



Worship Service for
Easter Sunday
March 31, 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 "My Lord, What a Morning"

Spiritual/arr. R. Haan

The Greeting

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

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Welcome

*Mutual Greeting

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

and also with you.

We Worship the Triune God of Grace

***Call to Worship**

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!
**For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples
are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.**

Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
**Women: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!
Men: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts!**

Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!
Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"
**Men: Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
Women: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar,
and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!**

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord,
for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.

(from Psalm 96)

***Hymn of Praise "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"**

LUYH 182

***Prayer of Preparation**

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honor, glory and might, now and in all eternity.
Amen.

Confession

Prayer of Confession

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you
in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.
We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us. Amen

Words of Assurance

When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality,
then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”
“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
(1 Corinthians 15:54–57)

The Means of Grace

The Blessing of our Children

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, to you be glory and praise forever.
Your steadfast love extends to the heavens and your faithfulness never ceases.
Illuminate the hearts of our children with your wisdom and strengthen their lives
with your Word, for you are the fountain of life; in your light we see true light.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 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 “Alleluia, Alleluia!”

G. P. Telemann/arr. P. M. Liebergen

Gospel Reading

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Alleluia.

He has defeated the powers of death.

Alleluia.

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.

Alleluia.

He has the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

Mark 16:1-8

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon “The First Day”

Covenant Renewal

***Hymn of Response** “In Christ Alone”

LUYH 770

***The Apostles’ Creed**

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**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 *World Renew*

Offertory “Christians, Celebrate and Sing”

Lloyd Larsen

***Hymn of Sending** “The Strife is O’er, The Battle Done”

LUYH 185

Benediction

Postlude "Thine Is the Glory"

G.F. Handel/ arr. J. Payne

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Participants:

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Organ, Bells, & Choir: Jean Schuitman

Piano & Accompanist: Julie Hordyk

Brass: Paul LaMaire Jeff Erickson, Chris Hordyk, and Dennis Schaaf

Flute: Karen Katje

Liturgist & Prayer of the People: Amy Wolffis

Vocalists: Chris Hordyk, Christie VanderHeide

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Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

"A sincere thank you for all the prayers, cards, meals and phone calls during my recent surgeries. The words of encouragement were especially appreciated." ~ *Carol and Ron Brouwer*

"Jack is recovering well from a compression fracture in his back. We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and well wishes" ~ *Jack and Ruth Smant*

Ray Kuiper has been moved to Grand Pines, Room C-1. We expect him to rehabilitate there for a few more weeks.

Announcements:

This Sunday's Offering: *World Renew* joins with the world's families alleviate hunger, poverty, and illness.

Midweek Gathering: A 5-week Bible Study with dinner and children's programs will return on Wednesday April 17 and run through Wednesday May 15.

Out of the Depths: The Gospel According to Jonah with Rev. Tim Blackmon

This "Dig Deeper" Bible study delves into the book of Jonah, complementing Pastor Tim's upcoming sermon series. It equips you with tools to unlock the Bible's riches, fostering a deeper understanding of its content and how to approach it effectively.

The Mind of Christ: Beatitudes Change Attitudes with Amy Anderson

In this course, we will seek to learn the mind of Christ as we continue to be amazed at His teaching. We will worship our Savior for the beauty of His majesty and the unending authority of His Lordship over all creation. We will climb the mountain to sit at Jesus' feet as disciples, hungry to learn what true blessing looks like as we study the Eight Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount.

Please see the bulletin insert to attend dinner, a study, or help with the meal your district is hosting. All are welcome, even if you can only come a few Wednesdays.

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. On 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.

New Members Class: For those interested in membership or learning more about Second CRC, save the dates of Sunday April 21 and Sunday April 28. If you plan to attend, please let Amy Wolffis know at admin@secondcrcgrandhaven.org.

Men's Softball: Get ready to swing for the fences because our church softball team is making a comeback! Several high school guys have expressed interest in reviving this exciting tradition, and we're thrilled to announce its back! We'll be participating in the men's league on Monday nights, starting April 29th and running through the middle of July. It's a fantastic opportunity to bond with fellow church members, enjoy some friendly competition, and have a blast on the diamond. If you're ready to step up to the plate and join our team, please contact Rob Wagenmaker at 616-638-0976 or rwagenmaker@hotmail.com to sign up or for more information.

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 an elementary teacher, "Thank you for your support and getting this up and running. These kids are blessed beyond measure!" If you would like more information, please contact Sheila Warners at warnersheila@gmail.com.

Outreach Update: Thank you, we have about 250 cookies for our April 7th hosting of refreshments at GVSU's Campus Ministry. We still need 150 more, as there are 400+ college students who attend the two Sunday evening services. Cookie bags/containers should be labeled "GVSU Campus Ministry" and placed in the kitchen freezer. If you would like to join us on April 7th at GVSU, we will carpool from church at 5:15pm.

SWAN'S: On Wednesday, April 10 at 11:30, we will have a special treat as Julie Hordyk will do a presentation called "Meals for One"! There will be delicious samples, so we will consider it a light luncheon. Reservations are needed by April 5, so call Carole Ruiter at 616-502-2015 if you wish to attend.

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. Through this immersive experience, 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. Have ideas to contribute? Please reach out to Rob Wagenmaker at 616.638.0976 or rwagenmaker@hotmail.com.

Women's Bible Hour: We will continue our spring session on Thurs. April 4 at 1:30pm. We are studying Women of the New Testament. Questions, please contact Char TerHaar at 616-842-0848.

Volunteer Schedule

March 31, 2024

Projection: Eric Wolffis

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

Ushers: Curt DeJongh (Team 2), Chris Hordyk, John Buitenhuis, Paul Marotti

Coffee Hosts: Hank & Sharon Ottens/ Jon & Renee Mulder

Nursery: Mary Wierenga, Ruth Marotti

Little Lambs: Betsy Blackmon, Sydney Marotti

Walk Out Worship: Marie Rycenga, Gabe Schaaf

Greeters: Dan Meindertsma, Jim & Bonnie Van Orman

Offering: World Renew

April 7, 2024

Projection: Dan Braak

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

Ushers: Ken Terpstra (Team 3), Jamie Goorman, Les Lewis, Brian Bierma

Coffee Hosts: Jim Mulder & Ron Retsema/ Dan & Melissa Meindertsma

Nursery: Rosemary Geertsma, Victoria McCarthy

Little Lambs: Amy Wolffis, Sam/Chris Farrar

Walk Out Worship: Cindy Brace, Kyla Zuidema

Greeters: Jim Query, Chris & Kim Van Stratt

Offering: Elim Christian Services

Calendar

Sunday, March 31

10:00 AM– Easter Sunday

Monday, April 1

Office Closed

1:30 PM- Ping Pong

Tuesday, April 2

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

7 PM–Friendship Club

Wednesday, April 3

Office Closed

1:00 PM–Knitting Club

Thursday, April 4

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM – Women's Bible Hour

7 PM- Sanctuary Choir

Friday, April 5

Saturday, April 6

Sunday, April 7

10:00 AM – Sunday Service

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