



Worship Service for
Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost
November 5, 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 "A Joyous Acclamation"
"I Love You, Lord"

L. Smith
L. Klein

*Call to Worship

The earth is the Lord's for he made it:

**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.**

***Hymn of Praise** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

LUYH 351

*Opening Prayer

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly;
and even now, as we live among things that are passing away,
to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Commandments

Hear the commandments which God has given to his people, and examine your hearts.
I am the Lord your God: you shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not dishonor the name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord, have mercy upon us

and write all these your laws in our hearts.

Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said, the first commandment is this:

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’

The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

***Song of Response** “How Great is our God”

LUYH 574

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

God Speaks His Word

Ministry Moment – Second’s Youth

Blessing for Children

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in their earthly pilgrimage our children may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know themselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns with you and the same 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: 1 Peter 3:8-22

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon “Contrarians”

***Hymn of Application** “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

LUYH 754 vs 1,2,4

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 ~ World Hunger Sunday

Offertory "Holy, Holy"

J. Owens

God Reconciles Us to Himself

Brothers and sisters in Christ, as we gather at the Lord's table
we must recall the promises and warnings given to us in the Scriptures.
Let us therefore examine ourselves and repent of our sins.
Let us give thanks to God
for his redemption of the world through his Son Jesus Christ,
and as we remember Christ's death for us, and receive this pledge of his love,
let us resolve to serve him in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life.

Invitation to Confession

You then, who truly and earnestly repent of your sins,
and are in love and charity with your neighbors,
and intend to lead a new life,
following the commandments of God,
and walking from this day forward in his holy ways:
draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort;
and make your humble confession to almighty God.

Prayer of Confession

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbor,
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us.**

**We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him; have mercy on 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.

God Welcomes Us to His Table

The Comfortable Words

Hear the words of comfort our Savior Christ says to all who truly turn to him:
Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

(Matthew 11:28)

The Invitation

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you, and saying:

Hymn of Praise: “Holy, Holy, Holy”

LUYH 538 vs 1

Prayer of Humble Access

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.

Communion

On the same night Jesus was betrayed, he took bread and gave you thanks;
He broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
“Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”
In the same way, after supper, he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying:
“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.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”
Amen.

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you,
preserve your body and soul to everlasting life.
Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.
The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you,
preserve your body and soul to everlasting life.
Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful.

The Celebration

Communion Songs:

“My Soul in Stillness Waits”
“Send Out Your Light”
“You are Mine”

LUYH 63 vs 1,2,4
Iona Community
LUYH 430 vs 1,4

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

God Blesses Us to Go into the World

***Sending Song** “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

LUYH 946 vs 1,3

***Benediction**

Postlude “Hornpipe”

G. F. Handel

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Participants: **Rev. Tim Blackmon, Preacher**
 Jan Zuidema, Piano
 Jean Schuitman, Organ
 Paul LaMaire, Christie VanderHeide, Vocalists
 Henk Ottens, 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:

Alan Van Dyke's mother *Tina Van Dyke* passed away last Friday. Please pray for comfort for Alan and Cyndie and their family.

Sherrye Vertregt had hip replacement surgery on November 3. Please pray for a good recovery.

Manette deJonge had knee replacement surgery this past Monday. She would appreciate your prayers for a complete recovery.

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

Announcements:

Today's Offering: World Renew ~ World Hunger Sunday.

When you give to end world hunger, you are giving families around the world access to essential tools and in-depth training in sustainable, climate-adaptive farming. With your gift, you not only provide families with nourishment—but also with the opportunity to educate their children, start new businesses, and save for the future. With enough food, families can thrive.

Bell Choir: We will rehearse today, November 5 and next Sunday November 12, 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!

Mom's Hiking Group: Join us at Hofma Preserve on Thursday November 9 at 12:30pm. We will meet at this entrance: 13894 168th Ave. Questions, please contact Amy Anderson.

Pray Continually Class: Suggested resource, **Every Moment Holy** by Douglas McKelvey.

Sanctuary Choir: We will be rehearsing on Thursdays at 7pm to sing during the Advent season.

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 November 4 at 7:30am at church. We will be studying the Gospel of John. Contact Rick Geertsma at (616) 402-9791 for more information.

Grand Haven Christian: Thank you for your gift to the GHC Endowment Fund. Your commitment to Christian Education at GHC is very much appreciated. We have a very long history together and that partnership has really been wonderful.

Love in Action: "Our numbers continue to rise for those using our pantries. The total number of families served through our pantries in September was 356. We are seeing more walk-ins looking for a few items to fill the gap. It is a blessing to have the support of our community to continue to serve those in need of food." said Cheryl Youngquist, LIA Operations Director. If you can donate any of the items below, please drop them off in the church parking lot on Friday, November 10, between 9 am and 12pm. Please contact Ron Brouwer with any questions.

- Juice - 64 oz. shelf stable
- Granulated Sugar - 3 or 4 lb. bags
- Flour
- Cake Mixes
- Frosting
- Canned Potatoes - sliced or diced
- Canned Mix Veggies
- Canned Carrots
- Canned Mixed Fruit
- Canned Pears
- Canned Peaches
- Canned Pie Filling
- Cream of Chicken Soup
- Jell-O

Volunteer Schedule

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

November 12, 2023

Projection: Dan Braak

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

Ushers: Curt DeJongh (Team 2), Gord Buitendorp, Chris Hordyk, Chris VanStraat

Coffee Hosts: Dave & Cherise VanderHeide, Stu & Christie VanderHeide

Nursery: Darcie Clapp, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Little Lambs: Jane DeGroot, Reed Van Stratt

Walk Out Worship: Marie Rycenga, Gabe Schaaf

Greeters: Garry VandenBerg, Les & Bern Lewis

Offering: Missionary Christmas Gifts

Calendar

Sunday, November 5

10:00 AM—Sunday Service

11:30 AM—Bell Choir

12 PM- District 5 Luncheon

Monday, November 6

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

1:30 PM—Ping Pong Group

7 PM—Leadership Board

Tuesday November 7

7 AM-8PM – Voting Precinct 2

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

Wednesday November 8

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

10 AM—SWANS

1 PM—Knitting Club

7:00 PM—CHAOS

Thursday, November 9

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

7 PM – Sanctuary Choir

Friday, November 10

Saturday, November 11

Sunday, November 12

10:00 AM—Sunday Service

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