



Worship Service for the  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 14, 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:** “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

Bach

### \*Call to Worship

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

**I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!**

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

**We will wait for the Lord.**

Based on Psalm 27

**\*Song of Worship:** “Come All You People, Praise Our God”

LUHY 495

### \*Opening Prayer

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, forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Jesus Forgives Sinners**

#### **Call to Confession**

Our heavenly Father has graciously given us a mediator and deliverer who is true and righteous.

**Our Lord Jesus Christ was given to us to completely deliver us and make us right with God.**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and rich in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Amen.**

#### **Words of Assurance**

By the gospel, the Holy Spirit creates a wholehearted trust and sure knowledge in your heart. As a gift of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit, God grants you forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness and salvation.

From Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 6 and 7

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

#### **\*Song of Assurance: "His Mercy Is More"**

Matt Boswell

## Jesus Blesses Children

### Blessing for Children:

Heavenly Father, we pray that our children will believe everything that is promised them in the gospel.

**May they be saved through true faith and grafted into Christ and accept all his benefits. 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 Word of our Lord in the book of Acts  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Gospel Reading: Acts 9:1-19

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Prayer for Illumination

**Sermon:** Speechless

## We Respond to Jesus in Faith

### Prayer

**\*Hymn of Response:** "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

LUYH 746

### 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:** World Renew: Women of Hope

**Offertory:** "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

LUYH 864 vs 1-3, 5,6

## Jesus Sends Us into the World

**\*Sending Song:** "To God Be the Glory"

LUYH 956

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude:** "Cantate Domino"

Arr Whitford

## Credits & Liturgical Notes:

- Participants:
  - Rev. Tim Blackmon, Preacher
  - Julie Hordyk, Pianist
  - Cathy Schaaf, Organist
  - Paul LaMaire, Christie VanderHeide, Vocalists
  - Karen Katje, Flute
  - Patrice Frantz, Prayers of the People & Liturgist

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:

**Hank DeYoung** was hospitalized last weekend for dehydration. He has returned home and covets our prayers for a good recovery.

Ione Hoekenga is asking prayer warriors to include her son-in-law, **Paul Bakker**, who has aggressive pancreatic/liver cancer. He has had complications needing hospitalization. Please pray for peace for him and Lory during this difficult time.

We hold the **Zuidema** family close in prayer in this time of grief and sorrow. We can show our love and support for them by providing meals for their family. Here is a link to their meal train: <https://mealtrain.com/32o2z0>

**Harbor House Ministries** is thankful for our generosity with the recent offering of \$458.00.

### Announcements:

**New Members Class:** Please save the date for Sunday June 4 and Sunday June 11 for our New Members class with information on becoming part of Second CRC.

**Sanctuary Choir** rehearsals will begin continue on Tuesdays at 7 pm. May 16, and 23 to sing on Pentecost, May 28.

**Vacation Bible School:** Are you ready for an out of this world adventure? We will host a Stellar VBS here at the church from **July 10-13**. Kids will discover how they can shine Jesus' love and hope in everyday life! We encourage you to invite as many children as you know to join us! We are also in need of volunteers; if you are interested in serving in some capacity, please talk to Rob. ***Please note the date change.***

**Book Club's** summer read is "Middlemarch" by George Elliot. It is a longer book, and the next meeting will be Monday September 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the parlor.

**Adult Enrichment:** Today, we will begin a special two-week series on Prayer with **Tom Schwanda** (May 14 and 21). We will look at Luke 11:1-4, Matthew 6:9-15, and John 17. Both sessions will include practical prayer exercises. Tom served for nearly two decades as pastor of three congregations, worked as an editor for Baker Books and Zondervan, and is Associate Professor of Christian Formation & Ministry Emeritus at Wheaton. He has taught various seminary courses in Christian spirituality and worship and teaches D.Min courses at Fuller Seminary. Tom says, "One of my great challenges and joys is to guide learners into discovering the rich treasures of Christian spirituality. Too often, we separate the mind and

experience as if they are unrelated. However, truth that is removed from experience is always left in doubt... In my retirement I continue to teach and write and my desire for this new phase of my life is to help people grow in deeper intimacy with Jesus Christ.” **Childcare provided.**

**Update from Council:** The Full Council is pleased to present to the congregation the list of nominees for office bearers. ***Immediately after today’s service, we will have a vote of affirmation for new council members. Please plan on staying seated for a few minutes.*** Except for the Leadership Deacon position, there are only single nominees for each office, meaning those nominated will be serving in their respective positions. In the Leadership Deacon category, there are two nominees needed for one position. Thus, we will draw lots for that position on Sunday, May 21. We are also thankful that 12 individuals were willing to serve as Care Board Members and they will all be welcomed to the existing teams for a 1-year, renewable term. We give thanks for all those who gave thought and prayer to using their talents to serve in each capacity and for those who were willing and able to commit to actively serving.

Leadership Board Elder (need 1) – Jim Warners

Connection Board Deacon (need 1) – Rick Clapp

Leadership Board Deacon (need 1) – Kraig Brolick and Deborah Erickson

Care Board Elder (need 3) – Anne Zuidema, Dennis Schaaf, Steve Marotti

Care Board Member – Mary Wierenga, Barb Hammond, Carole Ruiten, Cherise Vander Heide, Henk and Sharon Ottens, Manette DeJonge, Norma Schuitema, Sharon Wolters, Robin Kieft, Cyndie Van Dyke, Christi Vander Heide, Mary Winkle

## Volunteer Schedule

### May 14, 2023

**Projection:** Dan Braak

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

**Ushers:** Eric Rotman (Team 9), Ron Frantz, Dave VanderWall

**Coffee Hosts:** Evan and Lois Reinders, Art and Marilyn Bolt

**Nursery:** Rosemary Geertsma, Marilyn Bolt

**Little Lambs:** Sheila Warners, Maelyn Wagenmaker

**Walk Out Worship:** Sherri VanDuyn, Ian Clapp

**Greeters:** David and Sandra Brace, David Vander Heide

**Offering:** World Renew: Women of Hope

### May 21, 2023

**Projection:** Eric Wolffis

**Video:** Chuck DeWitt, Jason Zuidema, Dirk Weesies, Harley Dyk

**Ushers:** Chuck DeWitt (Team 10), Mike Katje, Ron Retsema, Dennis Schaaf

**Coffee Hosts:** Ryan and Victoria McCarthy, Steve and Ruth Marotti

**Nursery:** Victoria McCarthy, Jane DeGroot

**Little Lambs:** Mary Terpstra, Claire Clapp  
Walk Out Worship: Marie Rycenga, Yasmin Vanderheide

**Greeters:** Jay and Cindy Brace, Dan Meindertsma

**Offering:** Faith Promise: Steve and Mary Porter  
SIL International

## Calendar

### **Sunday, May 14**

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

11:30 AM–Afterword with Dr. Tom Schwanda

### **Monday, May 15**

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM–Ping Pong

### **Tuesday, May 16**

7:30 AM–Prayer Team

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

7 PM–Friendship Club

7 PM–Choir Rehearsal

### **Wednesday, May 17**

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1 PM–Knitter’s Club

### **Thursday, May 18**

9 AM-1 PM –Office Hours

### **Friday, May 19**

### **Saturday, May 20**

### **Sunday, May 21**

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

11:30 AM–Afterword with Dr. Tom Schwanda

7:00 PM–WMCHS Choir Concert

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## **Connect with Second CRC**

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