



Worship Service for  
Easter Sunday  
April 9, 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

**Choral Introit:** "Christ is Risen! Alleluia!"

Frederick Maker

### \*Call to Worship

"Come to me, all you who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death!" On you has the light shone! For Jesus Christ is the light of the world and this is the story; the light shines in the darkness and the darkness could not put it out! Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." "I am the bright and morning star."

**This morning we join with the angels in their hymns of praise; Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, Alleluia!**

Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!**

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**\*Song of Worship:** "Come, People of the Risen King"

### \*Opening Prayer

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may, by your life-giving Spirit, be delivered from sin and raised from death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Jesus Forgives Sinners**

### **Prayer of Confession**

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to seek out those habits of sin of which we need to repent.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find support and encouragement, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel that God is far from them, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.**

### **Words of Assurance**

By his resurrection Jesus has overcome death, so that he could make us share in the righteousness which he had obtained for us by his death.

**By his power we too are raised up to a new life.**

Christ's resurrection is to you a sure pledge of your glorious resurrection.

**Thanks be to God.  
Amen.**

**\*Song of Assurance:** "Because He Lives"

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

**Choral Anthem:** “Then Came Sunday”

Ken Medema

## **Jesus Blesses Children**

### **Blessing for Children:**

Your word promises that after this life we will possess perfect blessedness, such as no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, a blessedness in which to praise God forever.

**Grant our children to have hope and joy in the assurance of this promise. 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 20:1-10

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Sermon:** At the Tomb

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

### **Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Response: "The Strife is O'er the Battle Done"**

LUYH 185 vs. 1-4

### **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
begotten from the Father before all ages,  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made;  
of the same essence as the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and was made human.  
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried.  
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again with glory  
to judge the living and the dead.  
His kingdom will never end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life.  
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
He spoke through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,  
and to life in the world to come. 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.**

**Offering:** Resonate Global Mission

**Offertory:** "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

LUYH 193 vs. 1,2,5,7

### Jesus Sends Us into the World

**\*Sending Song:** "Give Thanks to God for All his Goodness"

LUYH 196 vs. 1,4

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

### Credits & Liturgical Notes:

- Participants:
  - Rev. Tim Blackmon, Preacher
  - Cathy Schaaf, Organist
  - Julie Hordyk, Pianist
  - Amy Goorman, Prayers of the People/Scripture Reading
  - Amy Goorman, Joslyn Wagenmakler, Rob Wagenmaker, Vocalists
  - Jeff Erickson, Chris Hordyk, Jason Zuidema, Dennis Schaaf, Brass Ensemble

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:

**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.

## Announcements:

**Encounters with Jesus:** We will meet on Wednesday, April 12 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 John 21:1-14, "Breakfast with 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.

**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.

**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@secondcrgcgrandhaven.org](mailto:admin@secondcrgcgrandhaven.org) for a job description and list of responsibilities.

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.

## Volunteer Schedule

### 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

### April 16, 2023

**Projection:** Eric Wolffis

**Video:** Chuck DeWitt, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

**Ushers:** Dan Braak (Team 5), Jeff Erickson, Joe Risselade, Paula Risselade

**Coffee Hosts:** John and Marie Rycenga, Dennis and Mary Jo Schaaf

**Nursery:** Jenny Steigenga, Victoria McCarthy

**Little Lambs:** Mary Terpstra, Aurelia Koch

**Walk Out Worship:** Cindy Brace, VanStratts

**Greeters:** Tom and Emily Bierma, Garrison Koch

**Offering:** City Heart Ministries-Muskegon

## Calendar

### **Sunday, April 9**

10:00 am—Easter Service

### **Monday, April 10**

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

1:30pm—Ping Pong

### **Tuesday, April 11**

7:30 am—Prayer Team

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

7 pm—Friendship Club

### **Wednesday, April 12**

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

1 pm—Knitter's Club

7 pm—Encounters, led by Tim

7 pm—CHAOS

### **Thursday, April 13**

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

1:30 pm—Women's Bible Hour

5:30-7:30pm—Love in Action

### **Friday, April 14**

### **Saturday, April 15**

### **Sunday, April 16**

11:30 am—Afterword

6:30 pm—FOCUS

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## **Connect with Second CRC**

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