



Worship Service for
Second Sunday of Lent
March 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!

Jesus Welcomes Us

Prelude: “Jesu, Jesu, Thou Art Mine”

J S Bach/Alfred Fedak

*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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***Song of Worship:** “Gather Us In”

LUYH 529

*Opening Prayer

Holy God, our lives are laid open before you: rescue us from the chaos of sin and through the death of your Son bring us healing and make us whole in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

***Hymn of Praise:** "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

LUYH 590 vs. 1,2,7,8

Jesus Forgives Sinners

Call to Confession

Create in us a clean heart, O God.
Put a new and right spirit within us.
Cast us not away from your presence,
and do not take away your Holy Spirit,
restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain in us a willing spirit.

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected injustice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Words of Assurance

"The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are 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."

Psalm 103:8–12

***Song of Assurance:** "I Worship You, O Lord"

LUYH 668 vs 1,5

Jesus Blesses Children

Prayer of Blessing for Children

Lord, we ask that you will guard the hearts of our children, and that you will give them wisdom and direction in their lives. Guard their minds, their wills, and emotions, and may everything that flows from their hearts be good, holy and pure, for the sake of Jesus Christ and his kingdom. 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 John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: John 5:1-17

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: Sick of Being Sick

We Respond to Jesus in Faith

Prayer

***Hymn of Response:** "I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew"

LUYH 685

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: Reach the Forgotten

Offertory: "Open Mine Eyes"

Tom Birchwood

Jesus Welcomes us to His Table

Invitation to Eucharist

We have confessed before God and each other that we are a needy people. We have confessed that we have failed, and forgotten God. And yet we have heard that God has remembered us! Christ our Lord has invited to His table all who have confessed their sins, and who desire to have Christ formed in them. Let us give thanks together that God has remembered us, and yet has forgotten our sins!

Jesus said, "**I am the living bread that came down from heaven.**
Whoever eats of this bread will live forever...

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his

**most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen.**

The Lord's Supper

"O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"
"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
"Christ, the Life of All the Living"

LUYH 823 vs 1,3,5
LUYH 824 vs. 1,2,5,6
LUYH 137

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Jesus Sends Us into the World

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

LUYH 965

***Benediction**

Postlude: "Fugue in D Minor"

JS Bach

Credits & Liturgical Notes:

- Participants:
 - Rev. Tim Blackmon, Preacher
 - Jean Schuitman, Organ
 - Jason Zuidema, 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 You's:

From **Donna Kuiper**: Expressing gratitude to our caring congregation for visits, cards, and prayers. And also gratitude to God for relative stability at Heartwood Lodge.

Please pray for **Jerry Smith** as he was put on hospice care this past Monday. **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.

Eric Tuls is grateful that his field co-workers are all accounted for and safe. One of his long-term friends lost 5 family members, 2 children and 3 adults. A pastor and his wife from the region also died, leaving behind a son. Eric has been serving with OM in the role of training and equipping leaders in many countries. They are looking to the least reached globally and locally and trying to have an impact among these least reached groups.

Don Slager is leaving March 2 for another trip to Liberia and returning on March 27. He will be working one week with the Maan team on the book of 1 Chronicles and two weeks with the Dan, probably on the book of Jeremiah. Charles, one of the Maan translators, is recovering well from his surgery and is hoping to work with Don while he is there. He recently received a new computer, so he can continue his work. Pray that this trip goes well and the work on the translations goes well.

Announcements:

Today there will be a reception at 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary, as we welcome artist Diane Van Noord to the **Atrium Art Gallery**. She will share with us her story as an artist, introducing us to her techniques and choice of media, as well as giving us the chance to view the landscapes she has created.

Encounters with Jesus: We will reconvene on Wednesday, March 8 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 8:42-48 of the woman with an unclean issue. 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.

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 included—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 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 or 616-366-2717

Volunteer Schedule

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 Meindersma

Offering: Reach the Forgotten

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: Rosemary Geertsma, 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

Calendar

Sunday, March 5

10:00 am—Church Service

11:30 am—Atrium Art Gallery Reception

Monday, March 6

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

1:30pm—Ping Pong

Tuesday, March 7

7:30 am—Prayer Team

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

Wednesday, March 8

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

1 pm—Knitter's Club

7 pm—CHAOS Jr High Youth Group

7 pm—Encounters, led by Tim

Thursday, March 9

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

1:30 pm—Women's Bible Hour

5:30-7:30pm—Love in Action

Friday, March 10

Saturday, March 11

7:30 am—Tool Time Men's Bible Study

Sunday, March 12

10:00 am—Church Service

11:30 am—Afterword

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