



Worship Service for  
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 3, 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** "Andante Cantabile"  
"Like a River Glorious"

P.I. Tchaikovsky/arr. Jas. Rogers  
Jas. Mountain/arr. R. Haan

### \*Call to Worship

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:  
**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.**

**\*Song of Worship** "Come Away from Rush and Hurry"

LUYH 527

### **\*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.

### **\*Hymn of Praise** “When Morning Gilds the Sky”

LUYH 372

## **God Reconciles Us to Himself**

### **Call to Confession**

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God and Father, we confess to you,  
to one another, and to the whole company of heaven,  
that we have sinned, through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins,  
and by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
raise us up to serve you in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

### **Words of Assurance**

God Almighty grants you forgiveness of all your sins, through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the comfort of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### **\*Song of Assurance** “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

LUYH 689

### **\*Welcome and Mutual Greeting**

## God Speaks His Word

### Blessing for Children

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone works great marvels: Send down upon our children and their teachers the life-giving Spirit of your grace, shower them with the continual dew of your blessing, and ignite in them a zealous love of your Gospel; 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 1:3-9

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### Prayer for Illumination

### Sermon “For a Little While”

\* Hymn of Application “Like a River Glorious”

LUYH 699

## 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

### Announcements

**Offering** International Aid

**Offertory** "Just As I am"

Wm. Bradbury/ arrr. D.Wood

## God Welcomes us to his Table

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and Eternal God, behold I come to the sacrament of Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. As one sick I come to the Physician of life; unclean, to the Fountain of mercy; blind, to the Light of eternal splendor; poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth. Therefore, I beg of You, through Your infinite mercy and generosity, heal my weakness, wash my uncleanness, give light to my blindness, enrich my poverty, and clothe my nakedness. May I thus receive the Bread of Angels, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, with such reverence and humility, contrition and devotion, purity and faith, purpose and intention, as shall aid my soul's salvation. Grant, I beg of You, that I may receive not only the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of our Lord, but also its full grace and power.

Give me the grace, most merciful God, to receive the Body of your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, in such a manner that I may deserve to be intimately united with His mystical Body and to be numbered among His members. Most loving Father, grant that I may behold for all eternity face to face Your beloved Son, whom now, on my pilgrimage, I am about to receive under the sacramental veil, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. **Amen.**

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and

for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

### **Songs During Communion:**

"As He Gathered at His Table"

LUYH 155 vs. 1,3,4,7

"Beneath the Cross"

LUYH 825

"There Is a Redeemer"

LUYH 833

### **Prayer After Communion**

I thank You, Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, for having been pleased, through no merit of mine, but of Your great mercy alone, to feed me, a sinner, and Your unworthy servant, with the precious Body and Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

I pray that this Holy Communion may not be for my judgment and condemnation, but for my pardon and salvation. Let this Holy Communion be to me an armor of faith and a shield of goodwill, a cleansing of all vices, and a rooting out of all evil desires.

May it increase love and patience, humility and obedience, and all virtues.

May it be a firm defense against the evil designs of all my visible and invisible enemies, a perfect quieting of all the desires of soul and body.

May this Holy Communion bring about a perfect union with You, the one true God, and at last enable me to reach eternal bliss when You will call me.

I pray that You bring me, a sinner, to the indescribable Feast where You, with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, are to Your saints true light, full blessedness, everlasting joy, and perfect happiness. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(The Prayers before and after communion are from Thomas Aquinas, 1225-1274)

## God Blesses Us to Go into the World

**\*Sending Song** “To God Be the Glory”

LUYH 956

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Johann Walther

### Credits & Liturgical Notes

Participants: Rev. Tim Blackmon, Preacher  
Julie Hordyk, Piano  
Jean Schuitman Organ  
Amy Wolffis, Prayer and Liturgist  
Julie Hordyk, Paul LaMaire, 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:

*Chuck Schuch* will be having a surgical procedure next 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.

“Although nothing can restore Alia to us, your meals, visits, hugs, tears, words of empathy and kindness, as well as continued prayers, have helped our journey on the road to shouts of joy as a family again someday. She was a child of this family of believers who lived and walked her faith in an amazing way. Thank you for nurturing her and holding us.” ~ *Jason, Anne, Bri, and Kyla Zuidema. Doug and Jan Zuidema*

### 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.

**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. Curious what RITUAL stands for? Come and find out! It’s sure to change your prayer life.

**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, please contact Jean Schuitman and she is willing to teach you. It is a wonderful group to be part of! 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. If you have any questions, please call Ruth Marotti at 616-886-6216.

**Mom’s Hiking Group:** The first outing will be at Hemlock Crossing on Thursday, September 7 at 11:30 AM. Questions, please contact [Amy Anderson](#)

**Knitting Club:** We will have a potluck Weds. September 6 at Sherry Becker's home, 33 Lafayette Ave., Grand Haven. The potluck will start at 12:30pm, please bring your project and a dish to share. Questions, contact Sherry at 231-855-1172.

**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 as you are able.
- \* 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](#).

**Update on our Refugee Family:** Castro continues to work at Jost International as a welder on second shift. He is thankful for this work which allows him to pay his bills and help their family in Zambia. Kasase is doing well despite some age-related health challenges. She enjoys her weekly visit from church members. Both Castro and Kasase applied for their Green Card about a year ago and are waiting eagerly to hear of their acceptance. Although independent, they are thankful for the ongoing support they receive from members of Second CRC and to God for providing for them.

**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.

**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 3, 2023

**Projection:** Harley Dyk

**Video:** Chuck DeWitt, Jim Query, Dirk Weesies, Ethan Hodge

**Ushers:** Ken Terpstra (Team 3), Jamie Goorman, Les Lewis, Tom Bierma

**Coffee Hosts:** Jane DeGroot, Agnes DeBoer, John & Kathy Buitenhuis

**Nursery:** Kim VanStratt, Kerry Bierma

**Little Lambs:** Jane DeGroot, Van Stratt Kid

**Walk Out Worship:** Amy Anderson, Gabe Schaaf

**Greeters:** Jim Warners, Jamie & Amy Goorman

**Offering:** International Aid

### 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

## Calendar

### **Sunday, September 3**

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

11:30 AM–Afterword

### **Monday, September 4**

Office Closed

### **Tuesday September 5**

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

7 PM–Leadership Board

### **Wednesday September 6**

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1PM- Knitting Club – at Sherry Becker's

### **Thursday, September 7**

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

11:30 AM – Mom's Hiking Group

1:30 PM–Women's Bible Hour

### **Friday, September 8**

### **Saturday, September 9**

### **Sunday, September 10**

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

11:30 AM–Afterword

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## **Connect with Second CRC**

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