



Worship Service for the  
Sunday After the Ascension  
May 21, 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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### God Gathers His People

**Prelude:** Praise and Thanksgiving  
Thanks Be to Thee

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Handel

#### **\*Call to Worship**

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

**Then our mouth was 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,  
We will 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.**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** “At the Name of Jesus”

LUYH 220 vs 1,3,4,6

**\*Opening Prayer:**

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**\*Song of Worship:** “Jesus is Lord”

LUYH 226

**God Reconciles Us to Himself**

**Call to Confession:**

The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and humility, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance:**

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. **Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

**\*Song of Assurance:** “Before the Throne of God Above”

LUYH 682 vs1-3

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greeting**

## God Speaks His Word

### Blessing for Children:

**Heavenly Father, give our children the intellect to understand you, reason to discern you, diligence to see you, wisdom to find you, a spirit to know you and a heart to love you, in Jesus' name. 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).

### Scripture Reading:

Hear the Word of our Lord in the book of Acts  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Gospel Reading: Acts 1:1-11

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

### Prayer for Illumination

### Sermon: A Gospel Community

## God Hears Our Prayers

### Prayer

**\*Hymn of Response: "Go to the World"**

LUYH 925 vs 1-3

### 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.**

### **God Receives Our Gifts**

**Offering:** Faith Promise: Steve & Mary Porter with SIL International

**Offertory:** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

LUYH 730

### **God Blesses Us to Go into the World**

**\*Sending Song:** "Go to the World"

LUYH 925 vs 4

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude:** The Awakening

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### **Credits & Liturgical Notes:**

- Participants:  
Rev. Tim Blackmon, Preacher  
Jan Zuidema, Pianist  
Jean Schuitman, Organist  
Curt DeJongh, Patrice Frantz, Vocalists  
Rick Geertsma, 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:

Ione Hoekenga will be having back surgery on Wednesday May 24 and covets our prayers for a good outcome and subsequent healing.

Please pray for Ruth Smart as she recovers from a stroke.

The Hamilton's are thankful for our partnership, generosity, and prayer support.

The new clock and bell control system has been installed in loving memory of Daryl Tammen with contributions by his wife, Bonnie Tammen, and their daughters Tami and Kristin, and their families.

### Announcements:

**Adult Enrichment:** Today, we continue our series on Prayer with Tom Schwanda. We will look at Luke 11:1-4, Matthew 6:9-15, and John 17. Both sessions will include practical prayer exercises. Tom has been a pastor, author and is and is Associate Professor of Christian Formation & Ministry Emeritus at Wheaton. *Childcare provided.*

**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 continue Tuesday at 7pm on May 23 to sing on Pentecost.

**Bridal Shower:** Please save the date for Saturday July 1 at 9:30am to celebrate Mikaela Erickson's upcoming wedding to Sam Markham which will take place on July 29<sup>th</sup>!

**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.

**Children's Ministries:** As we welcome more children in our spaces, we need more people who are willing to help. Our group of volunteers is not large enough to service all the spaces. The needs for the summer: 3 people in Nursery, 2 in Little Lambs, and 2 in Walk Out Worship. Please email Emily at [childrensministries@secondcrgandhaven.org](mailto:childrensministries@secondcrgandhaven.org) to let her know if she can add you to the list.

**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 are also in need of volunteers; if you are interested in serving in some capacity, please talk to Rob. ***Please note the date change.***

**Update from Council:** The Full Council is pleased to present the list of nominees for office bearers.

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.

***Immediately after today's service, we will draw lots for the Leadership Deacon category.***

## Volunteer Schedule

### 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 Meindersma

**Offering:** Faith Promise: Steve and Mary Porter  
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### May 28, 2023

**Projection:** Ben McCarthy

**Video:** Harley Dyk, Jim Query, Dirk Weesies, Ethan Hodge

**Ushers:** Jim Mulder (Team 11), Jon Mulder, John Rycenga, Carl Vertregt

**Coffee Hosts:** Les and Bern Lewis, Garrison and Ann Koch

**Nursery:** Jenny Steigenga, Zuidemas

**Little Lambs:** Amy Wolffis, Ian Clapp

**Walk Out Worship:** Sheri VanDuyn, VanStratts

**Greeters:** Kraig and Cathy Brolick, Jay Brace

**Offering:** Elim Christian Services

## Calendar

### **Sunday, May 21**

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

11:30 AM–Afterword with Dr. Tom Schwanda

7:00 PM–WMCHS Choir Concert

### **Monday, May 22**

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM–Ping Pong

### **Tuesday, May 23**

7:30 AM–Prayer Team

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

7 PM–Choir Rehearsal

### **Wednesday, May 24**

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1 PM–Knitter's Club

### **Thursday, May 25**

9 AM-1 PM –Office Hours

### **Friday, May 26**

### **Saturday, May 27**

### **Sunday, May 28**

10:00 AM–Sunday Service