

Worship Service for Transfiguration Sunday February 19, 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!

Jesus Welcomes Us

Prelude: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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*Call to Worship

Holy, holy, is the Lord our God and King! Glorious and powerful is the God of all creation! In reverent awe, we gather to worship our God.

The Lord our God is King and the Just Judge of all things for all eternity, all people and all places. In reverent awe, we gather to praise our God.

The Lord our God is King and the Forgiving God! 'Grace' and 'Peace' are the names of our God. In reverent awe, we gather to worship God, within the light of God's holiness, justice, mercy and love. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise: "Be Still, for the Presence"

LUYH 532

*Opening Prayer

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King of His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

*God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting

*Song of Worship: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

LUYH 579

Jesus Forgives Sinners

Call to Confession

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we do not trust You fully. We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. We put our hope in worldly gain and in human promises, and find ourselves defeated and lost when things fall apart.

You have given us a love more fully than anything we could experience in this world but we do not seek it, we do not hold on to it, and we look to our own means of assurance and security.

Forgive us.

Call us back to You that we may put our trust in You and not be afraid.

May we hear the words so clearly as the disciples did on the day of the Transfiguration; may we rise up, and not be afraid. In the name of Jesus, who loves us and offers us forgiveness, we pray. Amen.

Song of Confession: "Have Mercy"

McCracken/Cockrell

Words of Assurance

Friends, hear the Good News of the Gospel: the brilliance of Christ's presence before you outshines the darkness of your sin. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Alleluia! Amen!

Song of Assurance: "Amazing Grace/Fill it Up"

Joyce Borger

Jesus Blesses Children

Prayer of Blessing for Children

Heavenly Father, Apart from You, we can do nothing, but with Your power working in us more can happen for our children than all we ask or imagine. We ask You to bless them, teach them and keep them, for their everlasting joy and for Your glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. **Amen**

Children Leave for Walkout Worship

(Children 5 through 2nd 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

Scripture Reading

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: Peter, James, and John; Moses and Elijah

We Respond to Jesus in Faith

Prayer

*Hymn of Response: "Christ, We Climb with You the Mountain"

LUYH 131

Creed

We believe in one God. the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God. eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father: through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son]. who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead. and the life of 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: Faith Promise: Steve and Kim Holtrop

Offertory: "We Are an Offering" LUYH 874

Jesus Sends Us into the World

*Sending/Doxology Song: "God of Mercy, God of Grace" LUYH 934 vs 1,3

*Benediction

Postlude: "Christ, We Climb with you the Mountain" arr. Harris

Credits & Liturgical Notes:

Participants:

Rev. Tim Blackmon, Preacher
Jan Zuidema, Pianist
Cathy Schaaf, Organist
Cal Keuning, Percussion
Patrice Frantz, Chris Hordyk, Vocalists
Steve Marotti, 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. OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#775073.

Epiphany

The season of Epiphany, meaning "to show" or "to make known," extends from January 6th until Ash Wednesday. This time of revelation is also referred to as the Theophany ("manifestation of God") and leads into the season of Lent. In Western settings, we remember the coming of the wise men who visited the Christ child and honored him with their gifts, "revealing" Jesus to the world as Lord and King.

Each aspect of the liturgical calendar holds symbolism and theological importance. Through the Magi's acts of worship, Epiphany teaches us that the incarnate Christ is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32). Simeon's prophecy is fulfilled; Jesus has come to seek and save all people.

Transfiguration Sunday is the last Sunday of Epiphany, observed this year on February 19th. On Transfiguration Sunday, God reveals himself in Jesus Christ through a glorious and dramatic demonstration of Jesus' divinity. Matthew describes Jesus' radiant appearance: "he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light" (Matthew 17:2).

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the king in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Prayer Requests, Praises, Thank Yous:

Congratulations to Jenna and Chris Brian on the birth of their first child. **Leddy Josephine Brian** was born on February 15 at 3:23 am, 7lbs 2oz and 20 inches. Address: 234 Grand Ave. Grand Haven.

World Renew is Responding to the Major Earthquakes in Türkiye & Syria. Please Help Individuals and Families Devastated by this Disaster. Please note that our Special Offering on February 26 will go to help this cause. Please hold the people of Türkiye and Syria in prayer.

Announcements:

Encounters with Jesus: Please note that we will not be meeting again until Wednesday, March 8.

