



Worship Service for
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 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 Lord Calls Us to Worship

Prelude "Variations on I Know That My Redeemer Lives" arr. by C. Callahan & L. Kelly

*Call to Worship

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!

**Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

We Worship God

***Hymn of Praise** “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

LUYH 193 vs 1-4, 7

***Scripture Reading:** Psalm 46

***Song of Worship** “Speak O Lord”

LUYH 755

The Lord Gives Us Grace Beyond Deserving

Call to Confession

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Prayer of Confession

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.

Words of Assurance

“I cried out to the Lord because of my affliction, and He answered me. Out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and You heard my voice. For You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, And the floods surrounded me; all Your billows and Your waves passed over me. Then I said, ‘I have been cast out of Your sight; Yet I will look again toward Your holy temple.’ The waters surrounded me, even to my soul; the deep closed around me; Weeds were wrapped around my head. I went down to the moorings of the mountains; the earth with its bars closed behind me forever; Yet You have brought up my life from the pit, O Lord, my God. When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the Lord; and my prayer went up to You, Into Your holy temple. But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the Lord!” (Jonah 2:2-7)

***Song of Assurance** “You are my King”

LUYH 360

We Welcome One Another

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.

The Lord Speaks His Word to Us

The Blessing of our Children

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us and for children our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. 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.)

Scripture Reading:

Jonah 1:1-6

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This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Sermon “On the Run”

We Respond to His Word in Faith

*Hymn of Response “Because He Lives”

LUYH 361

*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

With faith and love and in union with Christ,
let us offer our prayer before the throne of grace.

Have mercy on your people,
for whom your Son laid down his life:
Lord, have mercy.

Bring healing and wholeness to people and nations,
and have pity on those torn apart by division:
Lord, have mercy

Strengthen all who are persecuted for your name’s sake, and deliver them from evil:
Lord, have mercy

Look in mercy upon all who suffer,
and hear those who cry out in pain and desolation:
Lord, have mercy.

Bring comfort to the dying,
and gladden their hearts with the vision of your glory:
Lord, have mercy.

Give rest to the departed and bring them, with your saints, to glory everlasting:
Lord, have mercy.

Let us commend the world, for which Christ died,
to the mercy and protection of God, as Christ taught us,

**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.**

The Offering: Faith Promise ~ The Porters

Offertory "Abide With Me"

arr. by R. Haan

***Hymn of Sending** "Abide with me"

LUYH 466

Benediction

Postlude "Because He Lives"

W. Gaither/arr. by M. Arison

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Organ: Jean Schuitman

Piano: Julie Hordyk

Vocalists: Chris Hordyk, Christie VanderHeide

We display all music and readings on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) in the pew rack. Large print bulletins are available in the narthex. OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#77507

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude

Audrey Meindertsma, mother of *Dan Meindertsma* passed away Wednesday morning. Visitation will be at Zaagman's in Grand Rapids on Thursday April 25 from 3-4 PM with a service at 4 PM, Pastor Tim officiating. Please keep the Meindertsma family in your prayers.

Jean Schuitman's son-in-law *Phil Dreyer*, is in the hospital with multiple blood clots. The doctors are treating it with a new medication instead of surgery. Please keep Phil, his wife Jill, Jean and the rest of their family in your prayers.

Jamie Goorman's father *Jim Goorman* continues antibiotic IV treatments for pain in his lower back caused by osteomyelitis. Please keep Jim and the rest of the Goorman family in your prayers.

Ruth Wallinga has returned to Christian Haven.

"Thanks for all the cards, visits and prayers during my latest down time. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. 1st John 5:16" ~ Ray & Shirley Kuiper

Announcements:

This Sunday's Offering: *Faith Promise: The Porters*

New Members Class: Please join us for the New Members Class this Sunday, April 21 and on Sunday, April 28. This is a two-part course, held in the Adult Enrichment Room from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Bagels and fruit will be served.

Profession of Faith: If any students are interested in making a Profession of Faith, please talk with Rob Wagenmaker rwagenmaker@hotmail.com for more information.

Mom's Hiking Group: Join us at Hemlock Crossing next Saturday April 27 at 2:30pm. The address is 8115 W Olive Rd, West Olive, MI 49460. Questions, please contact Amy Anderson.

Midweek Gathering: A 5-week Bible Study with dinner and children's programs will continue this Wednesday April 24 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 our sermon series.

