



Worship Service for the
Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
January 28, 2024

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. Also, join us for coffee after church so we can meet you!

The Gathering

Prelude "How Great Thou Art"
"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

***The Greeting**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***Welcome and Mutual Greeting**

We Worship the Triune God of Grace

***Call to Worship**

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

**Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song.
Sing his praises in the assembly of the faithful.
O Israel, rejoice in your Maker. O people of Jerusalem, exult in your King.
Praise his name with dancing, accompanied by tambourine and harp.**

**For the Lord delights in his people; he crowns the humble with victory.
Let the faithful rejoice that he honors them.
Let them sing for joy as they lie on their beds.
Let the praises of God be in their mouths.**

(from Psalm 149:1-6)

***Hymn of Praise** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LUYH 575

***Prayer of Preparation**

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***Song of Worship** "Only A Holy God"

Farren/Smith/Robinson/Thompson

Call to Confession

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near.

Let the wicked abandon their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Turn back to the Lord, who will have mercy;
to our God who will richly pardon.

(from Isaiah 55)

Prayer of Confession

(A time of silence)

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(from Psalm 51)

Words of Assurance

The Father of all mercies cleanses you from your sins,
and restores you in his image to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessed be the Lord,
who has heard the voice of our prayer.

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song we will praise our God

Song of Assurance “What a Beautiful Name”

Fraser

The Means of Grace

The Blessing of our Children

Almighty God, grant our children the special gifts of grace to understand and teach
the truth revealed in Christ Jesus: Grant that by your Word they may know you,
the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent; who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Children Leave for Walk Out Worship

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

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 2:13-28

pg. 837

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: Ponder Anew

Covenant Renewal

***Hymn of Response:** “Christ, the Life of All the Living”

LUYH 137

***The Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment: Don Slager

The Offering: Western Michigan Teen Challenge

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth; where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break in and steal: but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither rust nor moth consume, and where thieves do not break in and steal. (Matthew 6.19)

The Offertory: “Build My Life”

Yunker/Martin/Kaple/Redman/Barrett

***Hymn of Sending:** “Praise God, from whom All Blessings Flow”

LUYH 965

***Benediction**

Postlude “The Blessing”

Brown/Carnes/Jobe/Furtick

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Participants:

Preacher: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Pianist: Dawn Bouman

Drums: Cal Keuning

Liturgist & Prayer of the People: Jason Zuidema

Vocalists: Chris Hordyk, Joslyn Wagenmaker

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:

Corky North is improving and has been moved to a local nursing facility for the next couple of weeks. He and Mary ask for prayers for healing and strength.

Dave Weesies continues to improve. Please continue to pray for healing for Dave, and uplift Barb, Dirk and their family.

Announcements:

Today's Offering: At *Western Michigan Teen Challenge*, the journey to sobriety includes attention to the spiritual needs of the young adults who seek our help.

Directory Updates:

The Cunningham's have new phone numbers, Todd: 616-210-8583 and Amy: 616-256-9431. Carolyn Sturrus' phone number is 480-695-8071.

Nomination Update: The yellow nomination forms for Office Bearers will be available in today's bulletin and extras are in the church office. Please return them to the office by Sunday February 4.

Faith Promise Updates & Praise:

Don Slager will be briefly sharing during the January 28 service about his translation work. After the refreshment time, he will be in the sanctuary providing a more in-depth presentation about his work. Don has been a long-time Faith Promise recipient of Second Church. Come and be encouraged by his stories of God's faithfulness and provision!

January Series: The last week of the January Series begins on Monday. If you haven't already joined us, come out, beat the winter doldrums, get out of the house, and join other members of the congregation and community at 12:30pm as together we share treats, learn, and grow. This week's speakers are:

Mon – Jacob Goldstein – Technology, Luddites, and the Future of Work

Tues – Daniel Bowman Jr. – Neurodivergent Storytelling

Wed – Joanne Diaz, Abram Van Engen, and Marilyn Nelson – A live recording of the podcast, *Poetry for All*

Thurs–Timothy Dalrymple – What's Becoming of Us: Artificial Intelligence and the Future of the Church

Fri–Pearl Shangkuan -Tuning our Minds, Ears, and Hearts to Sing God's Grace: Reflections of a Conductor

Midweek Gathering: A 5-week Bible Study with dinner and children's programs continues Wednesday January 24 and runs through February 7.

