



Worship Service for
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
August 13, 2023

*Welcome visitors, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a Welcome Card (in the pew rack)
and place it in the offering basket. We look forward to connecting with you.
Also, join us for coffee after church so we can meet you!*

God Gathers His People

Prelude "Andante Religioso"
"Laudamus Te (We Praise You)"

Felix Mendelssohn
Carl F. Mueller

*Call to Worship

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. **All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!**

The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works. The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. (From Psalm 145)

***Hymn of Praise** "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

LUYH 224

***Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

***Song of Worship ““What a Beautiful Name”**

Brooke Fraser

God Reconciles Us to Himself

Call to Confession

As we ask the Lord for forgiveness, we pray he will create a pure heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us. We ask him to restore to us the joy of our salvation. Let us confess our sins in this assurance.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, long-suffering and of great goodness: we confess to you.

We confess with our whole hearts our neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments, our wrong doing, thinking, and speaking; the hurts we have done to others, and the good we have left undone.

O God, forgive us, for we have sinned against you; and raise us to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song of Confession “Search Me, Know Me”

Rainey/Scott

Words of Assurance

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Welcome and Mutual Greeting**

God Speaks His Word

Blessing for Children

Heavenly Father, on the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, we will meditate. We commend your works to one another, from one generation to the next, we will declare your mighty acts. We will speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and we will declare your greatness. May our children pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and sing aloud of your righteousness. May they speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power.

Amen.

(From Psalm 145)

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 126

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon “Real Joy”

* Hymn of Application “Rejoice, O Pure in Heart”

LUYH 353

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 Mosaic Counseling

Offertory “What Shall I Render to the Lord”

LUYH 871

God Blesses Us to Go into the World

***Sending Song** “Joy to the World”

LUYH 92 vs.1,2,4

***Benediction**

Postlude “Fughetta in C”

Johann Rembt

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Participants: Rev. Tim Blackmon, Preacher, Piano
Jean Schuitman, Organ
Rev. Jay Knochenhauer, Liturgist
Jane DeGroot, Scripture Reader
Lydia Moya, Vocalist

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. Search Me, Know Me: CCLI Song No. 4130064

Prayer Requests, Praises, Gratitude:

Ray Kuiper has been moved to Resthaven Rehab in Holland. He will be there about 5 more weeks. He knows God is providing for him each day. Please keep Ray and Shirley in your prayers.

I am truly grateful for all the birthday cards I received. I was overwhelmed with your kindness. I'm so thankful for my church family. ~ *Hank DeYoung*

We would like to thank our congregation for the cards, kind words, and other expressions of sympathy in the passing of Dennis' brother. ~ *Dennis and Mary Jo Schaaf*

Announcements:

Book Club: We will begin the 2023 Season on Monday, September 18 in the Church Parlor at 1:30 PM. The book that will be discussed will be "Middlemarch" by George Eliot. The meeting is open to anyone who loves reading. Mark your calendar!

We are Hiring: We are looking for a *Worship Coordinator* and *Children's Ministry Coordinator*. If you know anyone with a talent for leading worship or for training up children for service to the Lord, please have them contact [Amy Wolffis](#).

Children's Ministries: Volunteers are needed for nursery, little lambs, and walk out worship. A schedule will be made for the fall so that things are in place for the new person. We will assume you can help in the same capacity unless we hear from you. Please email childrensministries@secondcrcgrandhaven.org

Volunteer Schedule

August 13, 2023

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Harley Dyk, Jason Zuidema, Mark Boelens, Dirk Weesies

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

Coffee Hosts: Bob & Manette De Jonge, Carl & Mary Erickson

Nursery: Ruth Marrotti, Mary Wierenga

Little Lambs: Sheila Warners Van Stratt Kid

Walk Out Worship: Amy Anderson, Van Stratt Kid

Greeters: Jim Query Jill Gallagher,

Offering: Faith Promise- Daniel & Kristin Hamilton

August 20, 2023

Projection: Dan Braak

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

Ushers: Steve Marotti (Team 1), Todd Cunningham, David Brace, Eric Wolffis

Coffee Hosts: Ron & Patrice Frantz, Bruce & Esther Drukker

Nursery: Kim Van Stratt, Cathy Brolick

Little Lambs: Betsy Blackmon, Van Stratt Kid

Walk Out Worship: Cindy Brace, Van Stratt Kid

Greeters: Garry Vandenberg, Rick & Rosemary Geertsma

Offering: CRC Annual Day of Justice

Calendar

Sunday, August 13

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

Monday, August 14

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

Tuesday August 15

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

7PM- Care Team Meeting

Wednesday, August 16

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1PM- Knitting Club

Thursday, August 17

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

Friday, August 18

Saturday, August 19

Sunday, August 20

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

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