



Worship Service for  
Fourth Sunday of Epiphany  
January 29, 2023

*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. We look forward to connecting with you. Also, please join us for coffee after church so we can meet you!*

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## Jesus Welcomes Us

**Prelude:** “Knowing You”

arr. Hayes

### **\*Call to Worship**

We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you, the Father everlasting. To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

**The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you: Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When you took our flesh to set us free you humbly chose the Virgin’s womb. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

**You are seated at God’s right hand in glory. We believe that you will come to be our judge. Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting. Amen**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

LUYH 540

## **\*Opening Prayer**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **\*God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting**

**\*Song of Worship: "We are Called"**

David Haas

### **Jesus Forgives Sinners**

#### **Call to Confession**

Our Lord Jesus calls us to be his followers, but we are often slow to learn and struggle to obey. He calls us to follow him and take up our cross, but we are at times reluctant and count the cost.

#### **Prayer of Confession**

You have said that the poor in spirit are blessed. Yet we pretend to be powerful and pursue the lie of self-sufficiency. Give us humble hearts and help us depend on your grace and goodness for every moment.

**O humble Lord, we need you.**

You have said that those who mourn are blessed. Yet we would often rather numb ourselves through movies and media than open ourselves to the reality of grief in the world and in our hearts. Help us look up from our phones toward you and give us strength to be present in pain.

**O Lord of comfort, we need you.**

You have said that the meek are blessed. Yet we follow the call of advertisements and corporate ladders, pursuing the treasures of this world. Help us steward our earthly blessings well and find our true treasure in you.

**O giver of every good gift, we need you.**

You have said that those who desire righteousness and justice are blessed. Yet we are so easily lulled into the comfort of complacency. Fill us with your Spirit that we might flee from sin and fight for your justice.

**O holy God, we need you.**

You have said that the merciful are blessed. Yet we harbor anger and resentment in our hearts. Heal our bitterness, teach us to forgive, and help us work toward restoration in our lives and world.

**O merciful Master, we need you.**

You have said that the pure in heart are blessed. Yet we go about our days with mixed motives, sometimes of service and sometimes of selfishness. Purify our hearts and help us to be people of integrity and honesty.

**O living Lord, we need you.**

You have said that the peacemakers are blessed, Yet we easily give in to anger, resentment and prejudice. Give us ears to humbly listen and tongues seasoned with grace that we might carry your presence through the world.

**O Father God, we need you.**

You have said that the persecuted are blessed, Yet we enjoy our places of privilege in our families, our city, and this world. Give us humble hearts ready to forsake our comforts and seek those who do not yet know you.

**O blessed God, we need you.**

**Song of Confession:** Kyrie Eleison

Iona Community

### **Words of Assurance**

Give thanks to God. You are righteous before God through true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though your conscience accuses you of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of your own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to you the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if you had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if you had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for you. **Thanks be to God. Amen. Amen.**

**Song of Assurance:** “His Mercy is More” vs 1 & 3

Boswell/Papa

## **Jesus Blesses Children**

### **Prayer of Blessing for Children**

**Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for all our children. We pray they will love you with all their heart, and with all their soul and with all their mind. By the power of your Spirit, enable them to love you and their neighbor, all to your glory. Amen.**

### **Children Leave for Walkout Worship**

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

## **Jesus Speaks God’s Word**

**Old Testament Reading:** Judges 7:15-23 and Isaiah 9:1-7

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 4:12-25

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon:** Jesus encounters people in Zebulun and Naphtali

## **We Respond to Jesus in Faith**

### **Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Response:** “Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult” vs 1-3, 5

LUYH 121 1-3,5

### **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**

## 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.

**Offering:** Cadet Sunday

**Offertory:** "Give Me Jesus"

arr. Koerts

### Jesus Sends Us into the World

**\*Sending Song:** "We Receive Your Blessing"

LUYH 947

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude:** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

arr. Carter

## Credits & Liturgical Notes:

- Participants:
  - Rev. Tim Blackmon, Preacher
  - Julie Hordyk, Pianist
  - Christie VanderHeide, Rob Wagenmaker, Vocalists
  - Rick Geertsma, Prayers of the People/Scripture Reading
- Creed: Nicene Creed

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.

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## Prayer Requests, Praises, Thank You's:

For **Jim and Jean Schuitman**: Please pray for strength for the family and for peace for Jim.

**From Don Slager**: An answer to many prayers: Don found a doctor who would perform the surgery for Charles. The surgery was performed last week and went well. Don is looking forward to having Charles again working on the Maan translation.

