



Worship Service for
Second Sunday of Easter
April 27, 2025

Glory to God Alone

Prelude “A Mighty Fortress”

arr. Young

*Call to Worship

We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you, the Father everlasting. To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you: Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

When you took our flesh to set us free, you humbly chose the Virgin’s womb. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You are seated at God’s right hand in glory. We believe that you will come to be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

***Hymn of Praise** “A Mighty Fortress”

LUYH 776

Psalm

Psalm 105: 1-8

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth. He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Grace Alone

Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The Prayer of Confession

**We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.
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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus
Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may
delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,
“Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them;
if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.” John 20:22–23

Therefore as a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his
authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Call to Holy Living

God spoke these words and said: I am the Lord your God.
You shall have no other gods but me.
Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.
Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.
Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor your father and your mother.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not covet.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, your laws, in our hearts,
we beseech you.**

Welcome

***Sharing of the Peace**

***Song of Praise “By Faith”**

Getty/Townend

Scripture Alone

***The Blessing for Children**

God, through Jesus' death and resurrection, you made a new way for us to be friends with you. Help everyone who has become part of Christ's family to live in a way that shows what they believe. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

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

Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

p. 961

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Sermon “First Things First”

***Hymn of Response** “Great is the Lord our God”

LUYH 249 v 1,3,5

***We Profess Our Faith** “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
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Concluding with “The Lord’s Prayer”

**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”

Offertory “I Know that My Redeemer Liveth”

arr. Young

Christ Alone

***Closing Song** “In Christ Alone”

Townend

***Benediction**

Postlude “He Lives”

arr. Smith

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Flute: Karen Katje

Organ: Cathy Schaaf

Piano: Julie Hordyk

Prayer of the People: Jason Zuidema

Vocalists: Chris Hordyk, Christie VanderHeide

We display music on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) in 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:

Prayer Card: We invite you to take a prayer card. Prayerfully consider one person in our Grand Haven community – a friend, relative, acquaintance, neighbor, or co-worker – and note their first name on the card. Following the service, please place your card in the bowl beneath the Easter cross in the atrium gallery.

Special Offering: *Christian Leaders Institute* is mission-focused and student-oriented. Diverse in background and experience, each team member is passionate about spreading the Gospel and fostering spiritual growth. The team provides high-quality online training and support to students from all walks of life.

Walk Out Worship: *4s-1st grade:* Children will be learning about Jesus' walk with his two followers on the road to Emmaus.

2nd-5th grade: Will be learning about Jesus' appearance to the disciples and, later, Thomas.

Afterword on Pictorial Directory: You have been invited via email to add your information and upload photos to the Digital Directory. Today at 11:30am, an Afterword session explaining the process will be held. You're encouraged to bring your smartphone or tablet. Childcare will be provided. Questions, contact Amy Wolffis.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Doug Zuidema had successful heart surgery to replace an aortic valve on Tuesday. Please pray for a minimum of pain, and a swift recovery.

Samantha Farrar's father, John Shone, passed away this weekend. Please keep Sam, Chris and their family in your prayers. They will be traveling to England once arrangements are determined.

Darcie Clapp is improving. She is at Butterworth Hospital. Cards or notes may be sent via email to clappdarcie@gmail.com or their home please no visitors at this time.

Olivia Veker is thankful to have completed her chemotherapy treatments. The Veker's have felt a warm welcome and appreciate all the prayers that have been said on their behalf.

"Thank you to the congregation for prayers, cards and thoughts during Stan's recent operation and rehab." ~ Stanley & Pearlene Teunis

"A sincere thank you for all the cards and kind words celebrating my 90th birthday. ~ Stan Boelkins

Please continue to pray for Ron & Carol Brouwer, Hank & Carla Byma, Shirley Kuiper, Jim Mulder and Mary Willink.

Church Announcements:

Staff Update: "We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to Second as we prepare to move this spring. It has been a tremendous privilege to participate in the life of Second CRC and we are thankful for the fellowship we have shared together. We look forward to staying in touch and will be holding you all in prayer. Grace and peace, dear friends." ~ Luke, Amy, Rosie and Adeline Anderson.

