



Worship Service for
Third Sunday of Lent
March 3, 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 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"
"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. R. Dinda
arr. D. Wood

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

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us 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.** (from Psalm 95)

***Hymn of Praise** “Be Thou My Vision”

LUYH 859

***Prayer of Preparation**

Heavenly Father, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you: Look with compassion upon the heartfelt desires of your servants, and purify our disordered affections, that we may behold your eternal glory in the face of Christ Jesus; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

***Song** “Come Away from Rush and Hurry”

LUYH 527

***The Reading of the Law**

And God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God . . . You shall have no other gods before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

You shall not make for yourself an idol . . . You shall not bow down to them or worship them.

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

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

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty! Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere.

Honor your father and your mother.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord.

You shall not murder.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me.

You shall not commit adultery.

You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

You shall not steal.

Have mercy on me, O God . . . blot out my transgressions.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

Keep me from deceitful ways; be gracious to me through your law.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain. Save me from all my transgressions.

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

(A reading of the 10 Commandments inspired by the Psalms)

Choral Response: Lenten Meditation

Jay Althouse

The Means of Grace

The Blessing of our Children

O God, grant by your grace that our children may be set aflame with the spirit of love and discipline, and walk before you as children of light. May pride be turned into humility and error into truth, 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 6:7-13

p. 841

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

Sermon “Knowing the ‘What’ of Christian Ministry”

Covenant Renewal

***Hymn of Response** “Beautiful Savior”

LUYH 17

***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 Offering: Reach the Forgotten Jail Ministry of Ottawa County

Offertory “Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness”

arr. T. Beck

The Liturgy of the Table

The Acclamation

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Prayer for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession and Forgiveness of Sin

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.
**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon 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 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.

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.

The Prayers of the People

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Songs for Communion:

"O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

LUYH 823

"Before the Throne of God Above"

LUYH 682

"Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"

LUYH 43 vs 1,2

Prayer After Communion

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:** All the Way My Savior Leads Me

CH 680 vs 1, 3

Benediction

Postlude: "Beautiful Savior"

arr. F. Melius Christiansen

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Participants:

Preacher: Rev. Karis Mpindi

Organ & Choir Director: Jean Schuitman

Liturgist & Prayers of the People: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Liturgist: Paul LaMaire

Vocalists: Paul LaMaire, Patrice Frantz

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:

Jack Smart's had a setback this week and is experiencing new pain in his back. Please continue to pray for Jack, Ruth, and for the medical staff treating him.

Ray Kuiper has been moved to Rest Haven in Holland and is Room 501. Please continue to pray for Ray, Shirley and the staff caring for him.

Gord Buitendorp requests continued prayers for a complete healing.

Ken Westveld had a successful procedure last week. Please continue to pray for Ken's recovery and for Kathy.

"Thank you for all the wonderful cards and wishes for my birthday" ~ Ruth Wallinga

"Thank you to our congregation for all their cards, calls, prayers and offers of help for me these past weeks. They were so caring and meaningful to me. I felt very blest to be part of this family of God." ~ Agnes DeBoer.

Announcements:

This Sunday's Offering: *Reach the Forgotten Jail Ministry of Ottawa County* is a biblically based, chaplain-led, volunteer ministry. We provide hope in Michigan county jails by teaching, preaching, and showing the love of Jesus Christ. We believe that every inmate that returns home can start a new life, become a productive citizen, and never return to jail.

Atrium Art Gallery: The Road to Easter – Views & Verse, is the new show of Lenten and Easter themed pieces that all come from the gallery's collection. Included with 14 pieces of those on display, will be poetry written by Dawn Rotman's 4th grade class at Grand Haven Christian. The class of 23 students spent a morning at church, hearing about and seeing the gallery, then deciding which of the featured pieces spoke to them, whether through subject matter, the colors, or composition. Take a moment to view the art and the wonderful poetry that the students wrote.

Book Club: Our next meeting will be on April 15, Monday afternoon at 1:30 in the parlor. The book to discuss is "The Dearly Beloved," by Cara Wall. Anyone wishing to join us is welcome.

Mentoring Opportunity: Connect Two is a new student mentoring initiative of Love in Action. We are working alongside existing programs like Kids Hope USA, to unite community members with local students at Ferry elementary, White Pines Intermediate and Lakeshore Middle School through a weekly school-based mentoring session with the love of Jesus. Mentoring has the power to inspire hope, joy, and confidence in students who need support.

From a 3rd grade boy's mentor, " "student" is a delightful child. He expressed his excitement for me to come. We played battleship, Jenga and he tried reading to me but had me finish as he seems to struggle in that area. I played Christmas songs with his entire class after our time was over - he and his classmates enjoyed that a lot." If you would like more information about participating in this transformational program, please contact Sheila Warners at warnersheila@gmail.com or visit loveinactiontricity.org/connecttwo

Mom's Hiking Group (Indoors): We will meet at church Thurs. March 14 at 11:00 am for fitness and fellowship. Questions, contact Amy Anderson at grow@secondcrggrandhaven.org.

Outreach Updates: Attention cookie bakers of all ages! 2nd CRC is sponsoring the refreshments for some 400+ GVSU college students who attend Grand Valley's Campus Ministry. Our refreshment date is Sunday evening, April 7, 2024 and dozens of cookies are needed! Cookie bags/containers should be labeled "GVSU Campus Ministry" and then placed in the kitchen freezer. We will keep everyone informed of opportunities to join the April 7th service at GVSU.

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. 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 29 at 7pm. Upcoming Dates: March 7, 14 and 21.

Tool Time: We will conclude our study on the Gospel of John on Sat. March 16 from 7:30-8:30am at church. Coffee and donuts are provided. Questions contact Rick Geertsma at 616-402-9791.

Women's Bible Hour: We will continue our spring session on Thurs. March 7 at 1:30pm. We are studying Women of the New Testament. Questions, please contact Char TerHaar at 616-842-0848.

Volunteer Schedule

March 3, 2024

Projection: Dan Braak

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

Ushers: Kraig Brolick, Chris Van Stratt, John Buitenhuis, Pierce Van Stratt

Coffee Hosts: Dennis & MaryJo Schaaf, Eric & Dawn Rotman

Nursery: Mary Winkle, Onika Beswick

Little Lambs: Manette DeYoung, Yasmin VanderHeide

Walk Out Worship: Amy Anderson, Kyla Zuidema

Greeters: Rick Clapp, David Vander Wall & Agnes DeBoer

Offering: Reach the Forgotten Jail Ministry of Ottawa County

March 10, 2024

Projection: Eric Wolffis

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

Ushers: Eric Rotman (Team 9), Ron Frantz, Dave VanderWall, Jason Zuidema

Coffee Hosts: John & Marie Rycenga, Dawn & Jim Sacks

Nursery: Kerry Bierma, Sam/Chris Farrar

Little Lambs: Sheila Warners, Claire Clapp

Walk Out Worship: Barb Fritz, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Greeters: Deborah Erickson, Ralph & Sheri Van Duyn

Offering: Harbor House Ministries

Calendar

Sunday, March 3

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

6:30 PM– Focus

Monday, March 4

9AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM- Ping Pong

Tuesday, March 5

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

Wednesday, March 6

9 AM-12 PM–Office Hours

1:00 PM–Knitting Club

7:00 PM–Chaos

Thursday, March 7

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM – Women’s Bible Hour

7 PM- Sanctuary Choir

Friday, March 8

Saturday, March 9

Sunday, March 10

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

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