



Worship Service for
First Sunday of Lent
February 18, 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 "Son of God, Eternal Savior"
"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

arr. M. Burkhardt
arr. B. Logan

The Greeting

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

Welcome

*Mutual Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you.

We Worship the Triune God of Grace

*Call to Worship

We will extol you, our God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day we will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.
One generation shall commend your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works,
we will meditate.

They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and they will declare your greatness.

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you! They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. (from Psalm 145)

***Hymn of Praise** “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

LUYH 250

***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** “How Great Is Our God”

LUYH 574

Confession

Call to Confession

Seek the Lord while he may be found,

call upon him while he is near.

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.

(Isaiah 55)

Prayer of Confession

**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.**

(Psalm 51)

Words of Assurance

The Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins, and restore 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 will we praise our God.

(Psalm 28:7,9)

Song of Assurance “Lord I Need You”

Maher

The Means of Grace

The Blessing of our Children

O God, grant that we and our children, kindled by the flame of your love, became a burning and shining light in your Church, turning pride into humility and error into truth: may we walk before you as children of light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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 5:1-20

p. 840

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

Sermon: Time to Testify

Covenant Renewal

***Hymn of Response** “Tell out, my Soul”

LUYH 364

***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 of the body and
the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The 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**

The Offering: Love in Action's Auto Ministry

"Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!" (Psalm 96:7-8)

Offertory "'Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" arr. John Leavitt

Hymn of Sending: "Knowing You" Kendrick

Benediction

Postlude: "We Thank Thee, Lord Jesus" D. Buxtehude

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Participants:

Preacher: Rev. David Beelen

Organ and Choir Director: Jean Schuitman

Piano: Julie Hordyk

Drums: Cal Keuning

Liturgist & Prayers of the People: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Vocalists: Chris Hordyk, Amy Goorman

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:

Ken Westveld did not have his procedure on Tuesday because of medical complications it has been rescheduled for Thursday February 22nd. Please continue to pray for Ken, Kathy and the doctors who are treating him.

Jack Smant has been having pain in his vertebra and is scheduled for an MRI this coming weekend. Please pray for Jack, Ruth, and for his doctors.

Evelyne Kapteyn turned 90 on Friday, February 16. Please wish her a Happy Birthday!

Dave Weesies has returned home from Heartwood Lodge. Please pray that the transition will be good and that he will continue to heal.

Crossroads Prison Ministries would like to thank the congregation for answering the biblical call to “remember those in prison” (Hebrews 13:3). Your support enables thousands of men and women to hear the life changing message of the gospel.

Announcements:

This Sunday's Offering: *Love in Action's Auto Ministry*, which is entirely supported by our church. In 2023, they had 61 separate car repair appointments and served 37 different families. In addition, two vehicles were donated, and repaired, helping two more families. They are thankful for the provision of dependable transportation for the people in our community.

From the Leadership Board: We would like to thank the congregation for helping to address our budget shortfall through your generous financial support. Thanks be to God!

Book Club: We will meet on Monday February 19, at 1:30 pm in the parlor. Agnes Fisher will lead the discussion of the book, “Enemies in the Orchard” by Dana Vanderlugt.

Bridal Shower: Jameson Goorman is marrying Shelby May in August! We would love to shower them with our gifts and blessings on Monday evening, April 29, at 7 pm. More details to follow, but please *Save the Date* on your calendars!

GHC Update: We sent in 500 *Our Family* UPC codes, the week of Feb. 5, and received \$25.00. Thanks to the “faithful few,” who have been turning them in to the boxes at church. We will be collecting them, just until the end of this school year.

Giving Statements: 2023 Year End Statements are in your church mailbox. If you have any questions on your statement or if you need to have it mailed, please contact Amy Wolffis at admin@secondcrcgrandhaven.org.

Kitchen Items & Coats: Thank you to all who have baked/cooked for the January Series and Midweek Gatherings. Please check the kitchen counter for bowls, pans, or containers. Also, if you are missing a coat, please claim it.

Mom's Hiking Group (Indoors): We will be meeting at church on Wed. February 21 at 12:30pm and Wed. March 13 at 12:30pm for a time of fellowship and fitness. Questions, contact Amy Anderson at grow@secondcrcgrandhaven.org.

Pinewood Derby: Rev up your engines and join us for a thrilling evening of fun at our Church/Community Pinewood Derby Race! On March 17th at 5:30pm, come and experience the excitement as cars zoom down the track. Pizza will be provided to fuel your enthusiasm. Want to get in on the action? Please contact Rob Wagenmaker at 616-638-0976 about snagging a car to paint or a block to build your very own speedster. Don't miss out and don't forget to invite a friend!

Projection Team: We are looking for someone to be a substitute on the projection schedule, particularly for the special services during Lent. A brief training will prepare you for the task. Please contact either Dan Braak at daniel_braak@yahoo.com or Harley Dyk at harleydyk@yahoo.com.

Sanctuary Choir: We will rehearse again next week Thurs. Feb 22 at 7pm. Upcoming Dates: February 29.

Tool Time: We will continue our study on the Gospel of John on Sat. March 2 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: March 16.

Women's Bible Hour: We will begin our spring session on Thurs. February 29 at 1:30pm. We will study Women of the New Testament. Prepare to discuss lessons 1 and 2 on Elizabeth and Mary at our first meeting. Study books can be picked up at the church office next week. Questions, please contact Char TerHaar at 616-842-0848.

Volunteer Schedule

February 18, 2024

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jim Query, Dirk Weesies, Jacob Weesies

Ushers: Ron Brouwer (Team 6), Dave VanderHeide, Rob Wagenmaker, Doug Zuidema

Coffee Hosts: Yvonne Sparling/ Carole Ruiter/ Brian & Kerry Bierma

Nursery: Dawn Rotman, Ruth Marotti

Little Lambs: Jane DeGroot, Gabe Schaaf

Walk Out Worship: Marie Rycenga, Ian Clapp

Greeters: Anne Zuidema, Ken & Mary Terpstra

Offering: Love In Action's Auto Ministry

February 25, 2024

Projection: Dan Braak

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

Ushers: Dale Schuitema (Team 7), Kraig Brolick, Cathy Brolick, Garry VandenBerg

Coffee Hosts: David & Cherise Vander Heide/ Chuck & Jeanne Schuch

Nursery: Victoria McCarthy, Darcie Clapp

Little Lambs: Cherise VanderHeide, Vivian McCarthy

Walk Out Worship: Marie Rycenga, Frankie Folkert

Greeters: Jay Brace, Stuart & Christie VanderHeide

Offering: Christian Aid Fund of Second

Calendar

Sunday, February 18

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

Monday, February 19

9AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM- Ping Pong

Tuesday, February 20

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

Wednesday, February 21

9 AM-12 PM–Office Hours

12:30 PM- Mom's Hiking Group

1:30 PM Knitting Club

Thursday, February 22

9 AM-1PM–Office Hours

7 PM- Sanctuary Choir

Friday, February 23

9 AM-12 PM–Office Hours

Saturday, February 24

Sunday, February 25

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

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