



Worship Service for  
Fifth Sunday of Epiphany  
February 5, 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:** “Jesu Priceless Treasure”  
“My Faith In Thee Is Sure”

Leupold  
Bach

#### \*Call to Worship

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!  
Psalm 96:1-3

**\*Hymn of Praise:** “Uyai mose/Come, All You People”

LUYH 496

#### \*Opening Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone works great marvels: Send down upon your people the life-giving Spirit of your grace, shower them with the continual dew of your blessing, and ignite in them a zealous love of your Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

**\*Hymn of Praise:** “Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise”

LUYH 515 vs 1-4

## Jesus Forgives Sinners

### Call to Confession

O Lord, show your mercy upon us;  
**And grant us your salvation.**

O Lord, save your people  
**And bless your inheritance.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God  
**And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

### Prayer of Confession

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

**Song of Confession:** Kyrie Eleison

Iona Community

### Words of Assurance

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for your sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. Rejoice and give thanks to God! **Amen**

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

**Song of Assurance:** “Father, Long Before Creation”

LUYH 687 vs 1,3,4

## Jesus Blesses Children

### Prayer of Blessing for Children

**Lord, we thank you for all our children. May you teach them whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, we long for them to think about these things. In your name, 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

### Scripture Reading:

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Gospel Reading: John 3:1-21

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Prayer for Illumination

**Sermon:** Jesus meets Nicodemus

## We Respond to Jesus in Faith

### Prayer

**\*Hymn of Response:** "As Moses Raised the Serpent Up"

LUYH 674

## **Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
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.**

## **Announcements**

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

**Offertory:** "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

LUYH 746 vs 1,2

## Jesus Invites Us to His Table

### 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 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 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 power and might,  
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 whole 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 is risen.  
Christ will come again!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray,  
that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless  
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 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 your whole Church  
may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth  
into your kingdom. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

### **Giving of Communion**

“Remembering with Love and Hope”  
“Behold the Lamb”  
“We will Feast in the House of Zion”

LUYH 809 vs 1,3,4  
LUYH 840 vs 1,3,4  
McCracken/Moore

### **Thanksgiving after Communion**

Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at his table,  
let us praise God’s holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving!  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
**and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
**and do not forget 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.**

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
**nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
**so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

as far as the east is from the west,  
**so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion for his children,  
**so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,**

who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all,  
and will also give us all things with him.

**Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth  
the praise of the Lord, from this time forth forevermore. Amen.**

### Jesus Sends Us into the World

**\*Sending/Doxology Song:** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LUYH 965

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude:** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Arison

#### **Credits & Liturgical Notes:**

- Participants:
  - Rev. Tim Blackmon, Preacher
  - Jan Zuidema, Pianist
  - Jean Schuitman, Organist
  - Cindy Brace, Luke Anderson, Vocalists
  - Karen Katje, Flutist
  - Cal Keuning, Drums
  - Henk Ottens, Prayers of the People/Scripture Reading
- Creed: Apostles' 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.

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

A service of witness to the resurrection for **Jim Schuitman** is scheduled for February 18. A visitation will be held at 1:00 pm with service to follow at 2:00 pm at Second CRC. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Jean and hold the Schuitman family close in prayer.

From Harley & Maryann Dyk: **Justin Michele** had surgery on his finger recently and a lymph node specimen was taken from his armpit. After a long week of waiting the report is in that he is cancer free. Thank you all for your prayers.

**Don Slager** reported that Charles, the translator, underwent foot amputation surgery. After being released from the hospital, his recovery and rehabilitation will take several months. Please pray for his adjustment to this new reality. Also, please pray for Don as he recovers from eye surgery and anticipates an additional laser surgery on his other eye.