## Announcements:

**Encounters with Jesus**: Pastor Tim will host the Afterword following the worship service. Also, "Encounters" will meet every Wednesday at 7pm in the Adult Enrichment room in the basement. Pastor Tim invites anyone interested in coming together to read about the upcoming story of Nicodemus in John 3:1-15. We will spend some time in conversation and prayer. Hope to see you there!

**Tool Time Men's Bible Study Dates**: February 4 and 18; March 4. Time: 7:30 am. Location: North Hall. We will continue our discussion of the book "The Mulligan" by Wally Armstrong and Ken Blanchard. Coffee and donuts are provided.

**Women's Bible Hour** will meet for the four Thursdays in February at 1:30 pm in the parlor. We will be doing the last four lessons of our study of the Parables of Jesus. If you would like to join us and need the study materials call Char at 616-842-0848.

**Church Book Club** will meet on Monday, February 13 at 1:30pm in the church parlor. The book to be discussed will be *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee. Facilitated discussion led by Agnes Fisher. This meeting is open to anyone interested in reading and sharing. Any questions or for more details feel free to email [lone.lloydh@gmail.com](mailto:lone.lloydh@gmail.com) or call lone 616-502-8477.

**Prayer Partner**: During Covid, we lost steam on our prayer partner program (3rd-12th grade). It is time to revive it and make it better than ever! Rather than have special prayer partner Sundays, we want it to be part of your normal church life every Sunday. When you see your prayer partner in church, say hello, touch base, get to know each other, and prayer for each other daily. This is a great opportunity to grow together.

**Save the date for the 2nd Annual Pinewood Derby**: Sunday March 19, 5:30pm. We are offering pre-formed cars, in addition to the block, that just need a little sanding, paint and wheels. Also, if you don't have time to make a car but have an old one, we will have a classic class race to see some of the "vintage" models run! If you are interested in getting a block or preformed car, please see Rob Wagenmaker after service in the Atrium to put in your order. It would be great for prayer partners to team up this activity!

Please note the change of address: **Jean Schuitman**: 5225 Crosswind Lane, Holland, MI 49453. **Jim and Joanne Query**: 145 Columbia Ave. Apt 162, Holland, MI 49423.

January greeting from your **Outreach Team!** We have a few Blessing Bags left in the Office and there is a sample in the Atrium as well. As you travel about in the next few weeks, you may be able to “bless on” someone. We are also beginning to **collect new or clean scarves and hats for the next “bag drive.”** Please drop off your donations in the Atrium by the sample Blessing Bag box.

## Volunteer Schedule

### January 29

**Projection:** Dan Braak

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

**Ushers:** Dan Braak (Team 5), Jeff Erickson, Joe Risselade, Paula Risselade

**Coffee Hosts:** Dan and Debbie Braak, Brian and Kerry Bierma

**Nursery:** Rosemary Geertsma, Yasmin VanderHeide

**Little Lambs:** Sheila Warners, Betsy Blackmon

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

**Greeters:** Glen and Mary Wierenga, Garrison Koch

**Offering:** Cadet Sunday

### February 5

**Projection:** Eric Wolffis

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

**Ushers:** Ron Brouwer (Team 6), Dave VanderHeide, Rob Wagenmaker, Doug Zuidema

**Coffee Hosts:** Art and Marilyn Bolt, Scott and Lisa Alfree

**Nursery:** Victoria McCarthy, Maelyn Wagenmaker

**Little Lambs:** Mary Terpstra, Reed Van Stratt

**Walk Out Worship:** Barb Fritz, Vivienne McCarthy

**Greeters:** Jim and Mary Winkle, Rick Geertsma

**Offering:** Mobility Worldwide (West Michigan)

## Calendar

### **Sunday, January 29**

10:00 am—Church Service

11:30 am—Afterword

### **Monday, January 30**

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

1:30pm—Ping Pong

### **Tuesday, January 31**

7:30 am—Prayer Team

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

### **Wednesday, February 1**

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

1:30 pm—Knitter’s Club

7 pm—Encounters, led by Tim

### **Thursday, February 2**

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

1:30 pm—Women’s Bible Hour

5:30-7:30pm—Love in Action

### **Friday, February 3**

### **Saturday, February 4**

7:30am—Tool Time Bible Study

### **Sunday, February 5**

10:00 am—Church Service

11:30 am—Afterword

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## **Connect with Second CRC**

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