Sovereign Grace: The Five Consolations of the Canons of Dort with Rev. Tim Blackmon

- Read the Fifth Main Point and Conclusion (p 20-27)

Grief, Loss, Death, and Dying with Amy Anderson:

- Reading: "Suffering that Bewilders and Outrages" By Eugene Peterson in Symphony of Salvation (p. 59 in course packet)
- Prayer: "Mourning with Those Who Mourn" in Every Moment Holy, Vol II By Douglas Kaine McKelvey (p. 61 in course packet)
- Scripture: Job 1:1-22, 3:1-26; Psalm 6 (p. 62 in course packet)

CHAOS and *Midweek Kids* will both occur during the time of Bible Study. If you haven't signed up, you are still welcome to join us, even if you can only make it for dinner and fellowship.

Projection Team: We are looking for someone to be a substitute on the projection schedule, particularly for the special services during Lent. If you can stay awake, can read, and push a key on the computer at the right time, we will train you. Please contact either [Dan Braak](#) or [Harley Dyk](#).

Summer Camp: Attention families, day camp and overnight camp schedules are starting to come out. The Welcome Desk has information about *Camp Geneva*. Interested in a scholarship for a Christian Camp? Contact Amy Wolffis for a form.

Tool Time: We will continue our study on the Gospel of John on Saturday February 3 from 7:30-8:30am at church. Coffee and donuts are provided. Please contact Rick Geertsma at 616-402-9791 for more information. Upcoming Dates: February 17, March 2 and 16.

VBS 2024: Mark it on your calendars to dive into a thrilling undersea adventure at SCUBA! Calling all kids from ages 4 years old to 5th grade to join us on July 8 to 11, from 9:45 am to 11:45 am. Through this immersive experience, children will uncover the truth that God is a faithful friend who loves them endlessly. Also, we're seeking enthusiastic minds to join us and help elevate this experience for the children. Reach out to Rob Wagenmaker at 616.638.0976 if you'd like to help.

Volunteer Schedule

January 28, 2024

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Mark Boelens, Jim Query, Ethan Hodge

Ushers: Curt DeJongh (Team 2), Chris Hordyk, Chris VanStratt

Coffee Hosts: Alan & Cindy VanDyke/ Jim & Sheila Warners

Nursery: Dawn Rotman, Mary Wierenga

Little Lambs: Cherise VanderHeide, Gabe Schaaf

Walk Out Worship: Rob Wagenmaker, Kyla Zuidema

Greeters: Garry Vanden Berg, Brian & Barb Sikkenga

Offering: Western Michigan Teen Challenge

February 4, 2024

Projection: Aiden Rotman

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jason Zuidema, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

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

Coffee Hosts: David Vander Wall / Garry Vanden Berg/ Stuart & Christie Vander Heide

Nursery: Cindy Brace, Kim Van Stratt

Little Lambs: Amy Wolffis, Reed Van Stratt

Walk Out Worship: Barb Fritz, Corinne Van Stratt

Greeters: David Vander Heide, Glen & Yvonne Sparling

Offering: Cadets

Calendar

Sunday, January 28

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

11:30 AM- Missionary Update

Monday, January 29

11AM-1 PM–Office Hours

12:30 PM – January Series

Tuesday January 30

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

12:30 PM – January Series

Wednesday January 31

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

12:30 PM – January Series

1:30 PM Knitting Club

5:30 PM Midweek Gathering

7:00 PM CHAOS

Thursday, February 1

9 AM-1PM–Office Hours

12:30 PM – January Series

Friday, February 2

12:30 PM – January Series

5:30 PM – Council & Staff Retreat

Saturday, February 3

8:30 AM – 2 PM Council & Staff

Retreat

Sunday, February 4

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

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