



Worship Service for
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
August 20, 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 "When Thou Art Near"
"Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring"

J.S. Bach
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*Call to Worship

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

O come, let us adore him.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord;

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the depths of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands prepared the dry land.

**O come, let us worship and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our
Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

***Hymn of Praise** "Now with Joyful Exultation"

LUYH 512 vs 1-3

*Opening Prayer

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold

to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Song of Worship** “Amazing Grace/Fill It Up”

Joyce Borger

God Reconciles Us to Himself

Call to Confession

All who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. As we praise God for all the gifts signified by our baptism, let us confess that we have sinned as we have sought to walk in Christ’s way. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

Our Father, forgive our sins. Forgive the sins that we remember, and the sins we have forgotten. Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times we have been proud of our own achievements and those when we have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown to ourselves. Forgive the lies we have told to others, and the truths we have avoided. Forgive us the pain we have caused others and the indulgence we have shown ourselves. Lord God, have mercy on us and make us whole. In Jesus Christ, our Savior’s name, Amen.

Words of Assurance

If we have been united with Christ in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. So you must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Live in peace. Your sins are forgiven.

***Song of Assurance** “Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

LUYH 796

***Welcome and Mutual Greeting**

God Speaks His Word

Blessing for Children

Heavenly Father, we pray that you will give our children such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts they may show forth your praise, not only with their lips, but in their lives, by giving up their lives to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all their days. 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 Ephesians 2:1-10

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon "Faith Is God's Gift"

We Respond In Faith

*** Hymn of Application** "For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free"

LUYH 679

* Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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 CRC Annual Day of Justice

Offertory "We Are Called"

LUYH 296

God Blesses Us to Go into the World

***Sending Song** "We Receive Your Blessing"

LUYH 947

*Benediction

Postlude “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

J. Bender

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Participants: Rev. Jay Knochenhauer, Preacher
Jan Zuidema, Piano
Jean Schuitman, Organ
Rob Wagenmaker, Prayer
Rob & Joslyn Wagenmaker, 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. Search Me, Know Me: CCLI Song No. 4130064

Prayer Requests, Praises, Gratitude:

Ruth Wallinga was moved to Heartwood Lodge last week for rehabilitation after a fall. Please keep her in your prayers.

Announcements:

Save the Date: Mid-Week Gatherings, a weekly series of Bible Study with dinner provided, will begin on Wednesday September 13. The series will be held from 5:30-7:30pm.

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: Thank you for the kind words and support for the Bierma family on the upcoming move. Also thank you for the willingness to serve in the children's program. The new schedule has been made and can be viewed [here](#), it will also be updated in Friday's worship resources, and a copy's in the mailboxes for those who are serving.

Women's Bible Hour: We will begin our fall season on Thursday, September 7 at 1:30pm in the parlor. We will continue our study of Women of the Old Testament and will be discussing lesson 7 on Hannah. Questions, call Char at 616-842-0848.

Volunteer Schedule

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

August 27, 2023

Projection: Dan Braak

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

Ushers: Curt DeJongh (Team 2), Gord Buitendorp, Chris Hordyk, Chris VanStraat

Coffee Hosts: Doug & Cheryl Diephouse, Jay & Cindy Brace

Nursery: Victoria McCarthy, Mary Terpstra

Little Lambs: Amy Wolffis, Yasmin VanderHeide

Walk Out Worship: Emily Bierma, Vivienne McCarthy

Greeters: David Vander Heide, Dick & Shirley Good

Offering: Grand Haven Christian Endowment Fund

Calendar

Sunday, August 20

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

Monday, August 21

9 AM-12 PM–Office Hours

Tuesday August 22

9 AM-12 PM–Office Hours

Wednesday, August 23

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1PM- Knitting Club

Thursday, August 24

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

Friday, August 25

Saturday, August 26

Sunday, August 27

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

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