



Worship Service for the  
Second to Last Sunday of Epiphany  
February 4, 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!*

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## The Gathering

**Prelude:** Here I Am to Worship

arr. Hayes

### The Greeting

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

### Welcome and Mutual Greeting

## We Worship the Triune God of Grace

### \*Call to Worship

When the Lord brought back his exiles to Jerusalem, it was like a dream!  
**We were filled with laughter, and we sang for joy.**

And the other nations said, "What amazing things the Lord has done for them."  
**Yes, the Lord has done amazing things for us! What joy! Restore our fortunes,  
Lord, as streams renew the desert.**

Those who plant in tears will harvest with shouts of joy. They weep as they go to plant  
their seed, but they sing as they return with the harvest.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**  
(Psalm 126)

**\*Hymn of Praise** “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

LUYH 534

**\*Prayer of Preparation**

Almighty God, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit,  
you revealed the way of eternal life to every race and nation:  
Pour out this gift anew, that by the preaching of the Gospel your salvation  
may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives  
and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

**\*Song** “Be Still, for the Presence”

LUYH 532

**Call to Confession**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, before 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.

**Prayer of Confession**

When we cry out to the Lord in our trouble,  
He will deliver us from our distress.  
God will bring us out of darkness and out of the shadow of death.

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son and strengthen us to live in the  
power of the Spirit all our days. **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.**

## **The Liturgy of The Word**

### **The Blessing of our Children**

Almighty God, you have surrounded us and our children with a great cloud of witnesses: Grant that they may persevere in running the race that is set before them, until at last, they may attain to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. **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 3:1-21**

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

**Sermon:** Ripple Effect

**\*Hymn of Response** “Behold the Lamb”

LUYH 840

## **\*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 Offering: Cadets**

All things come from you, and of your own have we given you. (1 Chronicles 29.14)

**Offertory:** How Deep the Father's Love for Us                      arr. Koerts

**Youth Ministry Update: Rob Wagenmaker**

## **The Liturgy of the Table**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### **The Prayer of Consecration**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, You, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace. On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given 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." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

### **The Prayer of Communion**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people

the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament,  
and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him.  
And bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom,  
where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **Giving of Communion**

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.

## **Songs of Communion:**

"Come To Me"

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

"At the Name of Jesus"

Kimbrough

Townend

LUYH 220 1, 3-6

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Let us pray.

**Heavenly Father,**

**we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given  
us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**

**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Sending:** O Worship the King LUYH 2, verse 1,4,5

## **Benediction**

**Postlude:** O Worship the King

arr. Milholland

## **Serving this Week**

**Preaching:** Rev. Tim Blackmon

**Flute:** Karen Katje

**Piano:** Julie Hordyk

**Organ:** Jean Schuitman

**Liturgist & Prayer of the People:** Rob Wagenmaker

**Vocalists:** Luke Anderson, Amy Goorman

We display all music and congregational readings on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) and SNC (green) are located in the pew rack; CH (brown) is located under the seat. Large print bulletins are available in the narthex.

## **Prayer Requests & Praises:**

*Carol Brouwer* requests prayers as she'll have back surgery on Monday February 5. Please pray for a successful procedure and a speedy recovery.

*Ken Westveld* will have outpatient surgery on Tuesday February 13 to remove a stent placed for issues with kidney stones. Please pray that the procedure will be successful.

## **Announcements:**

**Today's Offering:** Cadets- Our mission is to help boys grow more Christlike in all areas of life. Each meeting includes assembling with the entire club, breaking up into small groups for bible study and working on badges and a time of games or other physical activity.

**Nomination Update:** Nomination forms for Office Bearers are in the church office. Please return them to the folder in the office by Sunday February 4.

**Bridal Shower:** SAVE THE DATE! 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 mark the date on your calendars!

**Cuba Mission Trip:** The recent economic changes in Cuba have hit hard. With prices skyrocketing for essentials like water, electricity, food and fuel, many households and small businesses are struggling to make ends meet. In 2024, Cuba has eliminated assistance for basics like rice or sugar for most people. People are genuinely worried about affording everyday needs. This is why our mission trip this summer is crucial - we need to stand by the people in Cuba facing such difficult times.

**Midweek Gathering:** A 5-week Bible Study with dinner and children's programs continues Wednesday January 17 and runs thru February 7.

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

*Grieving Well with Amy Anderson*

- Reading: Foreword by Madeleine L'Engle and excerpts from A Grief Observed By C.S. Lewis (p. 79 in course packet)
- Prayer: "A Liturgy for the Loss of a Spouse" in Every Moment Holy, Vol II By Douglas Kaine McKelvey (p. 89 in course packet)
- Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-9; Psalm 27 (p. 90 in course packet)

**Projection Team:** We are looking for someone to be a substitute on the projection schedule, in particular for 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](#).

**Tool Time:** We will resume our study on the Gospel of John on Saturday February 17 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 2 and 16.

**Vacation Bible School 2024:** Calling all kids from ages 4 years old to 5th grade to join us for SCUBA on July 8 to 11, from 9:45 am to 11:45 am. Children will uncover the truth that God is a faithful friend who loves them endlessly. Also, we're seeking passionate people to elevate this experience for the kids. Interested in contributing ideas? Please reach out to [Rob Wagenmaker](#) or call him at 616.638.0976 if you'd like to help.



## Volunteer Schedule

### 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

### February 11, 2024

**Projection:** Dan Braak

**Video:** Mark Boelens, Jim Query, Dirk Weesies, Jacob Weesies

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

**Coffee Hosts:** Fred & Martha Vanden Brand/ Chris & Kim Van Stratt

**Nursery:** Carrie Marotti, Rosemary Geertsma

**Little Lambs:** Betsy Blackmon, Sydney Marotti

**Walk Out Worship:** Cindy Brace, Laura Knochenhauer

**Greeters:** Jim Warners, Kendall & Patti Steigenga

**Offering:** Mobility Worldwide (West Michigan)

### **Connect with Second CRC**

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## Calendar

### **Sunday, February 4**

10:00 AM—Sunday Service

6:30 PM - Focus

### **Monday, February 5**

9AM-1 PM—Office Hours

1:30 PM- Ping Pong

### **Tuesday, February 6**

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

7 PM - Leadership

### **Wednesday, February 7**

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

1:30 PM Knitting Club

5:30 PM Midweek Gathering

7:00 PM CHAOS

### **Thursday, February 8**

9 AM-1PM—Office Hours

### **Friday, February 9**

12:30 PM – January Series

### **Saturday, February 10**

### **Sunday, February 11**

10:00 AM—Sunday Service

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