



Worship Service for  
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 10, 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** “O Praise the Lord, for It is Good”  
“Praise the Lord”

arr. Grotenhuis  
Beethoven/arr Whitford

### \*Call to Worship

Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord, give praise, O servants of the Lord, who  
stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God!

**Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant!**

For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself, Israel as his own possession.

**For I know that the Lord is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.**

Whatever the Lord pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all  
depths. He it is who makes the clouds rise at the end of the earth, who makes lightnings  
for the rain and brings forth the wind from his storehouses.

**Praise the Lord!**

**\*Song of Worship** “Come, People of the Risen King”

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### \*Opening Prayer

O Lord God, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the  
flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise** “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

LUYH 405 vs 1-3,6

## God Reconciles Us to Himself

### Call to Confession

Our heavenly Father, in his great mercy, has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him.  
He promises to have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins.  
Let us come to him in prayer

### Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, in baptism you called us to turn from sin and to turn to Jesus Christ; but we stray from his ways and do not heed your call.

(Silence)

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

In baptism you joined us to Christ in his death that we might be raised with Christ in new life; but we cherish old ways and fail to embrace the risen life of righteousness, justice, and love.

(Silence)

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

In baptism you united us with all the baptized who confess your name; but we foster division in the church. We refuse to live as one people, and so fail to witness to your reconciling love before the world.

(Silence)

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

In baptism you call us to ministry in all realms of life, but we refuse the struggle to know your will; we do not nurture the ways of peace; we allow enmity to grow among us, setting neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.

(Silence)

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

In baptism you gave us the Holy Spirit to teach and guide us but we rely on ourselves and refuse to trust your direction. We spurn your eternal wisdom, Preferring, instead, the luring ways of the world.

(Silence)

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy on us.

Remember the promises you made to us in baptism, forgive our sinful ways and heal our brokenness. Set us free from all that enslaves us, and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ, that we may be your faithful servants, showing forth your healing love to the world, to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

## **Words of Assurance**

Hear the good news: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for you, Christ rose for you, Christ lives in power for you, Christ prays for you. Anyone who is in Christ is of the New Creation. The old life is finished, gone. Behold, new life has begun. Brothers and Sisters, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Amen.**

## **\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting**

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

## **Baptism**

Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

There is one Body and one Spirit;

**There is one hope in God's call to us;**

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**One God and Father of all.**

## **The Exhortation**

Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, "Unless one is

born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God”; and he commissioned the Church to “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

Here we ask our heavenly Father that Arielle, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, and received into the Church as a living member of Christ’s body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant her that which by nature she cannot have.

## **The Presentation**

Pastor: The candidate for baptism will now be presented.

Parents: We present Arielle Rose DeLange to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Pastor: Today, on behalf of this child, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that this child is taught, as soon as she is able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. She must come to put her faith in Jesus Christ, and learn the Creeds, the Lord’s Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of her soul. When she has embraced all these, she is to make a profession of faith, publicly claiming the faith for her own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his kingdom. Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

Parents: We are, the Lord being our helper.

## **To the Congregation:**

Do you promise to love, encourage, and support Arielle by teaching the gospel of God’s love, by being an example of Christian faith and character, and by giving the strong support of God’s family in fellowship, prayer, and service?

**We do, the Lord being our helper.**

Let us join with the DeLange’s to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles’ Creed.

\*Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I do. I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

**I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I do. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life-everlasting. Amen.**

## **The Baptism**

Arielle Rose DeLange, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **The Declaration**

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen.

## **The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing of Children**

We give you thanks, O holy and gracious God, for the gift of water.

In the beginning of creation your Spirit moved over the waters.

In the waters of the flood you destroyed evil.

You led the children of Israel through the sea into the freedom of the promised land.

In the river Jordan, John baptized our Lord, and your Spirit anointed him.

By his death and resurrection Jesus Christ, the living water, forgives us, frees us from sin and death, and opens the way to life everlasting.

We thank you, O God, for the gift of baptism.

In this water you confirm to us that we are buried with Christ in his death,

are raised to share in his resurrection, are being renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit, and are united to Christ in mission.

Send your Holy Spirit, we pray, upon Arielle today  
that this water may be a spring gushing up to eternal life.  
Wash away her sin, raise her to new life, and graft her to the body of Christ.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon her, that she may have wisdom to discern her gifts,  
strength to obey your will, and joy in answering your call.  
To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, be all praise, honor,  
and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Let us welcome the newly baptized, Arielle Rose DeLange.

**We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people. Amen**

**Baptism Song** “Build My Life”

Yunker/Martin/Kaple/Redman/Barrett

**Children Leave for Walkout Worship** (during final stanza of the song)

(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).

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

**Scripture Reading 1 Peter 1:10-12**

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

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** “What Time Is It?”

**\* Hymn of Application** “Be Thou My Vision”

LUYH 859

## 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 Hope Lighthouse Ministries

#### Offertory "By Faith" vs 1-4

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## God Blesses Us to Go into the World

#### \*Sending Song "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

LUYH 933

#### \*Benediction

#### Postlude "Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Haan

### Credits & Liturgical Notes

Participants: Rev. Tim Blackmon, Preacher  
Jan Zuidema, Piano  
Cathy Schaaf, Organ  
Karen Katje, Flute  
Henk Ottens, Prayer and Liturgist  
Amy Goorman, Luke Anderson, Vocalists

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:

*Chuck Schuch* had a surgical procedure Wednesday September 6. Please keep Chuck and Jeanne in your prayers.

