



Worship Service for  
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 24, 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** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

arr. Hayes

### **\*Call to Worship**

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.** (Luke 1:68-79)

**\*Song of Worship** "Sing to the King"

LUYH 474

### **\*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** "The Day of the Lord"

Kimbrough

## God Reconciles Us to Himself

### Call to Confession

Kyrie Eleison

Iona

### Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all:  
We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses,  
which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine  
majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us.  
We are deeply sorry for these, our transgressions;  
the burden of them is more than we can bear.**

(Repeat Song)

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Words of Assurance

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Song of Assurance** "I Worship You, O Lord"

LUYH 668 vs 1,2,5

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

## God's Speaks His Word

## **Blessing for Children**

**O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day. Defend us and our children by your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor run into any danger; and that, guided by your Spirit, we may do what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 1:22-25 (pg 1014)**

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

## **Prayer for Illumination**

## **Sermon “Different”**

## **\* Hymn of Application “Ancient Words”**

LUYH 762

## **God Gathers His People**

## **Welcome of New Members**

## **Introductions**

In your baptism, you were marked as members of Christ's church. It is our joy to welcome you today as members of this congregation. We believe that the Holy Spirit has led you to this congregation at this time for your own good and the good of this congregation. We invite you now to affirm your faith in Christ and express your commitment to the life of this church and mission God has given to us.

## **Vows**

Do you affirm that Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior, that the Bible is God's Word revealing Christ and his redemption, and that the teachings of this church reflect this revelation?

**I do.**

Do you promise to join with us, sharing your gifts, in our worship and fellowship, and in the mission God has given us in the world?

**I do.**

The Congregation rises

Do you promise to receive these new members in love as your brothers and sisters in Christ, support them with your fellowship and prayers, and, recognizing their gifts, invite them into the life and mission of our congregation?

**We do.**

## **\*The Apostles Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who 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 hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended to heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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**

## **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** Tri-Cities Crop Walk

**Offertory** "They'll Know We Are Christians"

LUYH 256 vs 1,2,4

## **God Blesses Us to Go into the World**

**\*Doxology Song** "Living Hope"

Phil Wickham

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** "They'll Know We Are Christians"

LUYH 256 vs 1,2,4

## Credits & Liturgical Notes

Participants: Rev. Tim Blackmon Preacher  
Julie Hordyk, Piano  
Rob & Joslyn Wagenmaker, 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. OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#775073.

## Prayer Requests, Praises, Gratitude:

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

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

*Chuck Schuch* will have another surgical procedure on Friday September 22. Please keep Chuck and Jeanne in your prayers. Their address is 17012 Maplewood Drive, West Olive, MI 49460.

## Announcements:

**Today's Offering:** The Tri-Cities Crop Walk is a collaborative effort of area churches and organizations, sponsored by Church World Service to provide food, medical care, disaster relief and self-help development for people around the world. 25% of the money raised goes toward Love in Action, The People Center and The Salvation Army.

**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.

**Women's Bible Hour:** We will continue on 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](#).

**Grand Haven Christian:** new school year has begun for GHCS fundraising. There are two *programs we would encourage all families to participate in*.

**Box Tops For Education:** It's easy! Go to the App Store on your phone, download the *Free Box Tops For Education* app, and select Grand Haven Christian School. When you shop, at any store, buy items that have Box Tops on the packaging. Then you scan your store receipt, within 10 days of purchase on the app. Each item is worth 10 cents.

**OUR FAMILY Items:** Cut out the UPC Codes for each item, available at Leppinks, D&W, and Orchard Market. Bring the UPC codes to the school office or the boxes at 2nd CRC. If you send in the whole label and they'll cut it out for you. Each UPC Code is worth 5 cents.

**Love In Action:** The Co-op is a membership-based Community Center that offers access to resources, education opportunities, and a food market that provides consumer choice and healthy food options. We need volunteers! Opportunities vary; 2-4 hour shifts are available. Please contact Meg at Love in Action at 616-846-2701 or [megan@loveinactiontricity.org](mailto:megan@loveinactiontricity.org).

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

## Volunteer Schedule

### September 24, 2023

**Projection:** Eric Wolffis

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

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

**Coffee Hosts:** Todd & Amy Cunningham, Stan & Gilda Boelkins

**Nursery:** Mary Wierenga, Darcie Clapp

**Little Lambs:** Kerry Bierma, Claire Clapp

**Walk Out Worship:** Cindy Brace, Gabe Schaaf

**Greeters:** Rick Clapp, Dan & Cheri Holtrop

**Offering:** Crop Walk

### 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

## Calendar

### **Sunday, September 24**

10:00 AM—Sunday Service

### **Monday, September 25**

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

### **Tuesday September 26**

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

2:30 PM—SWAN's English Tea

### **Wednesday September 27**

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

1PM- Knitting Club

5:30 PM—Midweek Gathering

### **Thursday, September 28**

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

9AM-3 PM—Classis Meeting

### **Friday, September 29**

### **Saturday, September 30**

### **Sunday, October 1**

10:00 AM—Sunday Service

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## **Connect with Second CRC**

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**YouTube:** @2ndCRCGH

**Give online:** <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1460116>