



Worship Service for
Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 10, 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 "Via Dolorosa"
"God So Loved the World"

arr. Wood
Stainer, arr. Slack

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

God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, our own God, will bless us.
God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. (Psalm 67)

***Hymn of Praise** “God of Mercy, God of Grace”

LUYH 934

***Prayer of Preparation**

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

***Song** “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

LUYH 667 vs 1-3

Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, our lives are laid open before you: rescue us from the chaos of sin and through the death of your Son bring us healing and make us whole in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Moment of Silence

Create in me a clean heart, O God;
put a new and right spirit within me.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Create in me a clean heart, O God;
put a new and right spirit within me.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
Create in me a clean heart, O God;
put a new and right spirit within me.

Song of Confession: “Kyrie Eleison”

Ionian Community

Words of Assurance

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All of this is from God, who was reconciled to us through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

2 Cor. 5:16-21

The Means of Grace

The Blessing of our Children

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead our children to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that they may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Savior's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 8:27-9:1

p. 844

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon "Under Opposites"

Covenant Renewal

***Song of Response "Will You Come and Follow Me"**

LUYH 742

***The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The Offering: Harbor House Ministries

Offertory “Build My Life”

Younker/Kaple/Redman/Barret

***Hymn of Sending:** “O Word of God Incarnate”

LUYH 757 vs 1,3

Benediction

Postlude: “Lift High The Cross”

arr. Leavitt

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Participants:

Preacher: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Organ: Cathy Schaaf

Piano: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Liturgist & Prayers of the People: Paul LaMaire

Vocalists: Rob 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:

Darcie Clapp returned home on Wednesday. The clot was not able to be removed, but rather, pressed up against the arterial wall with a balloon device where it bonded and healed itself to the wall of the artery. A stent was inserted in the affected artery, to insure blood flow. We are most thankful for the outpouring of well wishes, prayers, caring and meals from our church family. ~

Rick, Darcie, Claire & Ian Clapp

Please continue to pray for *Jack Smant*, Ruth, and for the medical staff treating him.

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

“Dear Art Gallery committee and congregation of Second CRC, thank you so much for letting us be a part of your new art exhibit and for letting us read our poems to you. It was a very special opportunity. ~ *Mrs. Rotman’s 4th Grade Class*

Announcements:

This Sunday's Offering: *Harbor House Ministries’* mission is to value the life of every person in providing quality, individualized care and residential services for adults with complex needs. We believe each person is created by God with purpose and value. Therefore, each person’s care is tailored to his or her unique abilities and gifts with activities that are purposeful to the individual.

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

Cuba Mission Trip: This isn't just about empty shelves and rising prices in Cuba, even though fuel prices have drastically increased. Many Cubans want more freedom and a say in their lives. Although the government says things will change, it's unclear how much things will really improve or how quickly they will get better. This adds another layer to the hardships people face every day. During our trip, we'll hear their stories, pray with them, and offer support as they navigate these challenges. Please spend some time this month in prayer for the people of Cuba.

Cuba Financial Support: We've launched an Envelope Drive to raise funds for our Summer mission trip. Here's how it works: simply pick up an envelope from the Welcome Desk, and contribute the amount shown on the front. Sunday morning, drop your filled envelope into the offering plate. Your generosity will help support our efforts to provide for our brothers and sisters in Cuba.

Easter Refreshments: We are looking to have a variety of cookies, bars, and sweet treats after church on Easter Sunday, March 31st. If you are talented in the kitchen, please see the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk.

Friendship Club: One of the outreach ministries of our church begins its spring session on Tuesday, March 19 at 7pm. If you are willing to supply a batch of cookies for our meetings, there is a sign-up sheet at the kiosk in the atrium. If you are interested in experiencing the blessing of being a mentor or have questions about Friendship Club, please call Ruth Marotti at 616-886-6216

Mentoring Opportunity: Connect Two is a new student mentoring initiative of Love in Action. We are working alongside existing programs, to unite community members with local students at Ferry, White Pines, and Lakeshore through a weekly school-based mentoring session with the love of Jesus. *From a 5th grade girl's mentor, " "student" and I played Trouble for the first time so that was very competitive. We are making academic goals, and she is rocking it so far this semester. She realized that she is really pretty smart and disciplined when she puts her mind to it. "* If you would like more information about this transformational program, please contact Sheila Warners at warnersheila@gmail.com or visit loveinactiontricies.org/connecttwo

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

Outreach Update: 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 Pinewood Derby Race! Next Sunday, March 17th, come at 5:30pm, witness the excitement and enjoy fellowship as cars zoom down the track. Pizza will be provided to fuel your enthusiasm. Please talk with Rob Wagenmaker at 616-638-0976 if your car needs wheels or you want a block to build your very own speedster. Also, don't forget to invite a friend!

Sanctuary Choir: We will rehearse again next week Thurs. March 14 and March 21 at 7pm.

SWAN'S: Our March event is a favorite. We will be playing Bunco, Wednesday, March 20, 1:30 pm at church. No experience is needed, just come to a wonderful time of fellowship. Please call Carol Ruiter at 616-502-2015.

Tool Time: Our session on March 16 has been cancelled. Thank you to all who attended this season to make it a success!

Women's Bible Hour: We will continue our spring session on Thurs. March 14 at 1:30pm. We are studying Women of the New Testament. Questions, please contact Char TerHaar at 616-842-0848.

Volunteer Schedule

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: Mary Terpstra, Onika Beswick

Little Lambs: Sheila Warners, Claire Clapp

Walk Out Worship: Barb Fritz, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Greeters: Deborah Erickson, Ralph & Sheri Van Duyn

Offering: Harbor House Ministries

March 17, 2024

Projection: Eric Wolffis

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

Ushers: Chuck DeWitt (Team 10), Mike Katje, Ron Retsema, Dennis Schaaf

Coffee Hosts: Joe & Paula Risselade, Evan & Lois Reinders

Nursery: Kerry Bierma, Kathy Westveld

Little Lambs: Jenn Steigenga, Vivian McCarthy

Walk Out Worship: Cindy Brace, Ian Clapp

Greeters: Amy Goorman, Al & Cyndie Van Dyke

Offering: Faith Promise- Local Outreach

Calendar

Sunday, March 10

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

Monday, March 11

9AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM- Ping Pong

Tuesday, March 12

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

7 PM– Leadership Board

Wednesday, March 13

9 AM-12 PM–Office Hours

1:00 PM–Knitting Club

7:00 PM–Chaos

Thursday, March 14

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

11 AM—Mom’s Hiking Group

1:30 PM – Women’s Bible Hour

7 PM- Sanctuary Choir

Friday, March 15

Saturday, March 16

Sunday, March 17

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

5:30 PM – Pinewood Derby/ Focus

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