



Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
July 30, 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!

God Gathers His People

Prelude "Come, Thou Almighty King / O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" arr. Gaines

*Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. (Psalm 100)

***Hymn of Praise** "O God Our Help in Ages Past" LUYH 405

*Opening Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

***Song of Worship** "Forever" LUYH 578

God Reconciles Us to Himself

Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts.**

We have offended against your holy laws.

**We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.**

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare all those who confess their faults.

**Restore all those who are humbly repent, according to your promises
declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen**

Words of Assurance

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. By his authority and in his name, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Song of Assurance** “He Will Hold Me Fast”

arr. Habershon/Merker

***Welcome and Mutual Greeting**

God Speaks His Word

Blessing for Children

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the Cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

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).

Scripture Reading Psalm 71

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon “Real Hope”

We Respond in Faith

*Song of Response “Cornerstone”

Liljero, Morgan, Myrin

Ministry Moment Steve & Kim Holtrop *Faith Promise Missionaries*

God Hears Our Prayers

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 Rehoboth Christian School

Offertory “Still, My Soul, Be Still *with* Be Still, My Soul”

arr. Koerts

*Still, my soul be still and do not fear though winds of change may rage tomorrow.
God is at your side. No longer dread the fires of unexpected sorrow.*

*God, You are my God and I will trust in You and not be shaken.
Lord of peace renew a steadfast spirit within me, to rest in You alone.*

*Be still my soul the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide.
In every change He faithful will remain.*

*God, You are my God and I will trust in You and not be shaken.
Lord of peace renew a steadfast spirit within me, to rest in You alone. (repeat)*

God Blesses Us to Go into the World

***Sending/Doxology Song** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

LUYH 964

***Benediction**

Postlude The Solid Rock

arr. Berry

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Participants: Rev. Tim Blackmon, Preacher
Rick Geertsma, Liturgist
Julie Hordyk, Pianist
Luke Anderson, Patrice Frantz, Vocalists

We display all music and congregational readings on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) and SNC (green) are 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:

Ray Kuiper was hospitalized this week for an infection in his foot that required a surgical procedure on Wednesday. Please keep Ray and Shirley in your prayers.

Gord Katt fell and broke his hip. He had a hip replacement done on Thursday. Friday's email will have an update and a link to a meal train to support *Gord and Merele* during his recovery.

Hank DeYoung is turning 95 tomorrow. He is thankful that God has blessed him with a long life and wonderful church family.

Thank you to all who have brought us a meal during this difficult time. There are dishes and containers in the church kitchen for you to pick up. ~ *Jason & Anne Zuidema*.

Grand Haven Christian School: Brothers and sisters of Second CRC, on behalf of the students, staff, and families of GHCS, thank you for your continued support through faithful prayer and generous financial support. We are preparing for the school's 144th year of educating minds and shaping hearts for service to God in His world and are excited about the plans for the coming year and beyond. GHC is extremely thankful to be a part of the partnership between home, church, and school in teaching God's covenant children about His story and their place in it. Blessings, *Tim Annema - Principal*

Western Michigan Christian High: We are so grateful for 2nd CRC's continued support - not only are you ensuring your families have the option to send their kids to Christian Schools, but your generosity also helps us give financial assistance to others in need. We are so thankful for your partnership with us! *Jodi Deur, Director of Advancement and Finance*

Announcements:

Updates from Staff: The Bierma family will be moving to Holland this fall. Due to this transition, Emily will be leaving her position as Children's Ministry Coordinator. If you know anyone with a passion for training up children for the Lord, please have them contact Amy Wolffis or Pastor Tim for the job description. We are so grateful for all the ways Emily has helped our children and church grow over the last several years.

Children's Ministries: Do you have any lightly used or new games that are appropriate for 5 year olds through 9 year olds? We want to have a small space in the walk out worship room

with games for when services go longer than the time needed for the lesson. You can drop off any games on Emily Bierma's desk in the office.

New City Kids: The NCK Bike Tour 2023 will be held on Saturday, August 12. The Tour will begin in Grand Rapids and end at Second CRC. They will be having a lunch and other post Tour activities in our church parking lot. Funds raised will be used to develop the youth in Michigan into future community leaders. If you wish to donate, please visit their website at newcitykids.org/biketour2023 and click on the Donate button. If you are interested in participating as a rider or have other questions, contact Mary Erickson at 616-638-6367 or marylerickson@sbcglobal.net.

Love in Action: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) annually supports the LIA Health & Dental Clinic with critical operational costs. If LIA receives \$10,000 or more in donations by August 31, BCBSM will match that with a \$25,000 grant award for Clinic operations, which matches your donation 2.5 times! In 2023, LIA provided over 1,000 health & dental services and referrals. If you choose this opportunity, please indicate on your check memo "BCBSM Grant Match" so that we know to use your gift specifically for this purpose. If you cannot give at this time, but believe in the power of prayer, we value your support, too.

Volunteer Schedule

July 30, 2023

Projection: Ben McCarthy

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

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

Coffee Hosts: Curt & Mary DeJongh, Alan & Cyndie VanDyke

Nursery: Mary Terpstra, Betsy Blackmon

Little Lambs: Dawn Rotman, Gabe Schaaf

Walk Out Worship: Emily Bierma, Yasmin VanderHeide

Greeters: Dan Meindertsma, Ron & Patrice Frantz

Offering: Rehoboth Christian School

August 6, 2023

Projection: Dan Braak

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

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

Coffee Hosts: Ron & Patrice Frantz, Chuck & Carole DeWitt

Nursery: Sam/Chris Farrar, Cherise VanderHeide

Little Lambs: Sam/Chris Farrar, Amy Wolffis

Walk Out Worship: Emily Bierma, Kyla Zuidema

Greeters: Dennis Schaaf, Brian & Barb Fritz

Offering: Mosaic Counseling

Calendar

Sunday, July 30

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

Monday, July 31

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

Tuesday August 1

7:30 AM – Prayer Group

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

Wednesday, August 2

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

Thursday, August 3

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

Friday, August 4

Saturday, August 5

Sunday, August 6

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

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