



Worship Service for the
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 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: “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”
“To God All Praise and Glory”

arr. Marks
arr. Rasley

*Call to Worship

People of God, worship the living God today! Remember that out of nothing God created the heavens and earth. Remember that God raised Jesus from the powerlessness of death to the power of his right hand. Remember that not even the gates of hell can stand against God’s purposes. Behold your God, who reigns now and forever!

***Song of Worship:** “Rejoice, the Lord is King”

LUYH 224 vs. 1,2,4

*Opening Prayer

God of victory over death, your Son revealed himself again and again, and convinced his followers of his glorious resurrection. Grant that we may know his risen presence, in love obediently feed his sheep, and care for the lambs of his flock, until we join the hosts of heaven in worshiping you and praising him who is worthy of blessing and honor, glory and power, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*God’s Greeting & Mutual Greeting

***Hymn of Praise:** “O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise To God”

LUYH 672 vs. 1,3,5

Jesus Forgives Sinners

Call to Confession

Words of Assurance

The blame forgotten, shame covered, Peter leapt into the sea. Where tears once drowned hope and denials became despair and self-loathing, now eyes had seen that figure on the shore, that body once strung across the stained wood of execution. He is risen. Peter is risen from the dead. Three times denied. Three times invited to love again by him who three times prayed his own despair and, three times mocked 'mid three crosses, in three days rose to resurrect Peter. Peter made it to the shore. And we are there with him, members in the fellowship of grace and rehabilitation, of forgiveness and hope. We are humble, living examples of the persistence of divine love, who came and died for you and me. Take comfort in this assurance that even those things hidden from memory, those things that are too deep for words, are not beyond God's forgiving love. God, who knows us completely, bestows pardon and peace.

Thanks be to God.

***Song of Assurance:** “All Along”

Global Songs 21, v. 1, 2

Jesus Blesses Children

Blessing for Children:

Grace and peace to you, our children.

**We will always give thanks for you. We pray
for you constantly because we love you.**

We love you just as God loves you.
You remind us of God's love.
Teach us to see the world as you do.
Surprise us with the wonders you see.
Show us what gifts God has given you.

**And we will bless you, and protect you,
and we will always give thanks for you.**

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 21:1-19

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: Jesus Restores Peter

We Respond to Jesus in Faith

Prayer

***Hymn of Response: "My Jesus, I Love Thee"**

LUYH 366 vv. 1, 2

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: Safe Church Ministry
Offertory: "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

arr. Sherwin

Jesus Welcomes Us to His Table

Invitation

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...because my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink." On the night our Lord Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, gave thanks, and broke it.

Then he said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this as a means of remembering me."

In the same manner also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Prayer

Nourished at this table, O God, may we know Christ's redemptive love and live a new life in him. Help us who recognize our Lord in the breaking of bread see and serve him in all whose lives are broken. Give us who are fed by his hand grace to share our bread with the hungry and the hungry of heart. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. All glory, laud and honor are yours, now and forever more. Amen.

Giving of Communion

“Behold the Lamb”
“I Come With Joy”
“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

Communion Hymn
LUYH 533 vv. 1,2,3
Sandra McCracken

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

***Sending Song:** “May the Peace”

Getty/Townsend

***Benediction**

Postlude: “Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”

arr. Fedak

Credits & Liturgical Notes:

- Words of Assurance adapted from a reflection by William Loader.
- Children’s blessing taken from a blessing written by the Rev. Elsa A. Peters, Pastor of the First Congregational UCC in South Portland, ME.
- Participants:
 - Rev. Jay Knochenhauer, Preacher
 - Julie Hordyk, Pianist
 - Jean Schuitman, Organist
 - Chris Hordyk, Joslyn Wagenmaker, Vocalists
 - Cal Keuning, Percussionist
 - Julie Hordyk, Prayers of the People

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:

Please pray for **Sibren Smits**, the husband of Maria, Pastor Tim's mother. He experienced a medical emergency and required hospitalization during the wedding weekend. He is recovering here in Grand Haven and covets your prayers.

We hold the Zuidema family close in prayer in this time of grief and sorrow. A service of witness to the resurrection for **Alia Zuidema** was held on Friday. We will have a meal train set up later this month. Thank you for your prayers.

Announcements:

Encounters with Jesus: We will meet on Wednesday, May 10 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 Acts 9:1-19. Hope to see you there!

Sanctuary Choir rehearsals will begin this week, Tuesdays at 7 pm. May 9, 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 June 12-15. 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 to make this week successful. If you are interested in serving in some capacity, please talk to Rob.

Faith Promise Update: **Don Slager** had a successful trip to Liberia in March and arrived back home safely. He worked with both the Maan and Dan translation teams, including Charles. Don left for Turkey on April 27 and will spend a week in Turkey with colleagues from around the world. Then he will travel to Liberia for a week with his granddaughter and a friend and will show the country and his ministry to them. Pray that all his travels go smoothly. **New City Kids:** 15 of their high schools students enjoyed a four-day college tour. Summer Camp is around the corner. The New City Bike Tour will be held on August 12 and will start at New City Kids in Grand Rapids and end at Second CRC in Grand Haven. **The Hamiltons:** This year they offered two Spring Break Trips. There was a local option around Kalamazoo for students who had to work over the break and a trip to Florida. Dan helped to lead the trip to Florida and the theme was "Good News!" They spent the week learning about the good news of Jesus, what it is, and how it impacts our identify, community and purpose. They also equipped the students with ways they can share the good news of Jesus with their friends Continue to pray for outreach and follow up opportunities.

SWANS: Our May event will feature making a floral arrangement under the leadership of Sharon Wolters. Please join us on **May 10 at 10:00 AM** in the North Hall. Cost will be \$10, which includes vase and flowers. Reservations are necessary by May 8. Call or text lone at loneLloydh@gmail.com or 616-502-8477. Think spring!

Update from Council: The Full Council is pleased to present to the congregation the list of nominees for office bearers. We will ask the congregation to affirm these nominees on Sunday, May 14. With the exception of 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 Ruiter, Cherise Vander Heide, Henk and Sharon Ottens, Manette DeJonge, Norma Schuitema, Sharon Wolters, Robin Kieft, Christi Vander Heide, Mary Winkle

Adult Enrichment: Next weekend, 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.”

Volunteer Schedule

May 7, 2023

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Mark Boelens, Dirk Weesies

Ushers: Roger Hordyk (Team 8), DeeAnn Hordyk, Dan Holtrop, John Buitenhuis

Coffee Hosts: Jonathan and Renee Mulder, Jim Mulder, Ron Retsema

Nursery: Cherise Vander Heide, Kerry Bierma

Little Lambs: Betsy Blackmon, Ian Clapp

Walk Out Worship: Emily Bierma, Gabe Schaaf

Greeters: Dan and Debbie Braak, Mike Katje

Offering: Safe Church Ministry

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

Calendar

Sunday, May 7

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

11:30 AM–Afterword

Monday, May 8

9 AM-12 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM–Ping Pong

Tuesday, May 9

7:30 AM–Prayer Team

9 AM-12 PM–Office Hours

7 PM–Friendship Club

7 PM–Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 10

9 AM-12 PM–Office Hours

10 AM–SWANS, North Hall

1 PM–Knitter’s Club

7 PM –Encounters, led by Tim

7 PM –CHAOS (Jr. High Youth Group)

Thursday, May 11

9 AM-12 PM –Office Hours

5:30-7:30 PM –Love in Action

Friday, May 12

Saturday, May 13

Sunday, May 14

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

11:30 AM–Afterword with Dr. Tom Schwanda

6:30 PM–FOCUS (High School Youth Group)

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