



Worship Service for
Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost
October 29, 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 "Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Gaines

***Call to Worship**

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!
Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Psalm 150

***Hymn of Praise** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

LUYH 776

***Opening Prayer**

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth:
Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

***Song of Worship** "Ten Thousand Reasons"

LUYH 559 vs 1,2

God Reconciles Us to Himself

Call to Confession

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices, and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare all those who confess their faults.
Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises
declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be
cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

***Song of Assurance** “Wonderful Merciful Savior”

Rogers/Wyse

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

God Speaks His Word

***Blessing for Children**

Almighty God, you gave your servant Peter boldness to confess the Name of our
Savior Jesus Christ in his generation, and courage to die for this faith: Grant that

we and our children may always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us, and to suffer gladly for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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 at the back of the church).

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

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Prayer for Illumination

Sermon “The Choice for The Church”

***Hymn of Application** “Christian Hearts in Love United”

LUYH 727

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 Calvin Theological Seminary

Offertory “Change My Heart, Oh God”

arr. Hayes

God Blesses Us to Go into the World

***Sending Song** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

LUYH 575

***Benediction**

Postlude “Siyahamba” (We are Marching in the Light of God”)

arr. Kim

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Participants: **Rev. Ken Baker Preacher**
Julie Hordyk, Piano
Rob & Joslyn Wagenmaker, 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:

Sherrye Vertregt will have hip replacement surgery on November 3. Please pray for a successful procedure and good recovery.

Manette deJonge will have knee replacement surgery on Monday, October 30. She would appreciate your prayers for a successful surgery and complete recovery.

Please continue to pray that *Chuck Schuch* has a successful outcome from his DBS surgery.

Joyce Roelofs is declining in health and Gary is caring for her at home along with Hospice staff. Prayers are requested that God will provide daily strength, courage and patience to them as they navigate this difficult time.

Rev. Tim Blackmon is officiating a funeral in the Netherlands. Please pray for Tim and his family as they mourn the wonderful life of Cynthia Jermain.

Announcements:

Today's Service: We welcome Rev. Ken Baker, a retired minister, who previously served at Third CRC in Kalamazoo. Rev. Blackmon will resume our series on 1st Peter next Sunday.

Today's Offering: *Calvin Theological Seminary* serves the Christian Reformed Church in North America and wider constituencies by preparing individuals for biblically faithful and contextually effective ministry of the Word and by offering Reformed theological scholarship and counsel.

Bell Choir: We will rehearse today, October 29, after the morning service. If you would like to join or have questions, contact Jean Schuitman at morbaroque@gmail.com.

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!

Classis Muskegon: Area pastors and their spouses have been invited to attend a retreat on November 3 at Maranatha, facilitated by Dr. Chuck DeGroat of Western Theological Seminary. Prayers are requested that all those attending the retreat will be blessed with an openness to receive the gifts God has prepared for them.

Midweek Gatherings: Please plan to join us on Wednesday, November 1 at 5:30 for our last midweek meal together. You're all off the hook...no cooking required! We will be providing pizza and salads. Sincere thanks to all the volunteers who have so capably and graciously cooked, set up, and cleaned up each week.

Ping Pong: It's time to play again. We will meet on Mondays from 1:30-3:00pm. If you have questions, contact Dale Schuitema.

SWANS: We will meet on November 8 at 10:00 AM at church and the Art Committee will show and inform us of the artwork that is owned by our church. Many of us are not aware of these treasures. Refreshments will be served and it will be a good time to get together along with an educational treat!

Tool Time: Men's Bible Study will continue this 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.

Volunteer Schedule

October 29, 2023

Projection: Dan Braak

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

Ushers: Jim Mulder (Team 11), Jon Mulder, John Rycenga, Carl Vertregt

Coffee Hosts: Dale & Norma Schuitema, Mary Winkle

Nursery: Dawn Rotman, Rosemary Geertsma

Little Lambs: Sheila Warners, Kerry Bierma

Walk Out Worship: Sheri Van Duyn, Corinne Van Stratt

Greeters: Jim Query, Paul & Linda LaMaire

Offering: Calvin Theological Seminary

November 5, 2023

Projection: Eric Wolffis

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

Ushers: Steve Marotti (Team 1), Todd Cunningham, David Brace

Coffee Hosts: Jim & Sheila Warners, Glen & Mary Wierenga

Nursery: Ruth Marotti, Mary Terpstra

Little Lambs: Jenn Steigenga, Mary Wierenga

Walk Out Worship: Rob/Joslyn Wagenmaker, Yasmin Vander Heide

Greeters: Dennis Schaaf, David & Robin Kieft

Offering: World Renew ~ World Hunger Sunday

Calendar

Sunday, October 29

10:00 AM—Sunday Service

11:30 AM—Bell Choir

Monday, October 30

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

1:30 PM— Ping Pong Group

Tuesday October 31

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

Wednesday November 1

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

1 PM—Knitting Club

5:30 PM—Midweek Gathering

7:00 PM—CHAOS

Thursday, November 2

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

7 PM – Sanctuary Choir

Friday, November 3

Saturday, November 4

Sunday, November 5

10:00 AM—Sunday Service

12 PM- District 5 Luncheon

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