



Worship Service for
Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
November 19, 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 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"
"With Peals of Thanks and Praise"

arr. D. Wyrzten
arr. M. Ryan

*Call to Worship

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,
for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the Lord and
righteousness from the God of his salvation.

**Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of
Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory
may come in. Who is this King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory
may come in. Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

(Psalm 24)

***Hymn of Praise** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

LUYH 599

***Opening Prayer**

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

***Hymn of Worship “Here I Am to Worship”**

LUYH 567

God Reconciles Us to Himself

Call to Confession

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

(Psalm 25:6-7)

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we come before you in humility,
for we do not live as we ought.
We do not love you with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We do not love our neighbor as ourselves.
So we pray, in all humility,
that you will change our hearts and minds,
that you will show us again how to love others the way you love us,
that you will put power and courage in our hearts to do your will.
This we pray in Jesus’ name and for His sake. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Friends, hear the Good News: God so loved the world that God sent Jesus to us, not to condemn the world but in order that we might be saved – healed and forgiven – through him. Thanks be to God!
Alleluia! Amen.

***Song of Assurance** “His Mercy is More”

Boswell/Papa

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

God Speaks His Word

Blessing for Children

O God, you sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near. Grant that our children may seek after you and find you; bring their friends and classmates into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon this generation; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children Leave for Walkout Worship

(Children 5 through 2nd grade are invited to follow the banner to Walk Out Worship. Parents will find the classroom in the lower level, near the nurseries).

God Speaks His Word

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-19

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Prayer for Illumination

Sermon No Surprises

***Hymn of Response** “How Firm a Foundation”

LUYH 427 vs 1,2,4,5

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 Wycliffe Bible Translators – Corey & Amy Havlicek

Offertory “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

LUYH 465

God Blesses Us to Go into the World

***Doxology Song** “To God Be the Glory”

LUYH 956

***Benediction**

Postlude “Christ the Redeemer”

T. Birchwood

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Participants: **Rev. Tim Blackmon, Preacher**
Jan Zuidema, Piano
Jean Schuitman, Organ & Bell Choir
Luke Anderson, Amy Goorman, 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.
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Prayer Requests, Praises, Gratitude:

We mourn with Gary Roelofs the death of *Joyce*, who passed away last Thursday November 9. A service of witness to the resurrection was held yesterday at church.

We also mourn with *Dan and Debbie Braak* in the passing of Dan's mother *Dorah Braak* of Grand Haven. Arrangements will be announced by Klaassen.

Thank you for the many prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy following the recent passing of Alan's mother. ~ *Alan & Cyndie Van Dyke*

Please keep *Sherrye Vertregt*, *Manette deJonge* and *Chuck Schuch* in your prayers as they all continue to recover from surgical procedures.

Announcements:

Today's Offering: Wycliffe Bible Translators ~ Corey & Amy Havlicek, who serve with Wycliffe as linguists among the Mixe people of Oaxaca, Mexico.

Thanksgiving Offering: The offering for Thanksgiving Day is a choice of Grand Haven Christian, Love in Action, Western Michigan Christian, or World Renew. There are envelopes in the narthex, on the Welcome Desk and in the office. Please make your checks out to Second CRC.

Upcoming Services: Please mark your calendar that we will have services on

- Thanksgiving, Thursday November 23 at 10 am
- Christmas Eve, Sunday December 24 at 10 am
- Christmas Day, Monday December 25 at 10 am

Atrium Art Gallery: Make sure you take time to view the new exhibit titled “visions – a remembrance of grand haven artists”, based on a similarly titled book by Wallace K. Ewing. Wally has written numerous books detailing the history of Grand Haven and surrounding communities. This most recent book tells in text and artwork the stories of 70 local artists, all deceased, who either lived in the area or provided glimpses of Grand Haven through their art. The show in our gallery contains many of the works included in the book, generously made available either by family members or current owners of the works. A reception will be held on Wednesday, November 29, from 6–8pm, with a presentation by Wally at 7 pm.

Christmas Cards: As the holidays approach, spread some love and Christmas cheer to some of our members by sending them cards. Starting this Sunday there will be boxes in the church's narthex and in the atrium near the office for the cards. Please leave the envelopes unsealed to allow for easier opening, put your cards in alphabetical order, and tie them together. Cards can be dropped off until December 10. This year we are collecting cards for: *Claudia Alphenaar*, *Evelyn Baker*, *Bette Bosma*, *Jack & Marcia Brace*, *Conrad Brandsen*, *Joyce Dark*, *Donna DeVries*, *Henk DeYoung*, *Jill Holman*, *Donna Kuiper*, *Ray & Shirley Kuiper*, *Joan Loeper*, *Vic & Jean Nienhuis*, *Jerry Smith*, *Jan Veenstra*, *Jean VerStraete*, *Gord Veurink*, and *Ruth Wallinga*.

Faith Promise Updates:

Don Slager has returned to Liberia and will be there until December 4. Please pray for the turmoil related to their presidential election. And pray for Don's partners Mary Donkeh and Charles Luogon who are working with him again.

Hamilton's report that the theme of their Fall Retreat in October was "Seeds of the Kingdom" and was successful. He asks for prayers for them as they work to have follow up gospel conversations with students who have checked out the small groups.

Ben Veurink was privileged this last month to see the Lord add another 40 members to the church. For many of the members, this is their first church experience. Please pray for Ben and his team as they work on enfolding these new members into the life of their church.

Volunteer Schedule

November 19, 2023

Projection: Eric Wolffis

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

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

Coffee Hosts: Carl Vertregt, Ralph Veldboom, Fred & Marti Vanden Brand

Nursery: Cathy Brolick, Mary Wierenga

Little Lambs: Betsy Blackmon, Yasmin Vander Heide

Walk Out Worship: Sheri VanDuyn, Gabe Schaaf

Greeters: David Vander Heide, Ryan & Victoria McCarthy

Offering: Havlicek ~ Wycliffe Bible Translators

November 23, 2023 Thanksgiving

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jim Query, Mark Boelens, Dirk Weesies

Nursery/Little Lambs: Betsy Blackmon, Rosemary Geertsma

Greeters: Jim Warners, Dan & Melissa Meindersma

Offering: Choice of GHCS, WMCS, Love in Action, World Renew

November 26, 2023

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Mark Boelens, Jason Zuidema, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

Ushers: Rick Geertsma (Team 4), Rosemary Geertsma, Dirk Weesies, Ralph VanDuyn

Coffee Hosts: Chris & Kim Van Stratt, Jim & Bonnie Van Orman

Nursery: Kathy Westveld, Manette deJonge,

Little Lambs: Amy Wolffis, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Walk Out Worship: Cindy Brace, Laura Knochenhauer

Greeters: Anne Zuidema, Jon & Renee Mulder

Offering: Resonate Global Missions - Rev. Matt Slack

Calendar

Sunday, November 19

10:00 AM—Sunday Service

Monday, November 20

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

1:30 PM—Ping Pong Group

Tuesday November 21

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

7PM—Friendship Club

Wednesday November 22

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

1 PM—Knitting Club

Thursday, November 23

10 AM Thanksgiving Service

Friday, November 24

Saturday, November 25

Sunday, November 26

10:00 AM—Sunday Service

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