



Worship Service for  
Third Sunday of Lent  
March 12, 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:** “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”  
“Behold The Lamb of God”

arr. Lau  
arr. Paxton

#### \*Call to Worship

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;  
**let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**  
**For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.  
**Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**  
Psalm 95:1–6

\***Song of Worship:** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing LUYH 521

#### \*Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you: Look with compassion upon the heartfelt desires of your servants, and purify our disordered affections, that we may behold your eternal glory in the face of Christ Jesus; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LUYH 575 vs 1,3,4

## Jesus Forgives Sinners

### Call to Confession

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

"Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength."

The second is this:

"Love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. **Lord have mercy.**

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in repentance and faith.

### Prayer of Confession

In the wilderness we find your grace;

You love us with an everlasting love.

Lord have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

There is none but you to uphold our cause;

Our sin cries out and our guilt is great.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Heal us, O lord, and we shall be healed;

Restore us and we shall know your joy.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

## Words of Assurance

The God of love brings you back to himself. He forgives your sins and assures you of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; we give you thanks for the forgiveness of sins, for banishing our fears, and making us bold to praise you and to do your will; We wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Song of Assurance: "And Can It Be"**

LUYH 695 vs. 1,2,4

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

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.

## Jesus Blesses Children

### Prayer of Blessing for Children

For this reason we bow our knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,

**that according to the riches of his glory he may grant our children to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in their inner being, so that Christ may dwell in their hearts through faith.**

We pray that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,

**that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.**

**Amen.**

Ephesians 3:14-19

## **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 8:40-56**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon:** Body Issues

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

#### **Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Response:** "Faith Begins by Letting Go"

LUYH 852

#### **Confession of Faith**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who 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 hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come 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 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

**Offering:** Christian Aid Fund Second CRC

**Offertory:** “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

LUYH 864 vs 1,2,3,5,6

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

**\*Doxology:** “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

LUYH 946 vs 1

## **\*Benediction**

**Postlude:** “Lift High the Cross”

arr. Leavitt

## **Credits & Liturgical Notes:**

- Participants:
  - Rev. Tim Blackmon, Preacher
  - Cathy Schaaf, Organ
  - Rob Wagenmaker, 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, Gratitude:

We extend our heartfelt condolences to **Joan Loeper** in the death of her husband Richard. Richard died on March 8 during bypass surgery.

The **Schuitman family** expresses their deepest gratitude to the Second CRC family for all you have done and been for us both seen and unseen. The prayers, cards, meals, and support helped give us strength as we walked this journey alongside Jim these past 16 months. Jim was so blessed by your prayers and expressions of support. We covet your continued prayers and support as we adjust to our new normal.

**Jerry Smith** was put on hospice care in the beginning of March. **Hazel Smith's** new address is 1450 S. Ferry Street, Apt. 329, Grand Haven, MI 49417. Please hold Jerry and Hazel in prayer during this time of transition.

**Barb Brummel** will be going to the University of Michigan Eye Clinic in Ann Arbor on March 28. Please pray for this long-awaited appointment. Barb is hopeful for some new answers with her Glaucoma diagnosis.

### Announcements:

Sanctuary **Bell Choir** rehearsals begin today, March 12, at 11:30 am.

Sanctuary **Choir** rehearsals will begin this coming Tuesday, March 14, at 7 pm.

**Encounters with Jesus:** We will meet on Wednesday, March 15 at 7 pm in the Adult Enrichment room in the basement. Pastor Tim invites anyone interested to gather and read about the upcoming story of the Samaritan woman in John 4:1-45. Hope to see you there!

**Friendship Club** resumes with our Spring session running from March 14 to May 16. There is a sign-up sheet at the kiosk for people to volunteer to make cookies. We appreciate our cookie bakers! If you have questions about Friendship Club either for someone you know, or if you would like to join us on Tuesday evenings for a great time of worship and fellowship, please call Lyndsey Huisman at 616-481-1687 or Ruth Marotti at 616-886-6216 for more information.

**SWANS** next meeting will be Tuesday, March 14 at 10 am. We will gather at the Beautiful Souls Ministry center which is in the shopping center across from D&W. Then, at 11:30 we will meet for lunch at Kenzie B on the corner of Washington and Ferry St. Please call or email lone.

**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! They'll participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs,

play teamwork-building games, make yummy treats, and experience exciting Bible Adventures. We encourage you to invite as many children as you know to join us! We are also in need of volunteers to make this week successful. If you are interested in serving in some capacity, please talk to Rob.

Please note change of address: **Jan Veenstra:** 145 Columbia Ave, Holland, MI 49423.

**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 painting a car here, please join us after service on Sunday, March 12 in the North Hall. Supplies provided—just show up!

**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. Today is the last day to submit your form(s) to the office.

**We're Hiring!** As many of you know, Emily Bierma has faithfully served as our administrative assistant and we are grateful for her remarkable leadership! During Emily's maternity leave, Amy Anderson has filled in as the interim office manager. She has done so with excellence and great care for us. Emily will not be returning as the administrative assistant but will continue in her role in children's ministry. Since Amy's time with us in the office will conclude in March, we are hiring a permanent administrative assistant. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact [admin@secondcrcgrandhaven.org](mailto:admin@secondcrcgrandhaven.org) for a job description and list of responsibilities.

**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](mailto:stevemarotti@gmail.com) or 616-366-2717

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## Volunteer Schedule

### **March 12, 2023**

**Projection:** Dan Braak

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

**Ushers:** Jim Mulder (Team 11), Jon Mulder, John Rycenga, Carl Vertregt

**Coffee Hosts:** Chris and Kim Van Stratt, Jim and Bonnie Van Orman

**Nursery:** Cathy Brolick, Zuidemas

**Little Lambs:** Mary Terpstra, Gabe Schaaf

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

**Greeters:** Doug and Jan Zuidema, Jay Brace

**Offering:** Christian Aid Fund Second CRC

### **March 19, 2023**

**Projection:** Eric Wolffis

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

**Ushers:** Steve Marotti (Team 1), Todd Cunningham, David Brace, Eric Wolffis

**Coffee Hosts:** Ken and Mary Terpstra, Dave Vander Wall, Garry Vanden Berg

**Nursery:** Jenny Steigenga, Yasmin Vanderheide

**Little Lambs:** Sheila Warners, Zuidemas

**Walk Out Worship:** Joslyn Wagenmaker, Claire Clapp

**Greeters:** Jason and Anne Zuidema, Jim Query

**Offering:** Faith Promise-Love in Action-Auto Ministry

## Calendar

### **Sunday, March 12**

10:00 am—Church Service

11:30 am—Afterword

6:30 pm—FOCUS HS Youth Group

### **Monday, March 13**

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

1:30pm—Ping Pong

### **Tuesday, March 14**

7:30 am—Prayer Team

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

10 am—SWANS

7 pm—Friendship Club

### **Wednesday, March 15**

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

1 pm—Knitter's Club

7 pm—Encounters, led by Tim

### **Thursday, March 16**

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

5:30-7:30pm—Love in Action

### **Friday, March 17**

### **Saturday, March 18**

### **Sunday, March 19**

10:00 am—Church Service

11:30 am—Afterword

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## **Connect with Second CRC**

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