



Worship Service for
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
July 6, 2025

We Worship In Spirit and Truth

Prelude “Send, O Lord, Thy Holy Spirit”
“Thanks Be to Thee”

J. Schop
Handel

Call to Worship

The earth is the Lord’s for he made it:
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.

Welcome

*Greeting

*Opening Worship Song “God Is Here”

LUYH 246 v.1,2,4

*Prayer

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who can do no good thing apart from you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Holy Spirit Convicts of Sin

Call to Confession

If anyone sins, we have someone who pleads with the Father on our behalf— Jesus Christ, the righteous one. And Christ himself is the means by which our sins are forgiven, and not our sins only, but also the sins of the whole world. I John 2:1-2

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

The Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we confess that we are often paralyzed by fear. You call us to love, yet we lack the courage to love. We are afraid of so many things – rejection, inconvenience, discomfort, pain.

Forgive us. With your perfect love, cast out our fear. Work in us by the power of the Holy Spirit; melt away fear and despair and fill us with courage and hope. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

The Holy Spirit Gives New Life

Words of Assurance

Because of the love of God the Father, in Christ, by the power of the Spirit, you are forgiven. The Holy Spirit has been given to you personally, so that, by true faith, he makes you share in Christ and all his blessings, comforts you, and remains with you forever.

***Song of Assurance** “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

SNC 49

Blessing for Children

**God, please give us the spirit to always think and do what is right.
We can’t do any good thing apart from you, so by your power,
help us live according to your will.
We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
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 following the service from their classroom located near the nursery.)

The Holy Spirit Bears Witness to the Truth

The Scripture Reading John 6:60-71

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This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon "To Whom Shall We Go?"

Prayer of Response

***Song of Response** "I Will Hide Your Word Inside My Heart"

LUYH 761

The Holy Spirit Reassures Us

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,
eternal God, our creator.

You have given us life and second birth in your Spirit.

Once we were no people, but now we are your people.

You claimed Israel as your chosen nation

and raised up the church as a witness to the resurrection,
breathing into it your life and power.

From worlds apart, you gathered us together.

When we go astray, you welcome us home.

Always, your love has been steadfast.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven
and with all the faithful of every time and place
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Prayers of the People....conclude 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 Words of Institution

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

"Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

"This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Communion Music "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"
"Behold the Lamb of God"
"Knowing You"

LUYH 534 v.1,2
Iona
Kendrick

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants
give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all
whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The Holy Spirit Sends

The Offering Zuni Christian School

Offertory “Adoration”

T. Coehlo /arr. F. Bock

***Closing Hymn** “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

CH 293 v. 1,3

***Benediction**

Postlude “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

J.C. Bach

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Mr. Erik Veker

Flute: Karen Katje

Liturgist: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Organ: Jean Schuitman

Piano: Julie Hordyk

Vocalists: Robin Kieft, Christie VanderHeide

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

Welcome Guests:

Welcome, 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 sweet treats after church so we can meet you!

This Sunday:

Coffee Hour: This week please enjoy a sweet treat of ice cream with fresh Michigan strawberries after the service.

Special Offering: *Zuni Christian School's* mission is for students to be planted in Biblical truth and surrounded by God's grace. The school is a member of CSI and works with Zuni CRC to minister to the people on the Zuni Reservation.

Walk Out Worship: Today our children will learn about how a potter works with clay. Praise God for being a patient, faithful, and loving potter to us, His vessels. May we trust in His work.

Praying Together: You're invited to prayerfully consider one person in our community – a friend, relative, acquaintance, neighbor, or co-worker – and note their first name on a Prayer Card along with a brief request. Following the service, please place your card on the Prayer Wall in the Atrium. Also take read a prayer card or two and spend time praying for that request.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Please pray for the ten students along with leaders Rob Wagenmaker, David Brace and Mikaela Duer who are enjoying God's creation and fellowship by canoeing in Cadillac, MI.

