



Worship Service for
Second Sunday of Lent
March 16, 2025

**The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.
Philippians 4:23**

Prelude “Minuet in D minor”
“Minuet in C minor”

J.S. Bach
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Bell Introit “My Jesus I Love Thee”

A. Sherman

Greeting & Welcome

***Mutual Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
And also with you.

**To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.
Philippians 4:20**

***Call to Worship**

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, Rejoice! The Lord is near!
Do not worry about anything.

***Hymn of Worship** “A Hymn of Glory let us Sing”

LUYH 208 vs 1,3,4

***The Psalm**

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.
For he laid the earth's foundation on the seas and built it on the ocean depths. Who
may climb the mountain of the Lord?

**Who may stand in his holy place? Only those whose hands and hearts are pure,
who do not worship idols and never tell lies. They will receive the Lord's
blessing and have a right relationship with God their savior.**

Such people may seek you and worship in your presence, O God of Jacob.
Open up, ancient gates! Open up, ancient doors, and let the King of glory enter.
Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty; the Lord, invincible in battle.

Open up, ancient gates! Open up, ancient doors, and let the King of glory enter.
Who is the King of glory?
The Lord of Heaven's Armies — he is the King of glory.

***Song of Praise** “Behold our God”

Baird/Altrogge

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Philippians 1:2

The Prayer of Confession

**Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired;
new love where we have turned hard-hearted;
forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded;
and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves.
Give us new, resurrected hearts to know you, serve you, and love you today and every day.
May the glorious truth of the resurrection of Jesus be ever-present in our lives.
Amen.**

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.
Philippians 1:27

The Assurance of Salvation

No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.
And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love.
Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love.
No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Romans 8:36-39

Anthem of Assurance “I Am Not My Own”

C. Courtney

**And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
Philippians 1:6**

The Blessing for Children

Heavenly Father, you know we cannot help ourselves. Please keep us safe, both in our bodies and in our minds, that we may be protected from all dangers that may come to us physically, and from all evil thoughts that might trouble our souls; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Song for Children's Dismissal "Ancient Words"

LUYH 762, vs 1

(Children 4 years- 5th Grade are invited to follow the banner for Walk Out Worship.
Children are dismissed at 11:20 from their classrooms located near the nursery.)

**Holding fast to the word of life.
Philippians 2:16**

The Scripture Reading Philippians 3:12 - 4:1

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

Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon "Press On"

**Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.
Philippians 2:9-11**

***Song of Response "Not What My Hands Have Done"**

LUYH 624

Prayers of the People

**And my God will supply every need of yours according to
his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19**

The Offering Faith Promise ~ The Porters

Offertory “Ave Verum Corpus (Jesu, Word of God Incarnate)”

A. Mozart

**And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:7**

***Closing Hymn** “Sing to the King”

LUYH 474

***Benediction**

Postlude “Christ, the Life of All the Living”

F. W. Zachow

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Mr. Erik Veker

Liturgist: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Organ, Bells & Choral Director: Jean Schuitman

Piano: Julie Hordyk

Flute: Karen Katje

Oboe: Sally Wagenmaker

Violin: George Harvey

Prayers of the People: Sheila Warners

Vocalists: Christie VanderHeide, Paul LaMaire

We display all music on the screen and LUYH (red hymnal) in the pew rack; OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#7750

Welcome Guests:

Welcome visitors, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a Guest Registration Card (in the pew rack) and place it in the offering basket or scan the back of this bulletin for an online form. Also, join us for coffee and cookies after church so we can meet you!

This Sunday:

Special Offering: Faith Promise – The Porters. We support eight global missionaries and local outreach. The offerings every third Sunday are divided equally. Today we emphasize the work of the Porter family, view their latest update on the bulletin board near the mailboxes.

Newcomers Class: If you are new to our congregation and are interested in membership or learning more about Second CRC, we look forward to seeing you today, Sunday March 16 and Sunday March 23 for our newcomers class.

Walk Out Worship: 4s-1st graders will learn about Jesus' compassion on Zacchaeus. Praise God that Jesus came to save lost sinners!

2nd-5th graders will learn the Parable of the Great Banquet, seeing how challenging and radical Jesus was in his response to the Pharisees.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Tony Razzini's father passed away in Atlanta, GA on Sunday. Please pray for Tony & Linda.

Wes Willink has moved to Resthaven Rehabilitation Cottage in Holland. Please pray for him and Mary.

Ray Kuiper has moved to MediLodge at the Shore. Please pray for him and Shirley.

Jenna Brian's father Jim Villwock passed away last Wednesday. Please continue to pray for Jenna, Chris & Leddy and her mother Pat. Pastor Tim will be officiating a funeral for Jim in Texas on Tuesday.

The De Lange's have welcomed *Bridget* to their family. There's a bassinet in the Atrium for anonymous gifts thru this Sunday for Bridget. If you want to bless them with a Freezer Meal, please sign up here: <https://mealtrain.com/53nvdz>

The Boersen's welcomed daughter Lauralei Belle on February 18. Alexandra and Lauralei are in Michigan. The bassinet will be to bless Lauralei starting on Monday March 17th.