The Mind of Christ: Beatitudes Change Attitudes with Amy Anderson

We will seek to learn the mind of Christ as we continue to be amazed at His teaching. We will learn what true blessing looks like as we study the Eight Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount.

Homework: *Living in Christ's Presence* by Dallas Willard. Chapter 3: How to Step into the Kingdom and Live There and page 1: "Parables of the Kingdom of God & The Kingdom of Heaven"

Please sign up at the Welcome Desk to attend dinner, a study, or help with your district's meal. All are welcome, especially younger families for dinner and fellowship.

Dessert Bridal Shower: On Monday evening, April 29th at 7pm, you are invited to a dessert shower celebrating Jameson Goorman's marriage to Shelby May on August 10th. They are registered at Target, Crate & Barrel, Amazon, and on The Knot.com. *Please sign up by Sunday, April 21st* at the Welcome Desk. Everyone is invited! Please remember, all gifts are given anonymously.

Save the Dates:

Abigail Alfree is planning to marry Thomas Munroe in September and we plan to celebrate with a brunch shower on Saturday, July 13.

Jordan Diephouse is planning to marry Jenna Timmer in September and we plan to celebrate with a dessert shower, Thursday, August 8.

Cuba Mission Trip: Things are tough in Cuba right now, but the Cuban people are incredibly strong and hopeful. Their churches are like beacons of support and comfort, and they're finding creative ways to overcome challenges. Our mission trip gives us a chance to be there for them, by offering practical help, and by sharing the love and compassion of Jesus. We can walk alongside them, learn from their experiences, and offer a helping hand when needed.

Cuba Financial Support: We've launched an Envelope Drive to raise funds for our Summer mission trip. 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.

Men's Softball: Get ready to swing for the fences because our church softball team is making a comeback! 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.

VBS 2024: We hope to "sea" all our kids ages 4 years to 5th grade for SCUBA, on July 8 to 11, from 9:45 am to 11:45 am. Children will be diving in to 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. Please reach out to Rob Wagenmaker at 616.638.0976 or rwagenmaker@hotmail.com.

Jon Troast in Concert: On Sunday April 28, at 4:00 pm, Jon Troast, will be in concert at SL CRC. Jon is a pianist and Christian singer-songwriter who grew up in the Midwest and currently lives in Bloomington, IL. He has lived, recorded, and performed in Nashville. Jon has currently serves as a Music Director in Bloomington, IL. Please invite family and friends to an afternoon of praise, music and good fellowship. Refreshments are provided after the concert.

Volunteer Schedule

April 21, 2024

Projection: Dan Braak

Sound: Rick Clapp

Video: Mark Boelens, Jason Zuidema, Dirk Weesies, Ethan Hodge

Ushers: Dan Braak (Team 5), Jeff Erickson, Joe Risselade, Paula Risselade

Coffee Hosts: Glen & Mary Wierenga/ Dale & Norma Schuitema

Nursery: Ruth Marotti, Kim VanStratt

Little Lambs: Sheila Warners, Corinne VanStratt

Walk Out Worship: Rob/Joslyn Wagenmaker, Reed VanStratt

Greeters: Garry Vanden Berg, Glen & Mary Wierenga

Offering: Faith Promise-Porters

April 28, 2024

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jim Query, Mark Boelens, Harley Dyk

Sound: Jim Warners

Ushers: Ron Brouwer (Team 6), Dave VanderHeide, Rob Wagenmaker, Doug Zuidema

Coffee Hosts: Les & Bern Lewis/ David & Robin Kieft

Nursery: Onika Beswick, Sam/Chris Farrar

Little Lambs: Jenn Steigenga, Vivienne McCarthy

Walk Out Worship: Sheri VanDuyn, Gabe Schaaf

Greeters: David Vander Heide, Wes & Mary Willink

Offering: Christian Leaders Institute-Abigail Alfree

Calendar

Sunday, April 21

10:00 AM– Sunday Service

11:30 AM–New Members Class

6:30 PM– Focus, Bonfire at Wagenmaker's home

Monday, April 22

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

Tuesday, April 23

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

7 PM–Friendship Club

7 PM–Care Team Meeting

Wednesday, April 24

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:00 PM–Knitting Club

5:30 PM–Midweek Gathering

Thursday, April 25

9 AM-12:30 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM – Women's Bible Hour

Friday, April 26

Saturday, April 27

Sunday, April 28

10:00 AM –Sunday Service

11:30 AM –New Members Class

Thank you to all the servant leaders who are FILO (First In Last Out).

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