



Worship Service for  
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
October 1, 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!*

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## God Gathers His People

**Prelude** "Psalm 100"

"All Creatures of our God and King"

Dutch Hymnbook  
- arr. Smith

### \*Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.  
Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us and we are his;

**We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his courts with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him and praise his name.

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

**\*Song of Worship** "All Creatures of our God and King"

LUYH 551 vs 1-4

### \*Opening Prayer

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **God Reconciles Us to Himself**

### **Call to Confession**

Confident in God’s grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### **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 to 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.**

### **Moment of Silence**

What do you believe concerning "the forgiveness of sins"?

**I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement,  
will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature,  
which I need to struggle against all my life.**

**Rather, in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ  
to free me forever from judgment.** (The Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 21)

### **Words of Assurance**

This morning you will receive the bread and the cup at the Lord's Table. And you will be invited to eat and drink believing that the body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ was given for a complete remission of all your sins.

Therefore, since you have been justified through faith, you have peace with God and there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,

**Thanks Be To God.**

**\*Song of Assurance** ““We Bow Down” SNC 42

**\*God’s Greeting and Mutual Greeting**

## **God's Speaks His Word**

### **Blessing for Children**

Heavenly Father, we pray that our children may taste and see that you are good. We thank You for Your Word, which has all we need for life and godliness. May our children, like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it they may grow up into salvation, mature in the faith and become increasingly conformed into the image and likeness of the Lord Jesus, in whose name we pray, **Amen.**

### **Children Leave for Walkout Worship**

(Children 5 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are welcome to join us for Walk Out Worship.)  
The teacher will be waiting in the back of the church).

### **Scripture Reading** 1 Peter 2:1-8 (pg 1014)

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we  
may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you  
have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Sermon** “Living Stones”

**\* Hymn of Response** “The Goodness of the Lord” Kimbrough and Zach

## 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** Race Relations – All Heritage Sunday

**Offertory** “What Shall I Render to the Lord”

LUYH 871 vs 1, 4, 5

## God Welcomes Us to His Table

### God's Invitation and Welcome

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

#### \*Our Profession

**I am right with God and heir to life everlasting  
only by true faith in Jesus Christ.  
Even though my conscience accuses me  
of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments**

and of never having kept any of them,  
and even though I am still inclined toward all evil,  
nevertheless, without my deserving it at all,  
out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me  
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ,  
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,  
as if I had been as perfectly obedient  
as Christ was obedient for me.

**All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.**

(Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 23)

## Communion

The Lord Jesus, the same night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me."

After the same manner also, he took the cup when they had supped, saying, "this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the world.

In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices.

Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died!**

**Christ is risen!**

**Christ will come again!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into him Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Celebration

### Communion Songs

“Cornerstone”

“Behold the Lamb”

“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

Hillsong

Communion Hymn

McCracken/Moore

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**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 Blesses Us to Go into the World

**\*Doxology Song** “Build Your Kingdom Here” (vs 1, 2 Refrain) Rend Collective

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** “Built on a Rock”

arr. Martin

## Credits & Liturgical Notes

Participants: Rev. Tim Blackmon Preacher  
Julie Hordyk, Piano  
Cathy Schaaf, Organist  
Luke Anderson, Christie VanderHeide, Vocalists  
Amy Anderson, Liturgist, Prayers of the People

We display all music and 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.  
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## Prayer Requests, Praises, Gratitude:

*Ione Hoekenga* has moved to Freedom Village Inn for rehab. Please keep her in your prayers.

*Jean Schuitman* has returned home for recuperation. She covets our prayers.

*Chuck Schuch* had another surgical procedure on Friday September 29. Please keep Chuck and Jeanne in your prayers. Their address is 17012 Maplewood Drive, West Olive, MI 49460.

*Carol Brouwer* will have esophageal surgery on Tuesday October 3 at Blodgett Hospital. Please pray for a successful procedure.

