheide

Walk Out Worship: Emily Bierma,
Claire Clapp

Greeters: Glenn Gronevelt, Dennis
and Mary Jo Schaaf

Offering: Lighthouse Ministries

September 18

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Dirk Weesies, Jason Zuidema,
Jay Brace, Harley Dyk

Ushers: Stan Boelkins, Dan Braak,
Jeff Erickson, Joe Risselade

Coffee Hosts: Les and Bern Lewis,
Ryan and Victoria McCarthy

Nursery: Dee Ann Hordyk, Auerlia
Koch

Little Lambs: Ann Koch, Vivienne
McCarthy

Walk Out Worship: Emily Bierma,
Maelyn Wagenmaker

Greeters: Mike Katje, Dale and
Norma Schuitema

Offering: Faith Promise: Don Slager,
United Bible Society

Calendar

Sunday, September 11

10:00 a.m.—Church Service

6:30 p.m.- FOCUS

Monday, September 12

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

Tuesday, September 13

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

6 p.m.- Friendship Club

7 p.m.- Sanctuary Choir

Wednesday, September 14

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

7 p.m.- CHAOS

Thursday, September 15

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

1:30 p.m.- Women's Bible Hour

6 p.m.- Empower U

Friday, September 16

Saturday, September 17

Sunday, September 18

10:00 a.m.—Church Service

11:15 a.m.- Adult Enrichment

Announcements:

SAVE THE DATE!! Alexandra Hodge is getting married and we want to celebrate with a brunch shower on Saturday, October 22 at 9:30 am. Details to follow!!

Sanctuary choir is starting up! Rehearsals are 7 pm Tuesday evenings on September 13, 20, and 27. The choir will sing on Sunday October 2. High school on up are invited to join in praising our Lord with music. Any questions, please contact Jean Schuitman at 231-750-6676 or morbaroque@gmail.com.

On Thursday evening, from 6:00 to 7:00, our church opens its doors to **Empower U**, a financial fitness program provided by Love In Action. Part of our outreach to the participants is providing child care for the hour. We are needing a few more people to fill in some time slots. If this is something you would be willing to help with over the next 8 Thursdays, please see Steve Marotti, stevemarotti@gmail.com, or call 616-366-2717 for details. Thank you

We are eagerly anticipating our Fall session of **Friendship Club**. **There is a need for cookie bakers**- please sign up at the atrium kiosk. We are also looking for guest story tellers. If you are willing to help out in this way, please contact Lyndsey Huisman or Ruth Marotti. As always, all are invited to join us for this hour of worship, fellowship, and fun on Tuesday evenings 7:00 - 8:00 beginning September 20th!

A volunteer is needed to help the **Projection Team**. You are welcome to the booth before or after a service to see what is involved, or to sit in the booth during a service. We will work with your conflicts and you would be scheduled about every 3rd week. Contact Dan Braak or Harley Dyk if you can help or for more information.

Women's Bible Hour began its Fall Season this last Thursday and will continue to meet weekly at 1:30 on Thursdays. Questions? Call Char at 842-0848.

A reminder for **book club** on Monday, September 19 at 1:30 p.m. in the parlor of church. You still have time to read, "Anna Karenina" by Leo Tolstoi, and join in the discussion. Open to all interested!

New Fall Hours in the office start this coming week. The office will be open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. til 12 p.m.. You are welcome to stop in at any time or email with any needs, questions, or concerns. Thanks!

FOCUS and CHAOS youth groups will be starting this week. FOCUS (high school group) will meet tonight from 6:30 to 8 and CHAOS (Middle School) meets on Wednesday from 7-8:30. We hope to see you there!

Love In Action Food Drive: It's time for our next food drive for the Love In Action Food Pantry. The need is great! Cheryl Youngquist, Operations Director at Love In Action, said "We are serving over 250 families with a week's worth of groceries each month." Check your church email for the list of items needed. If you are able to donate, please drop them off in the church parking lot on Friday, September 9, 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.

Donations for the **New City Kids Bike Tour** (rather Bike UN-Tour, since it was canceled due to rain on August 13!) are being accepted until 9/15/22. Please give generously for this creative and responsible organization. Thank you! More information may be found at <https://newcitykids.org/grandrapids/> or contact Mary Erickson at marylerickson@sbcglobal.net or (616) 638-6367.

Praise and Prayers:

From **Chuck and Carol DeWitt** - We would like to thank everyone for your prayers, beautiful cards, encouraging words, and phone calls, all through the last month and a half, while Chuck had 28 radiation treatments. His last one was this past Friday. During the next 2-3 months, his body will be healing and the minimal side effects he's had will be decreasing too. Please continue to pray for increased energy and especially for peace and patience, as we wait these 2-3 months, to have his blood tested and to see if the radiation treatments got rid of his cancer.

Prayers for the **Schuitmans** as Jim is still in the hospital. Jean and Jim have some tough decisions to make in the days to come- prayers for peace and wisdom.

Heartfelt thanks for the prayers, cards, visits, food and the caring following surgery and recovery process. I thank God for each of you. **Ione Hoekenga.**

Gord Veurink has moved into Grand Pines. His new address is 1410 South Ferry St., Grand Pines #D-8, Grand Haven, MI 49417.

Update from Anne Koch: We saw the doctor yesterday and received the great news that I will not have to have surgery on my knee! I will have some Physical Therapy to regain mobility and strength, but otherwise I am cleared to walk without a brace! Prayers and thoughts have been answered! Thank you all so much for keeping me and my family lifted up in healing prayers!