Please continue to pray for Ron & Carol Brouwer and Jim Mulder.

Church Announcements:

Book Club: We will meet Monday April 21 at 1:30pm in the Parlor. The book to be discussed is "The Five Red Herrings," by Dorothy L. Sayers. Mark your calendar! All are welcome to attend.

Easter Art Project: We're excited to invite all ages to participate in creating a special intergenerational, Easter-themed artwork on Sunday March 30, in the North Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together and produce unique artwork that reflects our faith. Whether young or old, experienced or novice artist, your creativity is welcome!

Friendship Club begins its spring session on Tuesday, March 18. We need additional mentors and subs for one hour on Tuesday evenings, to be a blessing to a friend. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Ruth Marotti at 616-886-6216. There is a cookie sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk.

Midweek Gathering Feedback: Our Winter Midweek Gathering has drawn to a close and it's always a privilege to share in fellowship and explore God's Word together. As we reflect on these past weeks, your feedback is invaluable. We're eager to learn what resonated with you, and how we can enhance future gatherings. Please share your thoughts and suggestions here: <https://forms.gle/S5Ac5485GuA5igok9> Our Midweek Gathering for Spring starts on Wednesday April 23.

Online Pictorial Directory: We have begun the process for an Online/ Digital Pictorial Directory through Planning Center, our church software. You will be invited via email over the next several weeks to add your information and upload photos of yourself and/or household to the directory. If you have questions or need a photo taken at church, please contact Amy Wolffis by March 23.

Ping Pong Group: We meet on Mondays at 1:30pm in the church basement.

SWANs: We will meet on Tuesday March 25, 9:30am at church. Joan Tandler will be helping us make Memory bracelets! Refreshments will be served. Questions, please call Carole at 616-502-2015.

Tool Time Men's Bible Study: We will continue Saturday March 29 at 8am. Future Dates: Apr. 12 & 26, and May 10 & 24. If you have any questions, please contact Tony Razzini at razzini@att.net.

Vacation Bible School: Save the Dates of July 14–17, 2025 from 9am-12pm noon. Calling all kids to join us for "True North: An Alaskan Adventure" where kids will explore Jesus as their unshakable guide in our wild world. This event would not be possible without volunteers, sign-ups for the week of VBS are on the Welcome Desk! Registration will be opening soon, so continue to think about the families you can invite.

VBS Set Decoration Workshop: We partner with Ferrysburg Church each year to share set-decorations and curriculum resources. They are inviting Second's members to join them to create the various décor. A Workshop will be held on March 19 from 11am-2pm. Questions, please call Ferrysburg's office at 616-842-3880.

Women's Bible Hour: We will continue with Proverbs on Thursday March 20 at 1:30pm in the parlor. Books are available in the office. Questions, please contact Char TerHaar at 616-842-0848.

We are Hiring: We are looking for a *Worship Coordinator* to begin in April. If you know someone with musical talents and experience in leading worship, please let them know.

We are also looking for a *Communications Coordinator*. If you or anyone you know have a talent for communications or secretarial work, please let them know. Those interested in either position can contact Amy Wolffis for the job description or further information.

Volunteer Schedule

March 16, 2025

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Jason Zuidema

Sound: Todd Cunningham

Ushers: Roger Hordyk (Team 8), Dan Holtrop, John Buitenhuis, Paul Marotti

Coffee Hosts: Craig & Annie Hoekzema; Bruce & Esther Drukker

Nursery: Kerry Bierma, Victoria McCarthy

Little Lambs: Jenn Steigenga, Vivian McCarthy

Walk Out 4s-1st: Barb Fritz, Kyla Zuidema

Walk Out 2nd-5th: Betsy Blackmon, Dawn Rotman

Greeters: David Vander Heide, Ron Retsema & Gary Roelofs

Offering: Faith Promise – Porters

March 23, 2025

Projection: Renee Mulder

Video: Gary Roelofs, Jim Query, Mark Boelens, Ethan Hodge

Sound: Mike Katje

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

Coffee Hosts: Carol & Chuck DeWitt; David & Robin Kieft

Nursery: Ruth Marotti, Laura Knockenhauer

Little Lambs: Sheila Warners, Gabe Schaaf

Walk Out 4s-1st: Reed VanStratt, Carla Byma

Walk Out 2nd-5th: Annie Hoekzema, Cheryl Dipehouse

Greeters: Jim Warners, Joe & Paula Risselade

Offering: Salvation Army

Calendar

Sunday, March 16

10:00 AM – Sunday Service

11:30 AM – Newcomers

Monday, March 17

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM– Ping Pong

Tuesday, March 18

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

Wednesday, March 19

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:00 PM – Knitting / Craft Club

7 PM – CHAOS

Thursday, March 20

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM – Women's Bible Hour

7 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 21

Saturday, March 22

Sunday, March 23

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

11:30 AM–Newcomers Class

11:30 AM–Bell Rehearsal

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