



Worship Service for
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 20, 2025

We Worship In Spirit and Truth

Prelude “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”
“Spirit of God, Dwell Thou Within My Heart”

arr. P. Manz
arr. A. Couper

Call to Worship

Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I
may learn your commandments.

**Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice,
because I have hoped in your word.**

I know, O Lord, that your rules are righteous,
and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

**Let your steadfast love comfort me
according to your promise to your servant.**

Let your mercy come to me, that I may live;
for your law is my delight.

**Let the insolent be put to shame,
because they have wronged me with falsehood.**

As for me, I will meditate on your precepts.

**Let those who fear you turn to me, that they may know your testimonies. May our
hearts be blameless in your statutes, that we may not be put to shame!**

Welcome

***Greeting**

***Opening Worship Song “Behold Our God”**

*Prayer

Almighty and Everlasting God, You hold the oceans in the hollow of your hand, and number every grain of sand.

Before you, kings and nations tremble, and yet in Christ, you have drawn near to bear our guilt, to die our death, and to rise as our everlasting King.

Who has known your mind, or who has been your counselor? Who can teach the One who knows all things? Yet you have made yourself known through your Word and by your Spirit, that we might adore you in truth.

Lift the eyes of our hearts, O Lord, to behold you seated on your throne— majestic in holiness, perfect in wisdom, radiant in mercy.

Let your glory fill the earth, and let it fill this place.

Reign in us now, that we might worship You in the splendor of your majesty, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

*Song of Praise “In Christ Alone”

LUYH 770

The Holy Spirit Convicts of Sin

Call to Confession

Hear the word of the Lord: “For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and dug out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.” Yet this people has a stubborn and rebellious heart; they have turned aside and gone their own way.
Let us return to the Lord and confess our sin before Him.

The Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we have turned away from your voice and chosen paths that lead to ruin. We have tried to heal our own wounds lightly, saying “Peace, peace,” when there is no peace. We have not been ashamed of our sin, nor have we trembled at your word. You are the Lord, the true God, the living God and the everlasting King—but we have trusted in idols of our own making. Forgive us, O Lord. Draw us back in mercy. Plant within us a heart that knows you, and renew in us the joy of walking in Your ways. Amen.

The Holy Spirit Gives New Life

Words of Assurance

This is the covenant God makes with His people: "I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."
Brothers and sisters in Christ, hear and believe the good news:
In Jesus, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***Song of Assurance** "Speak, O Lord"

LUYH 755 vs 1,2

*Blessing for Children

O Lord our God, before these children were formed, you knew them; before they were born, you set them apart. Teach them to distinguish your voice. Give them ears to hear you, eyes to see you, and hearts that trust you. Be their refuge in every season, and their strength in every trial. Surround them with your everlasting arms, lead them by your word, and keep them close to your heart. In Jesus' name, 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 14:15-24

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

Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon "Not Alone"

Prayer of Response

***Song of Response** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

LUYH 175

The Holy Spirit Helps Us

The Prayers of the People

The Holy Spirit Sends

The Offering Faith Promise – Veurink's

Offertory "I Will Not Leave You Comfortless"

by R. D. Row

***Closing Hymn** "Christ, whose Glory Fills the Skies"

LUYH 667

***Benediction**

Postlude "You Shall Go Out With Joy"

by D. Wagner

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Organ: Jean Schuitman

Piano: Mauricio Espinal

Prayers of the People: Erik Veker

Soloist: Henk Ottens

Vocalists: Patrice Frantz, Paul LaMaire

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:

Special Offering: The Veurink's with Grace Ministries International.

Walk Out Worship: Today our children will learn about Bedouin families and their extravagant hospitality. They will also learn about 1st century communal living. "Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." Hebrews 13:1-2.

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, review the cards and sign your initials when you have prayed for them. If your prayer request has an update or has been answered, please note it, too.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Mary Buitendorp is at MediLodge in Holland. Please keep her and Gord in your prayers.

Church Announcements:

VBS: *"True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World"* was this past week and we had over 75 students attend. Thank you to all the volunteers whether you decorated, led, taught, helped with crafts or games. We couldn't have done it without you.

Bridal Shower: Join us in celebrating Sara Katje's upcoming marriage with a dessert shower, Tuesday, August 12 at 7 PM. Sara will marry Bryan Jones on September 20. Sarah is registered at Amazon and Target. As usual, all gifts are given anonymously. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk!

Garden Club: We will meet at 9:30 on Tuesday, July 22 at the garden of Terri and Tom Saltsman, 11353 Oak Grove Road, GH. From there we will go to Sharon Wolters, 11139 Lakeshore Drive, for coffee. Everyone is welcome. Carpool from church at 9:15am.

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](#).

Gracious Grounds: We are currently hiring a part-time bus driver to transport residents to and from Grand Rapids Community College on Fridays. Chauffer's license is required, daily stipend and Hours of 9:30am-4:00pm. If interested email Cindy@graciousgrounds.org.

Volunteer Schedule

July 20, 2025

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Harley Dyk, Ian Clapp, Mark Boelens

Sound: Jim Warners

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

Coffee Hosts: Jim & Joanne Query; Evan & Lois Reinders
Nursery: Carisa Marotti, Kathy Westveld

Little Lambs: Amy Wolffis, Sydney McCarthy

Walk Out: Annie Hoekzema. Maelyn Wagenmaker

Greeters: Patti Steigenga, Stu & Christie VanderHeide

Offering: Faith Promise-Ben Veurink with Grace Ministries International

July 27, 2025

Projection: Paul Marotti

Video: Gary Roelofs, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

Sound: Todd Cunningham

Ushers: Ron Brouwer (Team 6), Dave VanderHeide, Rob Wagenmaker, Doug Zuidema

Coffee Hosts: Eric & Dawn Rotman; John & Marie Rycenga

Nursery: Victoria McCarthy, Kerry Bierma

Little Lambs: Jane DeGroot, Frankie Folkert

Walk Out: Cindy Brace, Gabe Schaaf

Greeters: Dennis Schaaf, Ralph Veldboom & Carl Vertregt

Offering: Positive Options

Calendar

Sunday, July 20

10:00 AM – Worship Service

Monday, July 21

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

Tuesday, July 22

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

Wednesday, July 23

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1 PM – Knitting / Craft Club

Thursday, July 24

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

9AM-7 PM – Lighthouse Quilt Guild

Friday, July 25

Office Closed

9 AM-7 PM – Lighthouse Quilt Guild

Saturday, July 26

9 AM- 5 PM – Lighthouse Quilt Guild

Sunday, July 27

10:00 AM–Worship Service

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