



Worship Service for  
Palm Sunday  
April 2, 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:** “All Glory Laud and Honor”

arr. Burkhardt

**\*Call to Worship**

Luke 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

**Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.**

He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant. This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

**In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, To shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen**

**\*Song of Worship with Palm Procession:** “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

LUYH 145

## **\*Opening Prayer**

Almighty and everlasting God, in your tender love for us you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the Cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and come to share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**\*Song of Praise:** “Hosanna, Praise is Rising”

Baloche

## **Jesus Forgives Sinners**

### **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.**

**Song of Confession:** “By Thy Mercy”

Greg Thompson

### **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.**

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

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Jesus Blesses Children

**Song of Blessing for Children:** “Send Out Your Light”

John Bell

**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 Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 7:36-50

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon:** At the Feet of Jesus

## We Respond to Jesus in Faith

**Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Response:** “My Jesus I Love Thee”

LUYH 366

**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:** Salvation Army

**Offertory:** "Wondrous Love"

arr. Dinda

## Jesus Welcomes Us to His Table

### The Invitation

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Jesus, true vine and bread of life, ever giving yourself that the world might live, let us share your death and passion: make us perfect in your love. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**it is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near, the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty. The power of the life-giving cross reveals the

judgment that has come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified. He is the victim who dies no more, the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever, our advocate in heaven to plead our cause, exalting us there to join with angels and archangels, for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Savior Jesus Christ...

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Giving of Communion**

"I Surrender All"

LUYH 739

"Take, O Take Me As I Am"

LUYH 741

"Jesus Paid it All"

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

## **Jesus Sends Us into the World**

**\*Sending Song:** “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

LUYH 146 vs. 1,2

**\*Benediction:** “Ride On In Majesty”

arr. Perry

### **Postlude**

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

- Participants:
  - Rev. Tim Blackmon, Preacher
  - Jean Schuitman, Organist
  - Julie Hordyk, Pianist
  - Amy Wolffis, Prayers of the People/Scripture Reading
  - Curt DeJongh, Patrice Frantz, Vocalists

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, Gratitude:**

We celebrate with **Sam and Chris Farrar** on the birth of **Noah James Farrar**! If you would like to bring a gift, you may place this in the bassinet in the atrium until Sunday, April 9.

**Glenn and Jan Gronevelt** would like to thank the congregation for the prayers and other support that you have shown to us during Glenn’s recent cancer diagnosis and radiation treatment. We ask that you continue to pray that the treatments may have been successful in eradicating the cancer and his voice will return to the best quality possible.

Bonnie Tammen’s son-in-law, **Jeff VerHelst**, has been undergoing heart testing and will need heart surgery in the coming weeks. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

## Announcements:

Please join us for a **Good Friday Service** at 7 pm on Friday, April 7.

Sanctuary **Choir** rehearsal: April 4 at 7 pm.

**Women's Bible Hour** meets on Thursdays at 1:30 pm from March 23-April 20. We are studying women of the Old Testament. Please contact Char Ter Haar with any questions.

**Vacation Bible School:** Are you ready for an out of this world adventure? We will host a Stellar VBS here at the church from June 12-15. Kids will discover how they can shine Jesus' love and hope in everyday life! We encourage you to invite as many children as you know to join! We'll need volunteers to make this week successful. If you are interested in serving in some capacity, please talk to Rob.

**Bakers needed** for Easter Sunday. Please sign up at the welcome desk to bring bread, coffee cake, or mini muffins for our Easter coffee hour.

**Church Book Club** will meet in the Parlor of Church on Monday, April 17 at 1:30 pm. Agnes Fisher will lead our discussion about *The Masterpiece* by Francine Rivers. Book club is open to all who enjoy their reading experience.

The **SWANS** will meet in the church North Hall to play BUNCO, on April 18 2:00 pm. A fun afternoon for our single women.

Please save the date for our annual **Safe Church Training** on Sunday, April 23 at 11:30 am. This training is designed with children's ministry volunteers in mind. Our presenter is Cara Mazure from the Children's Advocacy Center of Ottawa County. More details to come. Feel free to contact the Safe Church Team with any questions: Jane DeGroot (616) 402-5689.

Spring greetings from the **Outreach Team!** We invite you participate in the second Blessing Bag initiative. As God provides the opportunity to cross paths with a "traveler" asking for work or money on a street corner, or a teenager "couch-surfing" without a permanent home this summer, a Blessing Bag can be handy in your car to pass-on and bless that person. These descriptions will help describe what the activity is about. From Ken & Kathy Westveld: on a Sunday after church, we saw a "traveler" and Ken was able to hand our Blessing Bag through the car window and give a blessing. We called this Sunday moment "the two-way gift!" From Roger and DeeAnn Hordyk: we had the chance to hand out a Blessing Bag and received a "blessings to you" in return! From Greta Hoekstra: While visiting Grand Rapids with family, we noticed a park where "travelers" seemed to often rest. I passed my Blessing Bag on to our daughter-in-law to later give to one of the regulars in the park.

## Volunteer Schedule

### April 2, 2023

**Projection:** Eric Wolffis

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

**Ushers:** Ken Terpstra (Team 3), Jamie Goorman, Les Lewis, Tom Bierma

**Coffee Hosts:** Dawn and Jim Sacks, Tony and Linda Rossini

**Nursery:** Rosemary Geertsma, Zuidemas

**Little Lambs:** Manette De Jonge, Gabe Schaaf

**Walk Out Worship:** Barb Fritz, Ian Clapp

**Greeters:** Bev Assink, Garry Vanden Berg

**Offering:** Salvation Army

### April 9, 2023

**Projection:** Dan Braak

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

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

**Coffee Hosts:** Dale and Norma Schuitema, Joe and Paula Risselade

**Nursery:** Jane DeGroot, Ruth Marotti

**Little Lambs:** Amy Wolffis, Yasmin Vanderheide

**Walk Out Worship:** Sherri VanDuyn, Claire Clapp

**Greeters:** Brian and Kerry Bierma, Amy Goorman

**Offering:** Resonate Global Mission

## Calendar

Please note: No office hours during Holy Week

### **Sunday, April 2**

10:00 am—Church Service

11:30 am—Afterword

### **Monday, April 3**

1:30pm—Ping Pong

### **Tuesday, April 4**

7:30 am—Prayer Team

7 pm—Friendship Club

7 pm—Choir Rehearsal

### **Wednesday, April 5**

1 pm—Knitter's Club

### **Thursday, April 6**

1:30 pm—Women's Bible Hour

5:30-7:30pm—Love in Action

### **Friday, April 7**

7 pm—Good Friday Service

### **Saturday, April 8**

### **Sunday, April 9**

10:00 am—EASTER Service

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## **Connect with Second CRC**

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