Church Announcements:

Bridal Showers: Please add the upcoming dates to your calendar:

- Shower for **Sara Katje** - Tuesday, August 12 at 7 PM
- Shower for **Leigh Franz** - Saturday, September 13

Faith Promise Update: New City Kids had 20 seniors in their program this year and all graduated from high school. They have expanded to the Lee Street Reformed Church in addition to their Alpine location. Because of the expansion, and staffing transitions they are not holding a Bike Tour this year. The teens will be performing at Praise by the Pier this Sunday, July 6 at 6:30pm.

Graduates: The congregation is invited to share their favorite words of wisdom or Bible verse that has encouraged you. Please drop off a handwritten note at the church office or email your contribution to Rob at rwagenmaker@hotmail.com by Tues. July 15. Rob will compile these blessings and scriptures into a "Book of Wisdom from 2nd CRC". Let's send these young people off with words of hope, faith, and love!

Meal Trains: We practice hospitality by providing meals to each other.

Gord & Mary Buitendorp ~ <https://mealtrain.com/n4416e>

The Veker Family ~ <https://mealtrain.com/6365e8>

Ron Kuiper ~ <https://mealtrain.com/v24lwq>

Pictorial Directory: We are working on a Digital Pictorial Directory. You have been invited via email to add your information and upload photos to the directory. Handouts from the Afterword are at the Welcome Desk. If you would like assistance or need a photo taken, please contact [Amy Wolffis](#).

Swans: For our July event, we will take a pontoon ride around Spring Lake with Ellen, from the GH Museum narrating about the history of Spring Lake. Meet at Barrett Boat Works at 10:30am on Tuesday, July 15 (rain date Weds. July 16). Lunch at the Village Baker will follow. Please contact Carole (616-502-2015) or Barb if you wish to go.

VBS: *"True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World"* is one week away on July 14–17 from 9:15am-12pm. We have over 60 students registered. How can you help?

- Take a postcard and invite families you know with 4 year- 5th graders.
- Sign up to volunteer: classroom leaders/assistants, food preparers or craft helpers. You may even serve just one or two days.
- Pray for the week of VBS: for students to learn who Jesus is, grow in faith and be willing to share this good news with their friends.
- This coming Wednesday July 9 & Thursday July 10 we will need help moving decorations from Ferrysburg Church and setting up our sanctuary as an Alaskan wilderness. Please see the sign-up at the Welcome Desk.

Volunteer Schedule

July 6, 2025

Projection: Ben McCarthy

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Ian Clapp, Mark Boelens, Jason Zuidema

Sound: Mike Katje

Ushers: Ken Terpstra (Team 3), Jamie Goorman, Les Lewis, Brian Bierma

Coffee Hosts: Rosemary & Rick Geertsma- Sydney Marotti; Barb Hammond

Nursery: Carisa Marotti, Mary Wierenga

Little Lambs: Sheila Warners, Sydney Marotti

Walk Out: Joslyn Wagenmaker, Rio Gasser

Greeters: Jim Warners, Sharon Wolters & Candy Van Wieren

Offering: Zuni Christian School

July 13, 2025

Projection: Paul Marotti

Video: Gary Roelofs, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge
Sound: Rick Clapp

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

Coffee Hosts: Henk & Sharon Ottens; Bob & Sheri Poel

Nursery: Machele Knochenhauer. Kari DeLange

Little Lambs: Jenna Brian. Sam Farrar

Walk Out: Dawn Rotman Carla Byma

Greeters: Ken Terpstra, Dave & Cherise VanderHeide

Offering: Mission French Africa-Rev. Karis Mpindi

Calendar

Sunday, July 6

10:00 AM – Worship Service

Monday, July 7

Office Closed

Tuesday, July 8

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

Wednesday, July 9

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

9:15 AM - VBS Set Transport

10:30 AM – VBS Decorating

1 PM – Knitting / Craft Club

Thursday, July 10

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

Friday, July 11

Office Closed

Saturday, July 12

Sunday, July 13

10:00 AM–Worship Service

Monday July 14

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

9:15 AM – 12 PM - VBS

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