



Sixth After Pentecost
July 9, 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 “All Glory Be to God on High”

arr. Haan

***Call to Worship**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with
steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed
like the eagle's. (Psalm 103: 1-5)

***Song of Worship** “Gather Us In”

LUYH 529 vs 1,3,4

***Opening Prayer**

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right,
that we, who can do no good thing apart from you, may by you be enabled to live
according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

***Song of Praise** “All Glory Be to God on High”

LUYH 542

God Reconciles Us to Himself

Call to Confession

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

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. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Words of Assurance

I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness', and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

Thanks be to God!

(Ezekiel 36: 25-26)

***Song of Assurance** "Great Are You, Lord"

Ingram/Jordan/Leonard

***Welcome and Greeting**

God Speaks His Word

Blessing for Children

But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.
Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!

Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!

**Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

(Psalm 103: 17-22)

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 137 (NRSV)

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

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon “The Lord’s Song in a Foreign Land”

***Hymn of Application “Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak”**

LUYH 754

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.**

We Celebrate the Feast of Our Redemption

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

With joy we praise you, gracious Father, for you have created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, and for the pouring forth of your Holy Spirit, who equips us for service and leads us into your truth.

Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and God of might Heav'n and Earth are full of your glory Hosanna in the highest Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord Hosanna in the highest

At his last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me."

For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Giving of Communion

“O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

“Lord, Be Glorified “

LUYH 823 vs 1-3,5

Rodgers, Wyse

SNC 43

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you

Humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us

and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,

that with truly thankful hearts, we may show forth your praise,

not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service,

and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

God Receives Our Gifts

Offering Servant Leadership-Diversity

Offertory “What Shall I Render to the Lord?”

arr. Grotenhuis

God Blesses Us to Go into the World

***Sending Song** “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

LUYH 946 vs 1,3

***Benediction**

Postlude “Give to our God Immortal Praise”

Hatton

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Participants: Rev. Neal Plantinga, Preacher
Rev. Tim Blackmon, Liturgist
Cathy Scaaf Organ
Jan Zuidema, Pianist
Katen Katje, Instrumentalist
Chris Hordyk, Amy Goorman 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:

Joyce Dark recently broke her leg. It has since been a difficult journey with many challenges, but she is making encouraging progress although many more weeks of healing are ahead. She would appreciate prayers for continued healing.

Ruth Wallinga is dealing with cellulitis and requests prayers for healing. We have also set up a meal train to support her as she recovers. Please sign up at <https://mealtrain.com/r2re6d>

Thank you for the cards, concerns, and condolences that I have received from so many of you. Prayers were answered for successful surgery and I thank God for our family of God. What a gift He has given me! - *Ione Hokenga*

Thank you for the prayers, cards and visits following her knee surgery. I am truly grateful for my family at Second Church! - *Sharon Wolters*

Thank you to all those who brought meals, sent cards and notes, and most important, all the prayers for Carol's recent back surgery. We are grateful for being members of such a loving and caring church. - *Ron & Carol Brouwer*

Thank you all so much for the beautiful cards, delicious food, encouraging words and especially your prayers! I have felt so blessed by all the love and care from my church family. -*Carole Ruiter*

Thank you to everyone for their prayers and cards following my Lasik eye surgery. Unfortunately, the procedure was ineffective in treating my glaucoma. -*Barb Brummel*

Announcements:

Garden Club: We will tour the garden of Henk and Sharon Ottens 17271 Lincoln St. Grand Haven on Tuesday July 11 at 10:00am. Meet at church at 9:45 if you would like to carpool.

Graduation Journals: They are on the Welcome/ Visitor desk, and we could use more words of wisdom/encouragement written in them. This is something that the students will keep with them for a long time and look back on every so often. Please take the time to write something in them or email Rob something to paste in them - rwagenmaker@hotmail.com

Prayer Group: There is a virtual prayer group that meets from 7:30-8:30am on Tuesdays via Zoom. If you'd like to join, email Amy Wolffis at admin@secondcrggrandhaven.org and she'll provide you with the meeting invite.

SWANS: Please mark your calendars for our boat ride on Spring Lake for Tuesday, July 18. We will meet at Barrett's Boat dock at 10 am. We will have lunch at the Village Baker following our ride. In case of rain, we will meet on Wednesday July 19.

Vacation Bible School: The sanctuary has been transformed for our Stellar VBS happening this week, July 10-13. Please pray for the kids who are attending that they will discover how to shine Jesus' light into the world.

Volunteer Schedule

July 9, 2023

Projection: Dan Braak

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

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

Coffee Hosts: Dick & Shirley Good, Jill Gallagher, Barb Hammond

Nursery: Ruth Marotti, Betsy Blackmon, Jonathan Blackmon

Little Lambs: Jane DeGroot, Yasmin VanderHeide
Walk Out Worship: Amy Anderson, Gabe Schaaf

Greeters: Deborah Erickson, Curt & Mary DeJongh

Offering: Servant Leadership-Diversity

July 16, 2023

Projection: Ben McCarthy

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jason Zuidema, Mark Boelens, Dirk Weesies

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

Coffee Hosts: Jeff & Deborah Erickson, Brian & Barb Fritz

Nursery: Rosemary Geertsma, Kerry Bierma, Mary Wierenga

Little Lambs: Amy Wolffis, Maelyn W.

Walk Out Worship: Rob/Joslyn Wagenmaker, Kyla Z.

Greeters: Amy Goorman, Doug & Cheryl Diephouse

Offering: Faith Promise - New City Kids

Calendar

Sunday, July 9

10:00 AM—Sunday Service

Monday, July 10

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

9:15 AM—11:45AM Stellar VBS

Tuesday July 11

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

9:15 AM—11:45AM Stellar VBS

10 AM—Garden Club at Ottens

7 PM—Leadership Board

Wednesday, July 12

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

9:15 AM—11:45AM Stellar VBS

Thursday, July 13

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

9:15 AM—11:45AM Stellar VBS

7 PM—New Council Member Orientation

Friday, July 14

Saturday, July 15

Sunday, July 16

10:00 AM—Sunday Service

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