



Worship Service for
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12, 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 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”
“Now with Joyful Exultation”

arr. Martin
arr. Hustad

*Call to Worship

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

(from Psalm 84)

We Worship God

***Song of Worship** “Come People of the Risen King”

Scripture Reading: Psalm 95

**All: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.**

***Women: Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.***

**Men: For the LORD is the great God,
the great King above all gods.**

***Women: In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.***

**Men: The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.**

**All: Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;**

for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. Today, if only you would hear his voice, “Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah, as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness, where your ancestors tested me; they tried me, though they had seen what I did. For forty years I was angry with that generation; I said, ‘They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they have not known my ways.’ So I declared on oath in my anger, ‘They shall never enter my rest.’”

***Song of Worship** “In Christ Alone”

LUYH 770

The Lord Gives Us Grace Beyond Deserving

Call to Confession

O Almighty God, merciful Father, we, poor, miserable sinners, confess to you, all our sins and iniquities with which we have offended you, and justly deserve your temporal and eternal punishment. But we are heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and we pray, because of your boundless mercy and for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to us. Amen.

Song of Confession "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

Whittier/Parry
Solo 1st vs, Congregation vs 2-5

Words of Assurance

"Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm!"
Hear now the reason you may have this peace that passes understanding:
Upon the confession of your sin, I, by virtue of my office as a minister of the Word, announce the grace of God to all who heartily repent of their sins, believe in Jesus Christ, and sincerely and earnestly intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live humble and godly lives. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

*Song of Assurance "Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine"

LUYH 363 vs 1 & 3

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, heavenly Father, you have blessed our congregation with the joy and care of children. Give us courage, patience, and wisdom as we bring them up in the faith that they might never know a day apart from you, through 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.)

Scripture Reading:

Jonah 3:1-10

p.775

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

Sermon "The Sign of Jonah"

We Respond to His Word in Faith

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

LUYH 742 vs 1,2,3,5

***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

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our requests. Even though we come in ignorance and sin, we come before you, knowing that we are heard because you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ!

Silence

Almighty God, you know our needs before we ask. Help us to ask only what is your will. The good things which we dare not ask you for, or those things that in our blindness, we cannot ask you for, give us these for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord 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: *Friendship Club Ministry of Second CRC*

Offertory "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

arr. Pethel

The Lord Sends Us into the World

***Closing Song** "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

LUYH 772

Benediction

Postlude "The Solid Rock"

arr. Wilson

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Organ: Cathy Schaaf

Piano: Julie Hordyk

Liturgist & Prayer of People: Amy Wolffis

Vocalists: Lydia Moya, Paul LaMaire, Patrice Frantz

We display all music and readings on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) located in the pew rack;
Large print bulletins are available in the narthex OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#7750

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude

Bette Bosma passed away peacefully on Sunday afternoon. A service to the resurrection will take place on Tuesday May 21 at 11am at church. Please keep her children *Susan (David) Hoekema* and their family in your prayers. Arrangements are by Klaassen.

Corky North is at Heartwood Lodge for strengthening. Please pray for him and Mary as they determine the next steps.

David Blackmon is recovering from foot surgery. Please pray for a complete healing.

“Thank you for the cards, expressions of congratulations and prayers for our 60th Anniversary. What a blessing to belong to this caring church!” ~Gord & Merele Katt

“Jameson and I are incredibly thankful for the support that was shown to us at the wedding shower. God is so good to us, and we feel so loved. We are thankful that Jameson has had such a wonderful church family that has poured into him throughout his life. We are so excited to start our life together. Thank you again for all your generosity, love, and support.” ~ *Shelby May & Jameson Goorman*

Announcements:

This Sunday's Offering: *Friendship Club* is an outreach ministry of Second CRC for those in our community with developmental disabilities who are paired with a mentor. The Club celebrated 40 years of ministry last September.

Atrium Art Gallery: *Wonder*, the new exhibit in our Atrium Art Gallery is a particularly exciting one, since it is exclusively the work of Bob de Jonge, a member of Second. According to Bob, the works mirror our outside world of water, trees, and sky, to encourage wonder, hold up hope, and express gratitude. The exhibit will be available through August 20 and there will be an artist reception with Bob on Sunday, May 19 at 11:30am.

Children's Ministry Families: Save the dates of Saturday June 15 and Saturday July 13 for a get-together at Pottawatomie Park. Address is 15600 Comstock St., Grand Haven. We'll meet near the pavilions and river.

Cuba Mission Trip: Our trip to Cuba this summer is crucial due to the severe economic challenges faced by Cubans. Many are struggling due to a cash shortage, leading to long waits at banks and ATMs. A complicated monetary system with multiple currencies, fluctuating exchange rates, and high inflation makes everyday transactions challenging, especially for affording necessities. With high inflation affecting market prices, our mission trip aims to provide support and share Christ's love as we walk alongside the Cuban people.

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

Garden Club: We will meet on Wednesday May 22 at 10am in the North Hall at church. Henk Ottens will give a presentation on garden sculptures. All are welcome to attend.

Men's Softball: Our next game is this Monday May 13 at 8:15pm at the softball field at Mulligan's Hollow. Questions, please contact Rob Wagenmaker at 616-638-0976 or rwagenmaker@hotmail.com

Mom's Hiking Group: We will hike on Saturday May 18th at 2:30pm at Hemlock Crossing. The address is 8115 W Olive Rd, West Olive, MI 49460. Questions, please contact [Amy Anderson](#).

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. The address is 17271 Lincoln, Grand Haven. Refreshments will be served. If you wish to carpool, please contact Carole Ruiten 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 volunteer. Please reach out to Rob Wagenmaker at 616.638.0976 or rwagenmaker@hotmail.com.

Volunteer Schedule

May 12, 2024

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Mark Boelens, Ben McCarthy, Dirk Weesies, Harley Dyk

Sound: Mike Katje

Ushers: Roger Hordyk (Team 8), Dennis Schaaf, John Buitenhuis, Paul Marotti

Coffee Hosts: Dale & Norma Schuitema/ Larry & Christine Kieft

Nursery: Darcie Clapp, Mary Terpstra

Little Lambs: Jane DeGroot, Claire Clapp

Walk Out Worship: Marie Rycenga, Ian Clapp

Greeters: Anne Zuidema, Eric & Amy Wolffis

Offering: Friendship Club of Second CRC

May 19, 2024

Projection: Renee Mulder

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

Sound: Rick Clapp

Ushers: Eric Rotman (Team 9), Ron Frantz, Dave VanderWall, Jason Zuidema

Coffee Hosts: Paul & Linda Lamaire/ Mike & Karen Katje

Nursery: Mary Winkle, Kim VanStratt

Little Lambs: Cherise VanderHeide, Reed VanStratt

Walk Out Worship: Cindy Brace, Corinne VanStratt

Greeters: Jay Brace, David & Rita Zuidema

Offering: Faith Promise-Don Slager

Calendar

Sunday, May 12

10:00 AM– Sunday Service

11:30 AM–Bell Choir

Monday, May 13

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

8:15 PM- Men's Softball Game

Tuesday, May 14

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

7 PM–Friendship Club

7 PM–Full Council

Wednesday, May 15

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:00 PM–Knitting Club

5:30 PM–Midweek Gathering

Thursday, May 16

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

Friday, May 17

Saturday, May 18

Sunday, May 19

10:00 AM –Sunday Service

11:30 AM–Artist Reception

6:30 PM – Focus

7:00 PM – WMC Choir Concert

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

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