



Worship Service for
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 10, 2025

We Worship In Spirit and Truth

Prelude “Eternal Spirit, God of Truth”

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Call to Worship

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

**But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.
I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits
for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen
for the morning.**

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities. -Psalm 130:3-8

Welcome

***Greeting**

***Opening Worship Song** “Eternal Spirit, God of Truth”

LUYH 641

***Prayer**

We ask you, our most gracious God, to preserve us from the cares of this life, so we are not too much entangled in them; and from the many necessities of the body, so we are not ensnared by pleasure. Protect us also from whatsoever is an obstacle to the soul, lest, broken with troubles, we should be overthrown. Amen.

***Song of Praise** “Agnus Dei”

Smith

The Holy Spirit Convicts of Sin

Call to Confession

God's law reveals our sin and shows us the weight of our guilt. Yet in the midst of this burden, we are invited to come boldly before the throne of grace, trusting that Christ has borne our sins, fulfilled the law, and set us free from its curse. Let us now confess our sins with humble hearts.

The Prayer of Confession

O Lord, let not your law be a curse to our consciences, but rather give us grace under this extreme and heavy burden of sin. Help us to be fully persuaded that by your death you have taken away all our sins, fulfilled the law for us, and by this means delivered us from the curse of the law and paid our ransom. Then, being thus fully persuaded, may we have quiet and settled hearts, a free conscience, and glad, desiring wills to forsake this wicked world. Amen.

Song of Confession "Lord, Have Mercy"

LUYH 639

The Holy Spirit Gives New Life

Words of Assurance

Seek the Lord while he may be found and call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let us return to the Lord, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, that he may have mercy on us and abundantly pardon all our sins.

***Song of Assurance** "Before the Throne of God Above"

LUYH 682

*Blessing for Children

O God, our King, you showed us amazing power when you raised your Son Jesus from death on that first Sunday. You defeated sin, chased away death, and gave us the hope of everlasting life. Help us live every day knowing that yours is the victory. Take away our worries and give us courage to praise you and do what you want. And help us stay strong as we wait for your kingdom to come in its fullness on that final, great day. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 16.4-15

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

Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon “The Advantage”

Prayer of Response

***Song of Response** “Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

LUYH 746

The Holy Spirit Helps Us

The Prayers of the People

The Holy Spirit Sends

The Offering Safe Church Ministry of Second CRC

Offertory – VBS Highlight Video

***Closing Hymn** “Let This Be My Supreme Desire”

LUYH 729

***Benediction**

Postlude Toccata in E Minor

Pachelbel

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Organ: Cathy Schaaf

Piano: Mauricio Espinal

Prayer of People: Jay Knochenhauer

Vocalist: 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: *Safe Church Ministry of Second* provides a safe environment for children, youth, and adults in the care of the church.

Walk Out Worship: Today our children will learn how God, the Master Weaver, works through every part of our lives while watching Mrs. Van Duyn weave a basket. "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Please pray for Gord Buitendorp and his family, as they mourn the death of Mary, who passed away Monday evening. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection was held on Saturday at Second CRC, with Pastor Tim officiating.

Dale Schuitema had a stroke last weekend and returned home on Monday. Please continue to pray for his recovery and for Norma.

Paul LaMaire's stepmother, Annette LaMaire passed away in Bradenton, Florida on Tuesday. Please keep Paul and Linda in your prayers.

Lou Baker's reverse rotator cuff surgery in July did not go as planned. Please keep him and Joan in your prayers. We have set up a meal train to support them. Sign up at: www.mealtrain.com/532e4k

Church Announcements:

Afterword: Today, 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, August 10th.

Book Club: Our summer read is “The Three Musketeers,” by Alexandre Dumas. We will meet on Monday September 15 at 1:30pm in the church parlor. All are welcome to join.

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](#).

SWAN's: We will have our own Jenna Brian, who is a fitness instructor, lead us in a class to improve our physical fitness. Please mark your calendars for August 19, at 10am and meet at church. A \$5 lunch will be provided. Reservations are needed, so call Carole at 616-502-2015 or email Barb.

Women’s Bible Hour: We will begin our fall session on Thursday September 4 at 1:30pm. Our lessons will be on 1st & 2nd Timothy and Titus. Questions, call Char at 616-842-0848.

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 pray for another request. Here is a list of those we're praying for:

Barb, Ian, Kim, Felicia, Sam,
Glen, Erin, Betty, Max, Amy,
James, Michael, Connie, Jessica, Mikaela,
Sandy, Claire, Maxie, Greg, Sharee,
Doug, Beau, Bob, Doug, Phoebe,
Michelle, Julia, Pat, Kristin, Trevor,
Bill, Beth, Char, Marty, Pat, Trevor, Stephanie,
Barbara, Jacob, Mary, Trevor, Mary,
Scott, Frank, Todd, Jordan, John, Delaney,
Victoria, Jesse, Jason, Alana, Hart, Lauren,
Jack, Marti, Fran, Carisa, Ron, Bob,
Chris, Sean, Francina, Sandie, Cam, Sarah,
Dale, Miles, Carol, Heather, Suzanne, Sandy,
Michael, Max, Bev, Angela, Claire, Summer,
Ron, Rob, Brian, Derek, Brian, Kevin,
Jennifer, Sophie, Jill, Linda, Finley, Cheri,
Ethan, Inagarde, Melissa Justice, Marsha,
Janet, Andy, Dave, Mary, Gerrit, Maddy,
Robert, Allison, Judy, Hazel, Jodi, Jim,
David, Kevin, Max, Lori, Jack, Gary,
Brayden & Dale

Volunteer Schedule

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

August 17, 2025

Projection: Ben McCarthy

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jason Zuidema, Mark Boelens, Harley Dyk

Sound: Jim Warners

Ushers: Eric Rotman (Team 9), Ron Frantz, Dave VanderWall, Jason Zuidema

Coffee Hosts: Rick & Darcie Clapp; Brian & Barb Sikkenga

Nursery: Mary Wierenga, Mabelle Knochenhauer

Little Lambs: Manette deJonge, Lucia Folkert

Walk Out: Dawn Rotman, Betsy Blackmon

Greeters: Dan Braak; Rob & Joslyn Wagenmaker

Offering: Faith Promise - Tuls

Calendar

Sunday, August 10

10:00 AM – Worship Service

11:30 AM – AfterWord with Henk Ottens

Monday, August 11

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

12 PM-6PM- Blood Drive

Tuesday, August 12

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

7 PM – Care Teams

7PM – Bridal Shower for Sara Katje.

Wednesday, August 13

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1 PM – Knitting / Craft Club

Thursday, August 14

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

Friday, August 15

Office Closed

Saturday, August 16

Sunday, August 17

10:00 AM–Worship Service

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Guest Registration:

