



Worship Service for  
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
October 8, 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** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

arr. Martin

### \*Call to Worship

The earth is the Lord’s for he made it:  
**O come, let us adore him.**

O be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;  
serve the Lord with gladness,  
and come before his presence with a song.

**Be assured that the Lord, he is God;  
it is he that has made us, and not we ourselves;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,  
and into his courts with praise;  
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

**For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,  
and his truth endures from generation to generation.**

**\*Song of Worship** “Great Are You Lord”

Ingram/Jordan/Leonard

### \*Opening Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in continual godliness, that through your protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly serve you in good works, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## God Reconciles Us to Himself

### Call to Confession

Brothers and sisters, let us confess our sins together.

### Prayer of Confession

**O blessed Spirit of Truth,  
you search the heart and test the inmost thoughts,  
help me remember my sins,  
and let me see them in your light.  
Strengthen me also with courage to confess them truly,  
hiding nothing, excusing nothing,  
keeping back nothing in my heart.**

**In your mercy, pardon and absolve,  
and thus heal me,  
that I may arise and sin no more,  
through the merits and for the sake  
of Jesus Christ, my Lord and only Savior. Amen.**

(Mozarabic Sacramentary, 7th Century)

### Words of Assurance

Hear the gracious words; Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, you are forgiven.

### Our Grateful Response

Hear, O people of God: the law shows you how to live as Christ’s royal priesthood and keep your conduct honorable, glorifying God with your life.

**Teach us, O Lord, the grace of your law, and give us life by your Word.**

The God who saved us in Jesus Christ gave this law, saying:  
I am the Lord your God! You shall have no other gods before me.

**We will worship the Lord our God and serve only him.**

You shall not make yourself an image of anything to worship it.

**Living no more in bondage to earthly gods,  
we will worship the Lord our God in spirit and in truth.**

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord.

**We will use the holy name of God with reverence,  
praising him in everything we do and say.**

You shall observe the Sabbath by keeping it holy, for in six days  
you shall labor and do all your work.

**This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

The first part of the law is this great commandment:

**That we love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our mind,  
and with all our strength.**

The second part of the Law is similar to the first: you shall honor your father and  
mother, that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving to you.

**As children we will be obedient to our parents in the Lord; as parents we will  
correct our children and guide them in the training and instruction of the Lord;  
we will respect the lawful authorities appointed by God.**

You shall not murder.

**We will be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other,  
just as in Christ God forgave us.**

You shall not commit adultery.

**We will use our bodies in ways that are holy and honorable,  
and abstain from immorality and impurity.**

You shall not steal.

**We will do what we can for our neighbor's good, and work faithfully  
so that we may share with the poor.**

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

**We will speak the truth with our neighbor in love, render judgments that are true  
and make for peace, and not devise in our hearts any evil against anyone.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**We will be content whatever the circumstances  
through the strength of Christ within us.**

Thus we must love our neighbor as ourselves.

**For the Lord requires of us to do justice, to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with our God. Amen!**

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

## God's Speaks His Word

### Blessing for Children

Heavenly Father, thank You that we are your people, by your grace and mercy. Enable our children to know that they are part of your chosen generation, a royal priesthood and a holy nation. Help them to understand that they belong to you, and may they learn today how to proclaim the excellencies of him who called them out of darkness into his marvelous light. 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 2:9-12 (pg 1014)

### Prayer for Illumination

### Sermon "Status"

\* Hymn of Application "Church of God, Elect and Glorious"

LUYH 252

## 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** World Renew Disaster Relief

**Offertory** "Behold our God"

Baird/Altrogge

## God Blesses Us to Go into the World

**\*Doxology Song** "For All the Saints"

LUYH 254 1,2,3,5

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** "Church of God, Elect and Glorious"

arr. Young

### Credits & Liturgical Notes

Participants: Rev. Karis Mpindi, Preacher  
Rev. Tim Blackmon, Piano  
Cathy Schaaf, Organist  
Cal Keuning, Drums  
Rob Wagenmaker, Annika Erickson, Vocalists  
Joanne Query, Prayers of the People  
Rev. Jay Knochenhauer, Liturgist

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 have his post-op visit and procedure on October 13. Please pray for a successful outcome and continued recovery.

*Carol Brouwer* had esophageal surgery on Tuesday October 3 at Blodgett Hospital. Please pray for her recovery.

*Ray Kuiper* has returned home. He is thankful for all the prayers and cards over the past months. They mean a lot and we know that God hears and answers.

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

A huge thank you for all the love, support, and prayers for the last 8 years. We couldn't even begin to express our appreciation for the countless meals, cards, words of encouragement, prayers, and ways you have shown love to each of us. An extra big thanks for the ways you supported our boys and truly have demonstrated the love of Christ to them. We will be back to visit lots and will always hold a special place for Second in our hearts. ~ *Emily & Tom Bierma*

## Announcements:

**Today's Offering:** *World Renew's Disaster Relief* services include clean-up and debris removal, needs assessment for survivors and home repairs. This work rebuilds hope and shares God's love through holistic disaster recovery work.

**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](mailto:betsyblackmon@yahoo.com)

**Sanctuary Choir:** We will rehearse next Thursday October 12 with plans to sing on Sunday October 15. We will also rehearse on Thursday October 19. If you have questions, contact Jean Schuitman at [morbaroque@gmail.com](mailto:morbaroque@gmail.com)

**Fields of Faith:** Are you ready for an amazing event? Fields of Faith, a national event, happening the same night all over the US, is coming to Grand Haven. It is student led event, students invite, pray for, share with, and challenge their peers to read the Bible and follow Jesus Christ. All churches and schools in Muskegon and Ottawa County are invited to attend on Wednesday Oct. 11 at 7:00pm at the GHHS soccer field. All members of Second are invited to join us and support our students. We encourage those with middle school or high school students to come and experience God moving in our kids.

**Midweek Gatherings:** We will not be meeting on October 11. Also, if you can help with your District Meal, see the sign-up sheet at the Information Desk.

**SWANS:** Take the opportunity to enjoy *Fredrick Meijer Gardens* next Tuesday October 10. Carpool will leave at 9:30am from several areas. Those living south of town, please coordinate with each other. Those living north of town will leave from Wildwood Springs. Those in town can meet at church.

**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. *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 Thursday, October 12 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:** A couple of quick reminders:

1. We are no longer collecting D&W or Family Fare receipts. This program has been discontinued.
2. Turn in any OUR FAMILY UPC codes you have collected over the past months to the red box on the Information Desk at church, the school office or Once & Again. We would like to count and send them in again soon.

**Love in Action:** Donate while you Dine. Mark your calendar for Monday, October 9th between 5p - 8p when you can donate while you dine! Whether you dine in or drive-thru, **10% of all revenue at Culver's in Grand Haven** will be donated to support the Food Ministries of Love in Action!

## Volunteer Schedule

### October 8, 2023

**Projection:** Dan Braak

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

**Ushers:** Roger Hordyk (Team 8), DeeAnn Hordyk, Dan Holtrop, John Buitenhuis

**Coffee Hosts:** Brian & Kerry Bierma, Art & Marilyn Bolt

**Nursery:** Cherise VanderHeide, Maelyn Wagenmaker

**Little Lambs:** Jane DeGroot, Ian Clapp

**Walk Out Worship:** Joslyn Wagenmaker, Reed Van Stratt

**Greeters:** Amy Goorman, Tom & Evelyne Kapteyn

**Offering:** World Renew Disaster Relief

### 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:** Disability Concerns

## Calendar

### **Sunday, October 8**

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

### **Monday, October 9**

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

### **Tuesday October 10**

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

7PM– Friendship Club

7PM–Care Team Mtg

### **Wednesday October 11**

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1PM–Knitting Club

7:00 PM–Fields of Faith

### **Thursday, October 12**

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM–Women’s Bible Hour

### **Friday, October 13**

### **Saturday, October 14**

### **Sunday, October 15**

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

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## **Connect with Second CRC**

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