On Wednesday, February 22, there will be an **Ash Wednesday** service in the sanctuary at 7 pm, preceded by a soup supper in the North Hall at 6 pm. We shall buy the soups from Lori DeWitt, the proceeds from which go to her organization, "Casa de Esperanza" (House of Hope) in Honduras. Please RSVP for supper at the kiosk in the atrium. Families warmly welcomed (childcare not 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.

Tool Time Men's Bible Study Dates: February 18 and 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.

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 or call lone 616-502-8477.

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 have an old car, 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!

SWANS please note that there has been a change of location and date for our February meeting. We will meet on Wednesday, Feb 22 at 11:30 am at the Unicorn Restaurant on the corner of Beechtree and Colfax. They are closed on Tuesday, so that's why we needed to change the date. Hope to see you all there. Please contact lone if you have any questions. 616-502-8477

Council Nominations: Please prayerfully consider how you can use the gifts God has given you by serving on Council or as a Care Team Volunteer. Know of someone else you think has been gifted to serve? Encourage them to nominate as well. Nomination forms are available in the office. Not sure what your gifts might be? Take a free gift assessment online: FaithAliveResources.org/DiscoverYourGiftsSurvey. Please submit your form to the office by March 5.

Wondering how you can **support the children's program**? We need homemade play doh for the Little Lamb's room. We want to keep the space free of all gluten and regular play doh is not gluten free. This is a great opportunity for those who want to help but are unable to be on the schedule to volunteer. It would be great if we had one or two people volunteer to make a batch each month. Email Emily if you are interested in helping and she can help you find a recipe as well. Thanks for considering! childrensministries@secondcrcgrandhaven.org

Love in Action upcoming dates: Saturday, March 4: Meijer Simply Give Double Match Day to benefit our pantries. Saturday, March 25: Meijer Simply Give Double Match Day to benefit our pantries. Love In Action Financial Fitness program is asking us to provide childcare services for their Empower U participants for the Thursday nights from March 9th through April 27th Spring program. High School students can earn both service hours and Outreach will help support your mission trip fund based on hours worked also. You may commit for any or all of these Thursday evening sessions. Sessions run from 5:45PM through 7:30 PM. Please contact Steve Marotti if interested or for more info at stevemarotti@gmail.com or 616-366-2717

The next art exhibit in our **Atrium Art Gallery** will begin on March 5, with a reception after the worship service welcoming the artist, Diane Van Noord, who is a Grand Haven native. The congregation is invited to stay, hear a bit about her work, and welcome Diane to our fellowship with her beautifully colorful landscapes.

Volunteer Schedule

February 19

Projection: Eric Wolffis

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

Hodge

Ushers: Roger Hordyk (Team 8), DeeAnn Hordyk,

Dan Holtrop, John Buitenhuis

Coffee Hosts: Jim and Sheila Warners, Glen and

Mary Wierenga

Nursery: Cathy Brolick, Deanne Hordyk Little Lambs: Dawn Rotman, Gabe Schaaf Walk Out Worship: Emily Bierma, Claire Clapp Greeters: Eric and Amy Wolffis, Mike Katje Offering: Faith Promise-Steve and Kim Holtrop

February 26

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Jay Brace, Jason Zuidema, Dirk Weesies,

Jacob Weesies

Ushers: Eric Rotman (Team 9), Ron Frantz, Dave

VanderWall, Jason Zuidema

Coffee Hosts: David and Cherise Vander Heide,

Stuart and Christie Vander Heide

Nursery: Cindy Brace, Maelyn Wagenmaker **Little Lambs:** Betsy Blackmon, Zuidemas

Walk Out Worship: Joslyn Wagenmaker, Ian Clapp Greeters: Mike and Judy Wolffis, David Vander

Heide

Offering: World Renew: Disaster Response

Calendar

Sunday, February 19

10:00 am-Church Service 11:30 am-Afterword

Monday, February 20

9 am-12 pm-Office Hours

1:30pm-Ping Pong

Tuesday, February 21

7:30 am-Prayer Team 9 am-12 pm-Office Hours

Wednesday, February 22

9 am-12 pm-Office Hours 1 pm-Knitter's Club

11:30 am-SWANS Unicorn

Restaurant

6 pm-Ash Wednesday Soup

Supper and Service

Thursday, February 23

9 am-12 pm-Office Hours 1:30 pm-Women's Bible Hour 5:30-7:30pm-Love in Action

Friday, February 24

Saturday, February 25

Sunday, February 26 10:00 am-Church Service

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