Thank you to my church family for the meaningful Christmas cards and lovely carol singing. Enjoyed both and felt the love. Sincerely, **Lee Vontom**

For 15 days in January, it was a privilege for Second Church to open its doors to the community for the **January Series**. This year nearly 1,000 people attended the series, with a one-day attendance record of 108! They listened to and learned from amazing speakers. They were overwhelmed by the hospitality of our church, and they delighted in the baked goods provided each day. This could not have been accomplished without the contributions of many in our congregation, including all those willing to provide baked goods and serve as host and hostesses. Special thanks to Esther Drukker, Sheila Warners, Dirk Weesies, Mark Boelens, Les Lewis, Jim Query, and Ralph Veldbloom. It has been a wonderful opportunity for us to serve in this way. Sincerely, Roger and DeeAnn Hordyk, Henk and Sharon Ottens, Jim and Mary Winkle

### Announcements:

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

**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. 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:** Calling all 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders! If you remember who your prayer partner is, we invite you to reconnect with them. If you do not have a prayer partner and would like one, please contact Rob. This is a great way to care for one another in an intergenerational relationship through conversation, time together, and prayer. This relationship is not a one-year commitment, but something that goes through senior year and beyond.

**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!

Please note updated contact information: **Jean Schuitman:** 5225 Crosswind Lane, Holland, MI 49453. **Jim and Joanne Query:** 145 Columbia Ave. Apt 162, Holland, MI 49423. **Ken Westveld** 616-218-4279.

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).

**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 self-nominate as well. Self-nomination forms can be found in the bulletin or are available in the office. Not sure what your gifts might be? Take a free gift assessment online: [FaithAliveResources.org/DiscoverYourGiftsSurvey](https://FaithAliveResources.org/DiscoverYourGiftsSurvey). Please submit your form to the office by March 5. Please see additional information on the last page of today's bulletin.

## Volunteer Schedule

### 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)

### February 12

**Projection:** Dan Braak

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

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

**Coffee Hosts:** Jason and Anne Zuidema, Doug and Jan Zuidema

**Nursery:** Jane DeGroot, Zuidemas

**Little Lambs:** Amy Wolffis, Ian Clapp

**Walk Out Worship:** Joslyn Wagenmaker, Yasmin Vanderheide

**Greeters:** Dee Wolffis and June Weesies, Glenn Gronewelt

**Offering:** Teen Challenge West Michigan

## Calendar

### **Sunday, February 5**

10:00 am—Church Service

11:30 am—Afterword

### **Monday, February 6**

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

1:30pm—Ping Pong

### **Tuesday, February 7**

7:30 am—Prayer Team

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

### **Wednesday, February 8**

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

1 pm—Knitter's Club

### **Thursday, February 9**

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

1:30 pm—Women's Bible Hour

5:30-7:30pm—Love in Action

### **Friday, February 10**

### **Saturday, February 11**

### **Sunday, February 12**

10:00 am—Church Service

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## **Connect with Second CRC**

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**YouTube:** @2ndCRCGH

**Give online:** <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1460116>

## **Council Nominations:**

It is time to seek nominations for Council and Care Teams, for service beginning on July 1. You may nominate yourself or you may nominate someone else. As a reminder, our Council is comprised of the Leadership Board, Connection Board, and Care Board. The various Board members are elected as part of Council. The Care Teams are made up of one elected elder plus two volunteers (non-elected) for each district. We will have openings on all three Boards this year, as well as for Care Team Volunteers.

### **Why nomination?**

God has gifted each of us with unique talents and skills. Service is an honor and a calling. God requires us to exercise stewardship over the talents that He has entrusted to us. We invite you to nominate yourself for the role(s) you feel confident filling. We also invite you to nominate someone else who has the character and qualities best suited to serve and lead in a role.

### **What should you do next?**

From now until March 5:

- Prayerfully consider the areas where you could best serve. If you are unsure of your gifts, consider taking the free online survey entitled, “Discover Your Gifts” by Rev. Al Vander Griend. You can find it here: [FaithAliveResources.org/DiscoverYourGiftsSurvey](http://FaithAliveResources.org/DiscoverYourGiftsSurvey)
- Consider nominating at least one other person who you believe would be qualified for a particular position.

### **Please note:**

- Women should embrace the opportunity to serve. Our church leadership will be most effective when it reflects our membership. The unique gifts of women and men complement each other, and both are necessary for effective governance of the church.
- Couples with both interest and skill are invited to serve together, especially in Care Teams.
- You can nominate yourself or someone else for more than one role.

### **How can I submit a nomination, either for myself or for someone else?**

Complete a paper form and return it to the office. The form is available in the bulletin, the church office, and in the weekly e-newsletter. Nominations are due on Sunday, March 5.

### **Questions?**

Contact any member of Council for more information.