



Worship Service for
Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17, 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 "Aria"

Paul Manz/arr. Mark Meuser

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

Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
for the Lord our God is holy!
The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name!
Holy is he!

The King in his might loves justice.
You have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool!
Holy is he!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

***Hymn of Praise** “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

LUYH 540

***Prayer of Preparation**

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

***Song** “Only a Holy God”

Farren/Smith/Robinson/Thompson

Confession

Call to Confession

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.**

**We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not
to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare all those who confess their faults.
Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises
declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.**

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 will we praise our God.

***Song of Assurance** “Wonderful Merciful Savior”

Rodgers/Wyse

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.)

Choral Anthem “O Sacred, Wondrous Love”

arr. Heather Sorenson

Gospel Reading

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

Mark 9: 1-13

p. 844

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

Sermon “As it is written”

Covenant Renewal

***Hymn of Response** “At the Name of Jesus”

LUYH 220 vs 1, 3-5

***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

The Offering

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

**For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Faith Promise Local Outreach

Offertory “What Wondrous Love Is This”

arr. Stephen DeCesare

***Hymn of Sending** “Shine on Us”

Michael & Deborah Smith

Benediction

Postlude “Hallelujah, What a Savior!”

arr. Norman Johnson

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Participants:

Preacher: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Organ & Choir Director: Jean Schuitman

Flute: Karen Katje

Viola: Raechel Dunne

Piano & Accompanist: Julie Hordyk

Drums: Cal Keuning

Liturgist: Steve Marotti

Prayers of the People: Joanne Query

Vocalists: Luke Anderson, 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:

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

Ray Kuiper has been moved to Rest Haven's Rehab Cottage, 280 W. 40th Street, Holland, MI 49423, Room 501. Please continue to pray for Ray, Shirley and the staff caring for him.

Announcements:

This Sunday's Offering: *Faith Promise's Local Outreach* which supports the needs and requests of organizations in our community.

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 like to bake, 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, "I am having the best time! "student" is so funny and talks a million miles an hour...I love it!!"* If you would like more information, please contact Sheila Warners at warnersheila@gmail.com.

New Members Class: Please save the date for Sunday April 21 and Sunday April 28 for our new member orientation at Second CRC.

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 today, Sunday March 17 at 5:30pm for our Pinewood Derby Race! Bring a friend to witness the excitement and enjoy fellowship as cars zoom down the track. Pizza will be provided to fuel your enthusiasm.

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

SWAN'S: Our March event is a favorite. We will be playing Bunco next 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.

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 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

March 24, 2024

Projection: Dan Braak

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

Ushers: Jim Mulder (Team 11), Jon Mulder, John Rycenga, Carl Vertregt

Coffee Hosts: Tony & Linda Razzini, Jim & Joanne Query

Nursery: Jane DeGroot, Kim VanStratt

Little Lambs: Sheila Warners, Corinne VanStratt

Walk Out Worship: Amy Anderson, Reed VanStratt

Greeters: Steve Marotti, Vange Van Heusen

Offering: Salvation Army

Calendar

Sunday, March 17

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

5:30 PM – Pinewood Derby/ Focus

Monday, March 18

9AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM- Ping Pong

Tuesday, March 19

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

7 PM–Full Council

7 PM–Facilities Team

Wednesday, March 20

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:00 PM–Knitting Club

Thursday, March 21

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM – Women’s Bible Hour

7 PM- Sanctuary Choir

Friday, March 22

Saturday, March 23

Sunday, March 24

10:00 AM – Palm Sunday

Friday, March 29

7 PM – Good Friday Service

Sunday, March 31

10:00 AM – Easter

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