



Worship Service for
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
August 3, 2025

We Worship In Spirit and Truth

Prelude “I Love You Lord”

L. Klien/arr. F. Bock

Call to Worship

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, Creator of all;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

You founded the earth in the beginning,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

In the fullness of time you spoke to us in your Son Jesus Christ,
the Word made flesh, our hope and salvation.

As the dawn renews creation and the light of your presence awakens our hearts,
may your love set our hearts on fire, your Spirit renew our lives, and our praises ever be on our lips.

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Welcome

*Greeting

*Opening Worship Song “By Faith”

Getty vs. 1,3,4,5

*Prayer

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your grace
that your faithful people offer you worship in Spirit and in truth:
Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Song of Praise “Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak”

LUYH 754 vs. 1-4

The Holy Spirit Convicts of Sin

Call to Confession

We come before God, who is holy and just, knowing that we have failed to live as his faithful people. Let us honestly confess our sins—our thoughts, words, and deeds that fall short of his will—and seek his mercy and forgiveness, trusting in the grace made available through Jesus Christ.

The Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have too often sought the favor of the world rather than the approval of your Son; we have feared rejection and hidden that we are disciples of Christ, denying your name when faced with opposition. We have not loved as Christ has loved us, nor borne faithful witness to the truth of the gospel. We have failed to trust in your Spirit, our Helper, Advocate and Guide. Have mercy upon us, strengthen us by your Spirit to bear the cross with courage, that we may glorify your name in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Holy Spirit Gives New Life

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In Christ, there is now no condemnation, for he has set us free and given us new life.
Thanks be to God!

Song of Assurance “He Will Hold Me Fast”

Havershon/Merker

Blessing for Children

Almighty God, who welcomes the little ones and calls them blessed, watch over these children in your steadfast love. Grant that they may grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Keep them safe from all harm and strengthen their faith in your promises. Make them to be faithful witnesses of your gospel, now and always. 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 15:18-16:4a

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This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon "Falling Away"

Prayer of Response

***Song of Response "Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer"**

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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 "Beautiful Savior"

"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

"In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified"

LUYH 17 vs. 1,3,4

LUYH 693

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The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Our gracious Father, you have given us the pledges of our salvation and the downpayments of eternal life.

Lord God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son, and you have revived us with the merit of his obedience, applied to our hearts through faith.

**Our hearts are full of your goodness.
Our souls are satisfied as with marrow and fatness and
we praise you with joyful lips.
Our souls have been thirsty after you as a thirsty land, and you
have made it a watered garden.**

**We came to you poor and hungry after your grace,
and we will leave rich and full of the bread of heaven.**

Oh, the treasures of your mercy which surpass all understanding.

You have given us your Son.

You have given us your own self.

The Lord is our inheritance. The Lord is our chosen portion and our cup;
you hold our lot. The lines have fallen for us in pleasant places;
indeed, we have a beautiful inheritance.

You make known to us the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Amen.

-adapted from Peter Du Moulin, A prayer after Communion.

The Holy Spirit Sends

The Offering Campus Ministry at Grand Valley State University

Offertory “Spirit of God Dwell Thou Within My Heart”

arr. G. Young

***Closing Hymn** “We Receive Your Blessing”

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***Benediction**

Postlude “Recessional”

R. Haan

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Flute: Karen Katje

Organ: Jean Schuitman

Piano: Julie Hordyk

Vocalist: Chris Hordyk

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: *Campus Ministry at Grand Valley State University*, is a community of Christ followers called to: Engage college students with the life-changing love of God, disciple leaders who make disciples, and be a bridge to Jesus Christ and His church. They are incredibly grateful for the cloud of witnesses who care about the work God is doing at GVSU.

Walk Out Worship: Children will learn how terraced gardens were used in the time of Jesus. This is one powerful illustration we see in the Bible as God invites us to partner with Him - when we build a strong wall to secure the garden (the Body of Christ), we can trust God to be faithful in providing a rich harvest of fruit. Additionally, when we are staying rooted in God's word, we are equipped to help carry His life and presence into dry places.

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 has moved to Poppen House. Please keep her, Gord and their family in your prayers.

Please keep Lou Baker in your prayers as his reverse rotator cuff surgery did not go as planned. We have set up a meal train to support them. Sign up here:
<https://mealtrain.com/532e4k>

"It's a great blessing to be a lifelong member of Second CRC. As of August 5, I will be 95 years old. My favorite song is "Great is Thy Faithfulness". God's blessings to all." ~ Evelyn Baker

Church Announcements:

Afterword: Next Sunday, August 10 at 11:30am, please join Henk Ottens in the sanctuary to hear about his remarkable life as recorded in his book, *Reflections at Eighty: memoir, essays, poems and dreams*.

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

Contact Info Directory: We are updating the Printed Directory of Addresses, Phones and Contact Info. Please check the tables in the North Hall (under Friendship Banner) and proof your family's information by Sunday August 17.

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](#).

GH Christian: We are sad to announce that our resale store, Once and Again, will be closing. A final closing date will be announced in the fall. WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING ANY MORE DONATIONS. We will have weekly store sales during the months of August and September. Come in and shop and spread the word. EVERYTHING MUST GO! Remember all proceeds, from final sales, go toward tuition assistance at GHCS. Thank you to everyone who has shopped, donated, and volunteered.

Volunteer Schedule

August 3, 2025

Projection: Dan Braak

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

Sound: Mike Katje

Ushers: Dale Schuitema (Team 7), Kraig & Cathy Brolick, Garry VandenBerg

Coffee Hosts: Deborah & Jeff Erickson - Vivienne McCarthy; Jim Mulder

Nursery: Cathy Brolick, Ruth Marotti

Little Lambs: Cherise VanderHeide, Reed VanStratt

Walk Out: Betsy Blackmon, Frankie Folkert

Greeters: Anne Zuidema, Dan & Sally Wagenmaker
Offering: Campus Ministry at GVSU

August 10, 2025

Projection: Paul Marotti

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

Sound: Rick Clapp

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

Coffee Hosts: Jim & Dawn Sacks; Dennis & Mary Jo Schaaf

Nursery: Mary Terpstra Carisa Marotti

Little Lambs: Jenn Steigenga, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Walk Out: Sheri Van Duyn, Rio Gasser

Greeters: Steve Marotti, Bob & Deb Wagenmaker

Offering: Safe Church Ministry of 2nd CRC

Calendar

Sunday, July 27

10:00 AM – Worship Service

Monday, August 4

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

Tuesday, August 5

7AM- 8PM - Voting

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

7 PM - Leadership Board

Wednesday, August 6

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1 PM – Knitting / Craft Club

Thursday, August 7

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

Friday, August 8

Office Closed

Saturday, August 9

Sunday, August 10

10:00 AM–Worship Service

11:30 AM- AfterWord with Henk Ottens

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