



Worship Service for the  
Third Sunday of Easter  
April 23, 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:** “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”

Bach

### \*Call to Worship

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

**And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.**

He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

**This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”**

Isaiah 25:6-9

**\*Song of Worship:** “Shout to the Lord”

LUYH 603

### \*Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you gave your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and an example of godly living: Give us grace thankfully to receive his inestimable benefits, and daily to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## Jesus Forgives Sinners

### Call to Confession

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Colossians 3:1

**Lord have mercy.**

### Prayer of Confession

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief. We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection. In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing. In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven. In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

God our Father, your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth; in baptism it is a sign of the washing away of our sins and the gift of life eternal. Sanctify this water, we pray. Renew the living spring of your life within us, that we may be free from sin and filled with your saving health; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Words of Assurance

The God of love and power forgives you and frees you from your sins. He heals and strengthens you by his Spirit, and raises you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

**\*Hymn of Assurance:** "We know that Christ is Raised"

LUYH 795 vs. 1-3

### **Jesus Blesses Children**

## **The Sacrament of Baptism**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

There is one Body and one Spirit;  
**There is one hope in God's call to us;**

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
**One God and Father of all.**

## **The Words of Institution**

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

from Matt. 28:18-20

## **Presentation**

## **Profession of Faith**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?  
**I do. I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

**I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He 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 into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I do. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

To the parents:

Do you promise to instruct John and Wesley in the truth of God's Word, in the way of salvation through Jesus Christ; to pray for them, to teach them to pray, and to train them in Christ's way by your example, through worship, and in the nurture of the church?

**We do, God helping us.**

To the congregation:

Do you promise to love, encourage, and support these brothers by teaching the gospel of God's love, by being an example of Christian faith and character, and by giving the strong support of God's family in fellowship, prayer, and service?

**We do.**

## **The Baptism**

## **The Declaration**

## **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We give you thanks, O holy and gracious God, for the gift of water. In the beginning of creation your Spirit moved over the waters. In the waters of the flood you destroyed evil. You led the children of Israel through the sea into the freedom of the promised land. In the river Jordan, John baptized our Lord, and your Spirit anointed him.

By his death and resurrection Jesus Christ, the living water, forgives us, frees us from sin and death, and opens the way to life everlasting We thank you, O God, for the gift of baptism. In this water you confirm to us that we are buried with Christ in his death, are raised to share in his resurrection, are being renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit, and are united to Christ in mission. Send your Holy Spirit, we pray, upon those baptized here today that this water may be a spring gushing up to eternal life. Wash away their sin, raise them to new life, and graft them to the body of Christ. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon them, that they may have wisdom to discern their gifts, strength to obey your will, and joy in answering your call. To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, be all praise, honor, and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people. Amen**

**\*Hymn:** "Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

LUYH 796

### **Blessing for Children:**

We pray for these and all our children that they will grow into the full stature of Christ and enjoy life in his Kingdom. **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 Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 24:13-35

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon:** On the Road with Jesus

**We Respond to Jesus in Faith**

**Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Response:** "Come to Us, Beloved Stranger"

LUYH 207

**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:** Faith Promise-Local Outreach

**Offertory:** "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

LUYH 746

**Jesus Sends Us into the World**

**\*Sending Song:** "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

LUYH 946 vs 1,3

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude:** "Lord, Dismiss Us"

arr. Ashford

## **Credits & Liturgical Notes:**

- Participants:
  - Rev. Tim Blackmon, Preacher
  - Cathy Schaaf, Organist
  - Jan Zuidema, Pianist
  - Rev. Jay Knochenhauer, Prayers of the People/Scripture Reading
  - Luke Anderson, 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:

From the **Farrar family**: Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, meals, and gifts as we have been adjusting to becoming a family of four! We are truly grateful for our church family in this time of transition. Thank you!

Please pray for **Mary Berkenpas**, the sister of Bev Assink. She is having surgery at Mayo Clinic in Rochester MN on May 4. Pray for safe travels, successful surgery, quick healing with no lingering effects, and clear direction in future treatments.

