

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: “Aria”

Flor Peeters

***Call to Worship**

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

A moment of silence

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

O come, let us adore him.

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all
your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the
pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with
good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”

Psalm 103:1–5

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***Hymn of Praise:** “Come, Worship God”

LUYH 509

***Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities that may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

***God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting**

***Song of Worship:** "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

LUYH 568 vs 1,3,4

Introduction to Lent and Ash Wednesday

Silence

O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath. Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing; heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled. My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O Lord—how long? Turn, O Lord, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love. For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who will give you praise? I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping. My eye wastes away because of grief; it grows weak because of all my foes. Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping. The Lord has heard my plea; the Lord accepts my prayer. All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly troubled; they shall turn back and be put to shame in a moment."

Psalm 6

Silence

Song: "Kyrie Eleison"

Iona Community

Jesus Forgives Sinners

Call to Confession

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

Song: "Kyrie Eleison"

Iona Community

Prayer of Confession

Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault 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, and mind, and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

We have not heard your call to serve, as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ.

We have grieved thy Holy Spirit.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

We confess to you, O Lord, all our past unfaithfulness:

the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

We confess to you, O Lord.

Our lust, gluttony, and abuse of others,

We confess to you, O Lord.

Our anger, hatred, malice, and envy,

We confess to you, O Lord.

Our laziness, inordinate love of worldly goods and comforts,
and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

We confess to you, O Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to
commend the faith that is in us,

We confess to you, O Lord.

Accept our repentance, O Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness
to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

Accept our repentance, O Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,
and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

Accept our repentance, O Lord.

For our poor stewardship and misuse of your creation, and our lack of concern for the generations to come,

Accept our repentance, O Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation;

That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Song: “Kyrie Eleison”

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Words of Assurance

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Selah

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Selah

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Selah

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you. Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!”

Jesus Blesses Children

Prayer of Blessing for Children

God, Father and Creator, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us, especially the gift of your Son. During this season of Lent, we pray you will help us and our children change and grow and become the kind of people you created us to be. Fill our hearts with love for you and love for all people, as we journey together toward the light of Easter. We know you are with us in all that we do. **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 Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:32-52

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: Jesus' Encounter with Blind Bartimaeus

We Respond to Jesus in Faith

Prayer

***Hymn of Response:** "Be Thou My Vision"

Prayers of the People

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Offering: World Renew: Disaster Response

Offertory: “My Heart is Filled with Longing”

JS Bach/Schreiner

We Receive the Grace and Blessing of Jesus

Imposition of Ashes

Prayer

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be a sign of our mortality and repentance, that we may remember that it is only by thy gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Song: “All I Have is Christ”
“I Worship You, O Lord”

Kauflin
LUYH 668 vs 1,5

***Benediction**

Postlude: “Fugue in D minor”

JS Bach

Credits & Liturgical Notes:

- Participants:
Rev. Tim Blackmon, Preacher
Julie Hordyk, Pianist
Jean Schuitman, Organist
Christie VanderHeide, Rob Wagenmaker, Vocalists
Jeff Erickson, Prayers of the People/Scripture Reading

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.

Prayer Requests, Praises, Thank Yous:

World Renew is Responding to the major earthquakes in Turkey & 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 Turkey and Syria in prayer.

Announcements:

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

Tool Time Men's Bible Study Date: 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.

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!

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. 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 (5:45-7:30 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 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

March 5

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Mark Boelens, Jim Query, Dirk Weesies, Ethan Hodge

Ushers: Chuck DeWitt (Team 10), Mike Katje, Ron Retsema, Dennis Schaaf

Coffee Hosts: Carl Vertregt and Ralph Veldboom, Fred and Marti Vanden Brand

Nursery: Marilyn Bolt, Yasmin Vanderheide

Little Lambs: Kerri Bierma, Claire Clapp

Walk Out Worship: Emily Bierma, Reed Van Stratt

Greeters: David and Rita Zuidema, Dan Meindertsmas

Offering: Reach the Forgotten

Calendar

Sunday, February 26

10:00 am—Church Service

11:30 am—Soup Luncheon

6:30pm—FOCUS HS Youth Group

Monday, February 27

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

1:30pm—Ping Pong

Tuesday, February 28

7:30 am—Prayer Team

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

Wednesday, March 1

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

1 pm—Knitter's Club

7 pm—CHAOS Jr High Youth Group

Thursday, March 2

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

1:30 pm—Women's Bible Hour

5:30-7:30pm—Love in Action

Friday, March 3

Saturday, March 4

7:30 am—Tool Time Men's Bible Study

Sunday, March 5

10:00 am—Church Service

11:30 am—Atrium Art Gallery Reception

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