



Worship Service for
Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 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 “How Great is our God/How Great Thou Art”

C. Tomlin/S. Hine

*Call to Worship

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: O come, let us adore him.
O come, let us sing unto the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the depths of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands prepared the dry land.

**O come, let us worship and fall down, and 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.**

We Worship God

***Hymn of Praise** “Lead Me, Guide Me

LUYH 329

Scripture Reading: Psalm 88

Lord, you are the God who saves me; day and night I cry out to you.
May my prayer come before you; turn your ear to my cry.

I am overwhelmed with troubles and my life draws near to death.
I am counted among those who go down to the pit;
I am like one without strength.
I am set apart with the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave,
whom you remember no more, who are cut off from your care.

You have put me in the lowest pit, in the darkest depths.
Your wrath lies heavily on me; you have overwhelmed me with all your waves.
You have taken from me my closest friends and have made me repulsive to them.
I am confined and cannot escape; my eyes are dim with grief.

I call to you, Lord, every day; I spread out my hands to you.

Do you show your wonders to the dead? Do their spirits rise up and praise you?
Is your love declared in the grave, your faithfulness in Destruction?
Are your wonders known in the place of darkness,
or your righteous deeds in the land of oblivion?

But I cry to you for help, Lord; in the morning my prayer comes before you.
Why, Lord, do you reject me and hide your face from me?

From my youth I have suffered and been close to death;
I have borne your terrors and am in despair.
Your wrath has swept over me; your terrors have destroyed me.
All day long they surround me like a flood; they have completely engulfed me.
You have taken from me friend and neighbor— darkness is my closest friend.

***Song of Worship** “Oh, to See the Dawn”

LUYH 177

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

There's no night so dark the light of Christ cannot penetrate to dispel it.
There's no pit so deep the Lord cannot descend all the way to lift us out of it.
There's no obstacle so high that Jesus is not higher still and takes us over it.
There's no place where we can wander or to which we can run that's too far away for the King of the universe to seek us, find us and bring us safely home.

With Christ, in Christ, and through Christ there's always hope, for if the grave cannot hold him and death cannot defeat Him, nothing is impossible for Him.
This same Christ, offers His sure and certain hope to you.
He is with you in this place today.
And he promises to be with you everywhere and always.

This is Good News! Alleluia! Amen!

***Song of Assurance** "His Mercy is More"

Boswell/Papa

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

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us and our children so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, 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 1:4-16

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This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Sermon "Relentless"

We Respond to His Word in Faith

***Hymn of Response "Before the Throne of God Above"**

LUYH 682

***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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live
together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace;
that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its
resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in
them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ who taught us 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.**

The Offering: Christian Leaders Institute ~ Abigail Alfree

Offertory “Be Thou my Vision”

arr. by D. Gaines

***Hymn of Sending** “And Can It Be”

LUYH 695

Benediction

Postlude “Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”

City Alight Music /Arr. M. Hayes

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Piano: Dawn Bouman

Liturgist & Prayer of People: Sheila Warners

Vocalists: Luke Anderson, Amy Goorman

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Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude

Audrey Meindertsma, mother of *Dan Meindertsma* passed away last week. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection was held Thursday with Pastor Tim officiating. Please keep the Meindertsma family in your prayers.

Jamie Goorman's father *Jim Goorman* is at Mary Free Bed and continues antibiotic IV treatments. Please keep Jim and the rest of the Goorman family in your prayers.

The Lord willing, *Gord & Merele Katt* will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary. They will supply cake and cookies next Sunday May 5th for coffee time after church.

The yellow flowers placed in church today are in memory of Alia Zuidema and honor her testimony as a follower of Jesus Christ.

Announcements:

This Sunday's Offering: Christian Leaders Institute is a higher education institution with the mission to launch leaders worldwide with deep biblical knowledge, vibrant godliness, strong and empowered ministry skills, and a passion for making disciples and expanding God's church.

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

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.

Bridal Shower Upcoming 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.

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.

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: We'll be participating in the men's league. Our first game is this Monday April 29th at 7pm at the softball field of Mulligan's Hollow. If you're looking to join our team, please contact Rob Wagenmaker at 616-638-0976 or rwagenmaker@hotmail.com to sign up or for more information.

Summer Mentor Training: A Connect Two mentor provides the opportunity for a child to experience the benefits of having positive attention from a kind, caring and consistent adult for 30 minutes a week at their school. Connect Two is seeking and praying for 20 adults to become involved next fall. Could this need be filled by YOU? Jim and Sheila Warners invite you to an informational night at their home Thurs. May 9 at 7pm, with several mentors (including Jim) who will share their experiences. Please contact Sheila at 616.502.7205 or warnerssheila@gmail.com.

SWAN'S: Mark your calendar for May 15 at 10am as Sharon Ottens has graciously invited us to see the wildflowers in bloom in her beautiful garden. She will also have some of the flowers on her deck, too. The address is 17271 Lincoln, Grand Haven. Refreshments will be served. If you wish to carpool, please contact Carole at 616-502-2015.

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.

Voting: Be informed! A presentation and discussion of our new voting rights will be held at Second CRC, Thursday May 2 from 6:30-7:30pm in the North Hall. The program is hosted by the Grand Haven & Holland Area League of Women Voters. They are a non-partisan organization working to empower voters with up-to-date voting information. All are welcome to attend.

Volunteer Schedule

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

May 5, 2024

Projection: Renee Mulder

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

Sound: Todd Cunningham

Ushers: Dale Schuitema (Team 7) Kraig Brolick Cathy Brolick Garry VandenBerg

Coffee Hosts: Rick & Rosemary Geertsma/ Jay & Mabelle Knochenhauer

Nursery: Carisa Marotti, Dawn Rotman

Little Lambs: Manette DeYoung, Sydney Marotti

Walk Out Worship: Sheri VanDuyn, Kyla Zuidema

Greeters: Jim Warners, Jim & Mary Winkle

Offering: Safe Church Ministry of Second CRC

Calendar

Sunday, April 28

10:00 AM– Sunday Service

11:30 AM–New Members Class

11:30 AM–Bell Choir

Monday, April 29

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

7 PM- Dessert Bridal Shower

7 PM- Men's Softball Game

Tuesday, April 30

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

7 PM–Friendship Club

Wednesday, May 1

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:00 PM–Knitting Club

5:30 PM–Midweek Gathering

Thursday, May 2

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

6:30 PM–League of Women Voters

7 PM–Sanctuary Choir

Friday, May 3

Saturday, May 4

Sunday, May 5

10:00 AM –Sunday Service

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

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