*Ruth Wallinga* has returned home. Please pray for renewed strength.

*Ray Kuiper* remains at Resthaven Care Center in Holland. Please keep him and Shirley in your prayers.

### Announcements:

**Adult Enrichment:** Pastor Tim will host **The Afterword** today. This will be an opportunity to learn more about how technology impacts our faith and life.

**Today's Offering:** Hope Lighthouse Ministries is a non-profit organization that has been working with the needy, the homeless, ex-prisoners and at-risk children in the Muskegon and Muskegon Heights area since 1996.

**Church Directory:** A new directory is in the works. Please take a few minutes this morning to visit the tables in the North Hall to check your information and update or initial it as correct.

**Midweek Gatherings,** a seven-week series of Bible Studies with dinner provided, will begin on Wednesday September 13, and held from 5:30-7:30pm. Please sign-up via the insert in your bulletin, and if you can help with your District Meal, sign-up at the Information Desk.

*To Be a Christian: A Study of the Heidelberg Catechism* with Rev. Tim Blackmon.

This class is designed specifically for:

- Young people and their parents or those who have never made profession of faith
- People who want to understand what they believe and why
- People who are newer to Second CRC or want to learn more about Reformed theology
- People who have never studied the Heidelberg Catechism or those interested in revisiting this all-time classic

*Pray Continually: Building a Framework for Mindful Daily Prayer* with Amy Anderson

The apostle Paul exhorts believers to “pray continually,” and “set your mind on things above.” But what does this actually look like in daily life? How can we quiet the outside noise and learn the “unforced rhythms of grace”? In this class, we will study scripture to uncover a pathway to mindful prayer that strengthens our inner reserves and brings glory to God. Using the acronym RITUAL, we will deepen our intimacy with Christ, grow in love for others, and keep in step with the Holy Spirit, producing fruit.



**Bell Choir:** We need one or two more ringers. If you are of high school age or above, and have had any thoughts of ringing but have never participated before, Jean Schuitman can teach you.. Jean may be contacted at morbaroque@gmail.com or 231-750-6676.

**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!

**Friendship Club:** Tuesday, September 19 is the kickoff. All past, current, and interested mentors, friends, and caregivers are invited to join us for a 40th birthday celebration at 7:00pm in the North Hall. Also, we're calling on our wonderful cookie bakers. There is a signup sheet at the kiosk for cookies for our Fall Sessions. Thank you in advance for helping this ministry out in that way! You are appreciated! If you have any questions, please call Ruth Marotti at 616-886-6216.

**Once and Again Retail Store:** The store needs a few volunteers for pickups and deliveries. We are staffed by volunteers and our proceeds go to Grand Haven Christian School. The store does have a trailer with a hitch that can be used if needed. If you can volunteer in this way, please contact the store manager Rhonda Thom at 616-296-0677.

**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. There are several ways to participate:

- \* Walk the 1 mile or 5K route or use the online CROP Walker option and walk virtually.
- \* Be a Spirit Walker – raise funds though unable to Walk.
- \* Be a volunteer helper on Walk Day.
- \* Pray for the CROP Hunger Walk and for the poor and hungry.

For more information on participating, contact [Amy Wolffis](#).

**Women's Bible Hour:** We will continue Thursday, September 14 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

### September 10, 2023

**Projection:** Dan Braak

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

**Ushers:** Rick Geertsma (Team 4), Rosemary Geertsma, Dirk Weesies, Ralph VanDuyn

**Coffee Hosts:** Dave & Sandy Klaassen, Kraig & Kathy Brolick

**Nursery:** Cathy Brolick, Mary Wierenga, Yasmin VanderHeide

**Little Lambs:** Cherise VanderHeide, Van Stratt Kid

**Walk Out Worship:** Marie Rycenga, Van Stratt Kid

**Greeters:** Anne Zuidema, Ron & Sherry Herrington

**Offering:** Muskegon Hope Lighthouse Ministries

### September 17, 2023

**Projection:** Dan Braak

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

**Ushers:** Dan Braak (Team 5), Jeff Erickson, Joe Risselade, Paula Risselade

**Coffee Hosts:** Rick & Darcie Clapp, Gord & Mary Buitendorp

**Nursery:** Cathy Brolick, Ruth Marotti

**Little Lambs:** Jenn Steigenga, Corinne VanStratt

**Walk Out Worship:** Amy Anderson, Yasmin VanderHeide

**Greeters:** Jay Brace, David Hoekema

**Offering:** Faith Promise - YWAM Ben Veurink

## Calendar

### **Sunday, September 10**

10:00 AM—Sunday Service

11:30 AM—Afterword

### **Monday, September 11**

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

### **Tuesday September 12**

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

7 PM—Full Council – Adult Ed Room

### **Wednesday September 13**

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

1PM- Knitting Club

### **Thursday, September 14**

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

1:30 PM—Women's Bible Hour

### **Friday, September 15**

### **Saturday, September 16**

### **Sunday, September 17**

10:00 AM—Sunday Service

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## **Connect with Second CRC**

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