Love in Action Food Drive: It's time for our Spring donations for Love's Central Food Pantry! According to Cheryl Youngquist, Operations Director, "we are currently moving about 1200 lbs. of food to our pantries each week". All items can be used but we need: 64 oz. shelf stable juice, canned items: fruit, veggies and meat, cereal, kidney beans, pork and beans, canned chili, canned potatoes, mayo and pickles. Please bring donated items to the church parking lot on *Friday, May 2, from 9am to 12 noon*. Please contact Ron Brouwer with any questions at 616-550-8837.

SWANs: On Tuesday, May 13, at 10:30am, we will take a step back in time at the Tri-Cities Historical Museum in Grand Haven. Ellen Paulin will present wedding traditions of GH and SL, including fashion and flowers, etiquette and food. This should be fun and interesting! Lunch at the Kirby House will follow. Reservations are needed, please call Carole at 616-502-2015.

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

VBS: *"True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World"* on July 14–17 from 9:15am-12pm. Sign up at the Welcome Desk to volunteer as classroom leaders and assistants, food preparation, and craft helpers. Please invite families you know with 4 year- 5th graders and encourage them to register early on our website.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece: Join Dr. Jeff Weima professor at Calvin Theological Seminary on October 13-24, 2025. Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (4 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at weimje@calvinseminary.edu



MIDWEEK GATHERING

Our Spring Session will be April 23-May 21

Gospelism: Learning to Live & Share the Gospel with Erik Veker

We share the gospel because Jesus is good news! Do you want to grow in sharing the gospel more confidently, more clearly, and more naturally? No one is an expert, but together, we'll encourage each other and trust God as we cover the fundamentals:

- What is the gospel?
- What holds you back?
- How do you begin?
- How do you find the courage to testify to what God has done in Jesus Christ?

There are people in your life that only *you* can reach. The Canons of Dort says, "In order that people may be brought to faith, God mercifully sends messengers of this very joyful message to the people and at the time he wills." This course is about learning to *live* the gospel and invite others into its life-giving power.

Unapologetic: The Five Solas of the Reformation with Rev. Tim Blackmon

Have you noticed the bold gold lettering in our atrium? They proclaim the five watchwords of the Reformation: Sola Scriptura, Sola Fide, Sola Gratia, Solus Christus, Soli Deo Gloria.

These core theological principles emerged from the 16th-century Protestant Reformation and continue to define biblical Christianity. During the Spring Midweek Gathering, Pastor Tim will aim to demonstrate why these seemingly ancient truths are vital and relevant for your life today.

Dinner & Fellowship

If you wish to join us for the mealtime, please sign up using the Dinner & Fellowship option.

Register online at <http://bit.ly/3G5tJVR> or use a Midweek form at the Welcome Desk.

Volunteer Schedule

April 27, 2025

Projection: Eric Wolffis

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

Sound: Jim Warners

Ushers: Rick Geertsma (Team 4), Rosemary Geertsma, Dirk Weesies, Ralph VanDuyn

Coffee Hosts: Dick & Shirley Good; Jan & Glenn Gronvelt

Nursery: Rosemary Geertsma, Victoria McCarthy

Little Lambs: Amy Wolffis, Vivienne McCarthy

Walk Out 4s-1st: Mary Winkle, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Walk Out 2nd-5th: Cindy Brace, Ian Clapp

Greeters: Steve Marotti, Glen & Yvonne Sparling

Offering: Christian Leaders Institute

May 4, 2025

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Harley Dyk, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

Sound: Todd Cunningham

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

Coffee Hosts: Joslyn & Rob Wagenmaker - Frankie Folkert; Diana Ciofu

Nursery: Kerry Bierma, Kathy Westveld

Little Lambs: Manette deJonge, Jenn Steigenga

Walk Out 4s-1st: Annie Hoekzema, Lucia Folkert

Walk Out 2nd-5th: Betsy Blackmon, Claire Clapp

Greeters: Tony Razzini, Jason & Jennifer Steigenga

Offering: Mosaic Counseling

Calendar

Sunday, April 20

10:00 AM – Sunday Service

11:30 AM – Afterword on

Pictorial Directory

Monday, April 28

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

Tuesday, April 29

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

7 PM – Friendship Club

Wednesday, April 30

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:00 PM – Knitting / Craft Club

5:30 PM– Midweek Dinner

6:30 PM– Midweek Bible Study

7:00 PM CHAOS

Thursday, May 1

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

Friday, May 2

Office Closed

Saturday, May 3

Sunday, May 4

10:00 AM–Worship Service

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Guest Registration:

