



Worship Service for
Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 26, 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: “Worthy Medley”
“Worthy Is the Lamb”
“Thou Art Worthy”

arr Leatherman

*Call to Worship

Psalm 126

When the LORD overturned the captivity of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

**Then was our mouth filled with laughter
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

Then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

**Indeed, the LORD has done great things for us already,
whereof we rejoice.**

Overturn our captivity, O LORD,
as when streams refresh the deserts of the south.

**Those who sow in tears
shall reap with songs of joy.**

He who goes on his way weeping and bears good seed
shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

***Song of Worship:** “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”

LUYH 601

***Opening Prayer**

Father of all mercies, you have revealed your boundless compassion to us. Forgive our unbelief, we pray, and so strengthen our hearts and enkindle our zeal, that we may fervently desire the salvation of all people, and diligently labor in the extension of your kingdom; through him who gave himself for the life of the world, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***Song of Praise:** “Behold our God”

Sovereign Grace

Jesus Forgives Sinners

Call to Confession

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Assurance: “What Wondrous Love Is This”

arr. by Jason Krug
Sanctuary Bells

***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 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 Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: Luke 8:1-21

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: Never the Same

We Respond to Jesus in Faith

Prayer

***Hymn of Response:** "Beautiful Savior"

LUYH 17

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: Harbor House Ministries

Offertory: "At the Name of Jesus"

LUYH 220 vs. 1,3,5,6

Jesus Sends Us into the World

***Sending Song:** "All I Have Is Christ"

Jordan Kauflin

***Benediction**

Postlude: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

arr Stainer, Conkey

Credits & Liturgical Notes:

- Participants:
 - Rev. Tim Blackmon, Preacher
 - Cathy Schaaf, Organist
 - Jan Zuidema, Pianist
 - Patrice Frantz, Prayers of the People/Scripture Reading
 - Patrice Frantz, Chris Hordyk, Vocalists
 - Jean Schuitman, Bell Choir Director

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.
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Prayer Requests, Praises, Gratitude:

We celebrate with **Sam and Chris Farrar** on the birth of **Noah James Farrar**! Born on Thursday, March 9 at 7:54am; 8 lb 7 oz, 21 inches. The bassinet will be in the atrium until Sunday, April 9.

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:

Sanctuary **Bell Choir** rehearsals: Today, March 26, at 11:30 am.

Sanctuary **Choir** rehearsals: March 28, and April 4 at 7 pm.

Encounters with Jesus: We will meet on Wednesday, March 29 at 7 pm in the Adult Enrichment room in the basement. Pastor Tim invites anyone interested to gather and read about the upcoming story in Luke 7:36-50, "At the feet of Jesus." Hope to see you there!

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! 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.

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 were driving on 31 by Jackson St., and 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: on Muskegon Dr. and Sherman Ave., 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.

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.

The **Rehoboth High School Choir** from northwest New Mexico invites you to one of their West Michigan concerts as they share choral music celebrating the theme “All Things New.” A free-will offering will be taken. March 26- 6:30 pm Harderwyk CRC, Holland. March 27- 7:00 pm Grace CRC, Kalamazoo (preceded by Navajo Taco Dinner at 5:30pm. Please (269) 217-0237). March 28- 7:00 pm Calvin University Chapel. For more information email Cindy Ippel at cippel@rcsnm.org.

Looking ahead to the month of April. April 17 at 1:30, **Church Book Club** meets in the Parlor to discuss *Masterpiece* by Francine Rivers. April 18 at 2:00 the **SWANS** will meet at church to play Bunco. Please put these dates on your calendar if interested in participating.

We’re Hiring! We are hiring a permanent administrative assistant and we are also hiring a worship coordinator. If you are interested, please contact admin@secondcrcgrandhaven.org for a job description and list of responsibilities.

Full Council Update – Council reviewed nominations for Elder, Deacon and Care Volunteer at our meeting on March 21. Nominees will be emailed in the next week with more information about the position(s) to which they have been nominated. Each nominee will then be contacted by a current member of council to answer any questions and receive their decision. Council also voted to reduce district size by creating a 5th district and approved the job description for a part-time congregational life coordinator.

Volunteer Schedule

March 26, 2023

Projection: Dan Braak

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

Ushers: Curt DeJongh (Team 2), Gord Buitendorp, Chris Hordyk, Chris VanStraat

Coffee Hosts: Kendall and Patti Steigenga, Brian and Barb Sikkenga

Nursery: Victoria McCarthy, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Little Lambs: Betsy Blackmon, Vivienne McCarthy

Walk Out Worship: Cindy Brace, Gabe Schaaf

Greeters: Scott and Lisa Alfree, David Brace

Offering: Harbor House Ministries

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

Calendar

Sunday, March 26

10:00 am—Church Service

11:30 am—Afterword

11:30 am—Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm—FOCUS

Monday, March 27

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

1:30pm—Ping Pong

Tuesday, March 28

7:30 am—Prayer Team

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

7 pm—Friendship Club

7 pm—Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 29

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

1 pm—Knitter's Club

7 pm—Encounters, led by Tim

Thursday, March 30

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

1:30 pm—Women's Bible Hour

5:30-7:30pm—Love in Action

Friday, March 31

Saturday, April 1

Sunday, April 2

10:00 am—Church Service

11:30 am—Afterword

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