



Worship Service for
Third Sunday of Lent
March 23, 2025

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

Prelude “Lift High The Cross”

arr. Busarow

Greeting & Welcome

***Mutual Greeting**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, be with you.
And also with you.

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

***Call to Worship**

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.
Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his marvelous deeds.

Psalm 96:1-3

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord be glad in his works!
Who looks at the earth and it trembles, touches the mountains and they smoke!

I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God while I live.
May my meditation be pleasing to him; I will rejoice in the Lord.
May sinners vanish from the earth, and the wicked be no more.
Bless the Lord, my soul!

Psalm 104:31-35

***Hymn of Worship** “Rejoice, You Righteous, in the Lord”

LUYH 22

***The Psalm**

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heaven! Praise him for his mighty works; praise his unequalled greatness!

Praise him with a blast of the ram's horn; praise him with the lyre and harp!

Praise him with the tambourine and dancing; praise him with strings and flutes!

Praise him with a clash of cymbals; praise him with loud clanging cymbals.

Let everything that breathes sing praises to the Lord! Praise the Lord!

***Song of Praise "Build My Life"**

Younker/Martin/Kaple/Redman/Barrett

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

The Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, you are so gracious and we acknowledge your constant care and devotion to us. You have promised to give your children the peace that is beyond our understanding. And still, we are guilty of trying to control the stresses of life on our own and in our own strength. Forgive us, Lord, for not trusting in your promises. Forgive us for not fully believing in your faithfulness and goodness. Calm our spirits and deepen our faith in you. We give our stress and anxiety to you and receive your mercy. Help us to overcome the challenges before us and to glorify you in all things. In Christ's Name, we pray. Amen.

Song of Confession "Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within my Heart"

LUYH 618 v. 1-3

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

The Assurance of Salvation

Hear the comforting words:

But now, O Jacob, listen to the Lord who created you. O Israel, the one who formed you says, "Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you.

Isaiah 43:1-2

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you.
Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. John 14:27

Song of Assurance “I Come with Joy”

LUYH 533, v. 1,4,6

**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 have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Look with compassion upon the heartfelt desires of your children, and mold and shape their desires and wills, that they may serve you with singleness of purpose, and that one day we may all behold your eternal glory in the face of Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Song for Children’s Dismissal “Spirit of God, who Dwells Within my Heart” LUYH 618 v.4

(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 4:2-9

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

Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon “When Things Get Tense”

**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** “When Peace Like a River”

LUYH 451

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 Salvation Army

Offertory “Rejoice, You Pure In Heart”

arr. Sinzheimer

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

***Closing Hymn** “Shine on Us”

M.W. Smith

***Benediction**

Postlude “It is Well With My Soul”

arr. Rogers

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Organ: Cathy Schaaf

Piano: Dawn Bouman

Prayers of the People: Henk Ottens

Vocalists: Chris Hordyk, Luke Anderson

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: *The Salvation Army's* mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. They offer spiritual support, empowers youth and adults, provides housing and works to cure hunger and overcome poverty.

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 23, for our newcomers class.

Walk Out Worship: 4s-1st graders will learn about Jesus raising Lazarus, the turning point in Jesus' ministry that marks the start of the chief priests and scribes looking for a way to arrest Jesus.

2nd-5th graders will begin Holy Week stories so we can focus on several specific stories of Jesus' final week. These stories will be told using a Jerusalem model so we can better understand where these important events took place.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

A Service of Witness for Wes Willink was held on Friday at church. Please continue to pray for Mary and his sons, Phillip and Jonathan.

“Chris, Leddy, my mother Patricia and I would like to express our deepest gratitude for all of the phone calls, text messages, cards and prayers that lifted up our family during this difficult time. The outpouring of love and support from Second over the past month has been greatly appreciated and we are so thankful for our church family.” ~The Brians

Stan Teunis has been suffering from back pain and will have surgery on Wednesday, March 26. Please pray for Stan, Pearlene and his medical team.

Joan Baker has completed all the preliminary tests and procedures and has been cleared to proceed with the aortic valve replacement surgery soon. The date is to be determined.

The De Lange's have welcomed *Bridget* to their family. 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. The bassinet in the atrium is to bless them with gifts for Lauralei.

Please continue to pray for Ron & Carol Brouwer, Ray & Shirley Kuiper and Jim Mulder.

Church Announcements:

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!

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. All are welcome to attend.

Friendship Club has begun its spring session. We need two additional female and one male mentors and substitutes 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.

Online Pictorial Directory: We are working on an Online/ Digital Pictorial Directory through Planning Center. 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. There will also be a Afterward session after an upcoming service.

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.

Women's Bible Hour: We will continue with Proverbs on Thursday March 27 at 1:30pm in the parlor. We'll be doing Lesson 5 on The Power of Friendship & Community. Questions, please contact Char TerHaar at 616-842-0848.

We are Hiring: We are looking for a *Worship Coordinator*. If you know someone with musical talents and experience in leading worship, please inform them or let us know who they are.

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 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

March 30, 2025

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Gary Roelofs, Ian Clapp, Jay Brace, Dirk Weesies

Sound: Rick Clapp

Ushers: Chuck DeWitt (Team 10), Mike Katje, Ron Retsema, Dennis Schaaf

Coffee Hosts: Larry & Christine Kieft; Carl & Mary Erickson

Nursery: Rosemary Geertsma, Cathy Brolic

Little Lambs: Manette deJonge, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Walk Out 4s-1st: Marie Rycenga, Ian Clapp

Walk Out 2nd-5th: Cindy Brace, Lucia Folkert

Greeters: Anne Zuidema, Eric & Dawn Rotman

Offering: Christian Aid Fund-Second CRC

Calendar

Sunday, March 23

10:00 AM – Sunday Service

11:30 AM – Newcomers

11:30 AM – Bell Rehearsal

Monday, March 24

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM– Ping Pong

Tuesday, March 25

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

9:30 AM –SWAN's

Wednesday, March 26

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:00 PM – Knitting / Craft Club

7 PM – CHAOS

Thursday, March 27

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM–Women's Bible Hour

7 PM–Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 28

Saturday, March 29

8:00 AM–Tool Time

Sunday, March 30

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

11:30 AM–Art Project

11:30 AM–Bell Rehearsal

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