## Announcements:

**Today's Offering: All Heritage Sunday** is today. Thrive is dedicated to bringing more diversity and racial harmony into the future leadership of the denomination through the All Nations Heritage scholarship fund. Applicants are students of various ethnic minorities and members of CRCNA congregations who plan to, or who are currently, pursuing their educational goals at higher learning institutions affiliated with the CRCNA.

**Atrium Art Gallery:** This week's reception has been cancelled due to illness of the artist, Eric Nykmap.

**Children's Ministries:** If you are willing to serve in Nursery, Little Lambs, or Walk Out Worship during *November – February*, please contact Betsy Blackmon via text at (630) 277-1921 or email [betsyblackmon@yahoo.com](mailto:betsyblackmon@yahoo.com)

**Midweek Gatherings**, a seven-week series of Bible Studies with dinner provided, continues this Wednesday, through November 1<sup>st</sup>. All are welcome. Also, if you can help with your District Meal, see the sign-up sheet at the Information Desk.

**Mom's Hiking Group:** Join us at Hofma Preserve on Wednesday October 4 at 12:30 PM. We will meet at this entrance: 13894 168th Ave. Questions, please contact [Amy Anderson](#).

**Tool Time:** Men's Bible Study will begin Saturday October 14 at 7:30am at church. We will be studying the Gospel of John. Study Guides are available in the church office.

Tool Time Dates: October 14 and 28, November 4 and 18, December 2 and 16, January 6 and 20, February 3 and 17. March 2 and 16. Contact Rick Geertsma at (616) 402-9791 for more information.

**Tri-Cities CROP Hunger Walk:** This year's CROP Walk will be held Sunday October 1, 2023 at St. Paul's United Church of Christ at 1401 Griffin Street, Grand Haven. Registration will open at 1:30pm and the walk begins at 2pm. For more information on participating, contact [Amy Wolffis](#).

**Western Michigan Christian:** They have two open positions including a part-time Office Administrative assistant and a full time Facilities and Athletic Maintenance. Applicants may view the job descriptions on their website and may fill out an application form.

**Women's Bible Hour:** We will continue Thursday, October 5 at 1:30pm in the parlor with our study of Women of the Old Testament. Questions, call Char at 616-842-0848.

**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](#).



## Volunteer Schedule

### October 1, 2023

**Projection:** Dan Braak

**Video:** Chuck DeWitt, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

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

**Coffee Hosts:** Dan & Debbie Braak, Ron & Carol Brouwer

**Nursery:** Kim Van Stratt, Rosemary Geertsma

**Little Lambs:** Amy Wolffis, Sheila Warners

**Walk Out Worship:** Cindy Brace, Kyla Zuidema

**Greeters:** Deborah Erickson, Chris & Julie Hordyk

**Offering:** Race Relations ~ All Heritage Sunday

### October 8, 2023

**Projection:** Dan Braak

**Video:** Harley Dyk, Jason Zuidema, Dirk Weesies, Jacob Weesies

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

**Coffee Hosts:** Brian & Kerry Bierma, Art & Marilyn Bolt

**Nursery:** Cherise VanderHeide, Maelyn Wagenmaker

**Little Lambs:** Jane DeGroot, Ian Clapp

**Walk Out Worship:** Joslyn Wagenmaker, Reed Van Stratt

**Greeters:** Amy Goorman, Tom & Evelyne Kapteyn

**Offering:** World Renew Disaster Relief

## Calendar

### **Sunday, October 1**

10:00 AM—Sunday Service

### **Monday, October 2**

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

### **Tuesday October 3**

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

7PM— Friendship Club

### **Wednesday October 4**

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

1PM- Knitting Club

5:30 PM—Midweek Gathering

7:00 PM-CHAOS

### **Thursday, October 5**

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

1:30 PM – Women’s Bible Hour

### **Friday, October 6**

### **Saturday, October 7**

### **Sunday, October 8**

10:00 AM—Sunday Service

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## **Connect with Second CRC**

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