**From Sheila and Jim Warners**: On Friday, April 14 in a lovely, peaceful room at the Harbor Hospice Poppen Residence, my dad, **Bruce Schlukebir** and our whole family experienced, on different levels, the RESURRECTION JOY Jesus gives! We celebrated my father's life on Thursday at Calvin Christian Reformed Church in Muskegon. Thank you for your prayers and love for our family.

### Announcements:

**Today, at 11:30 am**, Cara Mazure from the Children's Advocacy Center of Ottawa County is hosting our **Safe Church Training** in the sanctuary. This training is designed with children's ministry volunteers in mind. We hope to see you there!

The church will host a **blood drive** this Friday, April 28 from 12-5:45 pm.

**Encounters with Jesus**: We will meet on Wednesday, April 26 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 20:24-29. Hope to see you there!

**CHAOS update**: Please note that rather than meeting at church on Wednesday, April 26, we will meet at the **Grand Haven Escape Room on Tuesday April 25 at 6:50pm**. We've reserved all three rooms for the night! The cost is \$15 per person to attend. Feel free to pay via Venmo (@Rob-Wagenmaker) or bring cash. If cost is ever an issue please reach out, we are willing and able to help. Please drop your students off at the Escape room, 1051 Jackson St. GH. at 6:50 pm and pick them back up at 8:10 pm. Please let Rob know if your child will be attending. We are looking for two parent volunteers who would be willing to help supervise the event.



**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.

We're collecting gently used infant and **children's clothing** this month. Please bring your contributions to the Atrium for a clothing drive for Love in Action during the month of April.

**Next weekend:** Rev. Jay Knochenhauer will be preaching on April 30. The Blackmon family will be in Wheaton celebrating the marriage of their son Luke Blackmon to Krysta Deutsch.

## Volunteer Schedule

### April 23, 2023

**Projection:** Dan Braak

**Video:** Mark Boelens, Jason Zuidema, Dirk Weesies, Jacob Weesies

**Ushers:** Ron Brouwer (Team 6), Dave VanderHeide, Rob Wagenmaker, Doug Zuidema

**Coffee Hosts:** Eric and Dawn Rotman, Ralph and Shari Van Duyn

**Nursery:** Cherise Vanderheide, Cathy Brolick

**Little Lambs:** Manette De Jonge, Ian Clapp

**Walk Out Worship:** Joslyn Wagenmaker, Vivienne McCarthy

**Greeters:** Stan and Gilda Boelkins, Rick Geertsma

**Offering:** Faith Promise-Local Outreach

### April 30, 2023

**Projection:** Eric Wolffis

**Video:** Chuck DeWitt, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Harley Dyk

**Ushers:** Dale Schuitema (Team 7), Kraig Brolick, Cathy Brolick, Gary VandenBerg

**Coffee Hosts:** Jim and Joanne Query, Hank and Sharon Otten

**Nursery:** Ruth Marotti, Dawn Rotman

**Little Lambs:** Amy Wolffis, Zuidemas

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

**Greeters:** Art and Marilyn Bolt, Glenn Gronevelt

**Offering:** Crossroads Prison Ministries

## Calendar

### **Sunday, April 23**

10:00 am–Sunday Service

11:30 am–Safe Church Meeting

6:30 pm–FOCUS

### **Monday, April 24**

9 am-12 pm–Office Hours

1:30 pm–Ping Pong

### **Tuesday, April 25**

7:30 am–Prayer Team

9 am-12 pm–Office Hours

6:50 pm–CHAOS (meet at Escape Room)

7 pm–Friendship Club

### **Wednesday, April 26**

9 am-12 pm–Office Hours

1 pm–Knitter’s Club

7 pm–Encounters, led by Tim

### **Thursday, April 27**

9 am-12 pm–Office Hours

5:30-7:30pm–Love in Action

### **Friday, April 28**

12-5:45 pm–Blood Drive

### **Saturday, April 29**

### **Sunday, April 30**

10:00 am–Sunday Service

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## Connect with Second CRC

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