



Worship Service for
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
October 15, 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 "In Thee Is Gladness"
"The Solid Rock"

Theo. Beck
Wm. Bradbury/arr. L. Kelly

Choral Introit "Come, Let Us Worship God"

R. Makeever/arr. T. Witt/J. Schuitman

***Call to Worship**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

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Psalm 46

***Hymn of Praise** “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

CH 293

***Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: Kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all people the true love of peace, and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Song of Worship** “Here I am to Worship”

LUYH 567

God Reconciles Us to Himself

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

**O Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth,
whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite,
to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed;
we have not loved you with all our heart and soul,
we have not loved you with all our mind and strength;
we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves.**

**Purge us from selfishness, the fear of man, and the love of praise.
In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done
and for the good we have left undone,
so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred.**

**But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow.
With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness.
In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation;
so that we may love you with a holy love. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Hear the comforting words:

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

(1 John 3:1-3)

***Song of Assurance** "Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

LUYH 796 vs 1,2

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

Choral Anthem "How Firm a Foundation"

arr. Wood

God's Speaks His Word

Blessing for Children

Gracious God and most merciful Father, you have granted us the rich and precious jewel of your holy Word: Assist us and our children with your Spirit, that the same Word may be written in our hearts to our everlasting comfort, to reform us, to renew us according to your own image, to build us up and edify us into the perfect dwelling place of your Christ, sanctifying and increasing in us all heavenly virtues; grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake. **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 1 Peter 2:13-25 (pg 1015)

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon "Civil"

***Hymn of Application** "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

CH 244

***The Nicene Creed**

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

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in 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 Thrive ~ Disability Concerns

Offertory "Hear the Call of the Kingdom"

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God Blesses Us to Go into the World

***Sending Song** "In Christ Alone"

LUYH 770 1,4

***Benediction**

Postlude "Trumpet Voluntary"

Gordon Young

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Participants: **Rev. Tim Blackmon, Preacher**
 Julie Hordyk, Piano
 Jean Schuitman, Organist & Choir Director
 Chris Hordyk, Patrice Frantz Vocalists
 Amy Wolffis, 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:

Chuck Schuch will have his post-op visit and procedure this past Friday October 13. Please pray for a successful outcome and continued recovery.

Carol Brouwer had esophageal surgery last week. Please keep her and Ron in your prayers.

Ione Hoekenga has been moved to Royal Atrium Inn in Zeeland for continued rehab. Thank you so much for prayer and concern support.

Announcements:

Today's Offering: *Disability Concerns* is now part of *Thrive*, the denomination's agency that covers race relations, diversity, chaplaincy, disability concerns, faith formation, pastor church resources, safe church, social justice, and worship. Thrive strives to promote and foster relationships, communities, and societies where everybody belongs and everybody serves by assisting churches, agencies, institutions, and leadership within the RCA and CRCNA.

Leadership Board Updates: One of the Leadership Board's responsibilities is to initiate and complete the process for council nominations and selection each year. At the Full Council's direction, we are working with Pastor Tim on new strategies for identifying, recruiting and equipping elders and deacons, with a view towards implementation in early 2024. Please be in prayer about this process and begin thinking about whether God is calling you or someone you know at Second to this important ministry in 2024.

Second CRC's Expansion Anniversary: In 2002 an expansion plan was approved, and a major construction project was launched at our church. An addition was to include a new office area, kitchen, multi-purpose North Hall, and atrium on the main level. The lower level was to include nurseries, classroom space, along with meeting, music, and storage areas. Also, the existing structure and sanctuary were to have air conditioning installed. The addition was dedicated on January 12, 2003. A 15-minute slide presentation will be running in the atrium and North Hall before and after church today, Sunday, October 15, commemorating the 20th anniversary of this project.

Atrium Art Gallery: The reception with artist Eric Nykamp has been rescheduled for Sunday October 22 at 11:30 am after the service.

Book Club: The book chosen for November is Babette's Feast by Isak Dinesen. This book is available through Amazon using the title Babette's Feast and Other Stories. The meeting will take place on Monday November 13 in the church parlor. Book club is open to all who are interested in reading and discussing the book. Please feel free to join!

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

Sanctuary Choir: We will rehearse next Thursday October 19 to prepare for upcoming worship services. If you have questions, contact Jean Schuitman at morbaroque@gmail.com

Midweek Gatherings: We will be meeting again this Wednesday October 18 at 5:30pm. All are welcome, even if you haven't signed up or attended previously.

Mom's Hiking Group: Join us at Hofma Preserve on Thursday October 26 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 continue Saturday October 28 at 7:30am at church. We will be studying the Gospel of John. Contact Rick Geertsma at (616) 402-9791 for more information.

Women's Bible Hour: We will continue Thursday, October 19 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 School: You are invited to an open house on Monday, October 23 from 6:00-8:00 pm to walk through the school and see the recent transformations of the building that happened over the summer and celebrate the work God is continuing to do at GHC.

Volunteer Schedule

October 15, 2023

Projection: Eric Wolffis

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

Ushers: Eric Rotman (Team 9), Ron Frantz, Dave VanderWall, Jason Zuidema

Coffee Hosts: Scott & Lisa Alfree, Doug & Jan Zuidema

Nursery: Dawn Rotman, Mary Terpstra

Little Lambs: Kerry Bierma, Claire Clapp

Walk Out Worship: Barb Fritz, Gabe Schaaf

Greeters: Steve Marotti, Mike & Kare Katje

Offering: Thrive - Disability Concerns

October 22, 2023

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Mark Boelens, Jason Zuidema, Dirk Weesies, Jacob Weesies

Ushers: Chuck DeWitt (Team 10), Mike Katje, Ron Retsema, Dennis Schaaf

Coffee Hosts: Jason & Anne Zuidema, David & Rita Zuidema

Nursery: Cathy Brolick, Kim Van Stratt

Little Lambs: Amy Wolffis, Yasmin Vander Heide

Walk Out Worship: Amy Anderson, Kyla Zuidema

Greeters: Dan Meindersma, Cal & Jenny Keuning

Offering: Faith Promise~ Eric & Judith Tuls

Calendar

Sunday, October 15

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

Monday, October 16

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

Tuesday October 17

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

7PM– Friendship Club

Wednesday October 18

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1 PM–Knitting Club

5:30 PM–Midweek Gathering

7:00 PM–Chaos

Thursday, October 19

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM–Women’s Bible Hour

Friday, October 20

Saturday, October 21

Sunday, October 22

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

11:30 AM–Artist Reception

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