



Worship Service for
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 31, 2025

We Sing for Joy

Prelude “This Is My Father's World”

arr. Lopez and Rice

Call to Worship

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12

Welcome

*Greeting

*Opening Worship Song “Better is One Day”

LUYH 506

*Prayer

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:14-21

***Hymn of Praise** “Now with Joyful Exultation”

LUYH 512 vs.1-3

We Confess Our Sins

Call to Confession

Given the immense value of the kingdom, let us now confess the things we have foolishly treasured more than Christ.

The Prayer of Confession

Most merciful Father, we humbly confess that we have not always sought the true riches of your kingdom. Our hearts have been set on worldly treasures, and we have allowed our desires to be led astray by things of lesser worth. We have held on to our own possessions and have not given ourselves freely to you with joy and gratitude. We have not found our delight in your presence, but have looked for it in other places.

Moment of Silence

Forgive us, we pray, for our inordinate desires and our lack of faith. Free our hearts from all attachments that we may know you alone as the treasure beyond compare.

Moment of Silence

By the grace of your Holy Spirit, enable us to give all that we have for the joy of knowing you. For your mercy’s sake, Amen.

Words of Assurance

Brothers and sisters in Christ, rejoice! You are forgiven!
Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. **Amen.**

Jude 24-25

Song of Assurance “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

LUYH 175, 1 & 4

Blessing for Children

Heavenly Father, by your Spirit, increase our love and knowledge and depth of insight; so that we may discern what is best, and be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus, to the glory and praise of God. 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.)

We Discover the Treasure

The Scripture Reading Matthew 13:44-46

p. 819

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

Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon "Hidden in Plain Sight"

Prayer of Response

***Song of Response** "Knowing You"

Kendrick

We Pray for the World

The Prayers of the People

We Seek First the Kingdom

The Offering *Gideons*

Offertory "Above All"

arr. Hayes

***Benediction**

***Closing Hymn** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

LUYH 581

Postlude "You Are My All in All"

arr. Carter

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Piano: Julie Hordyk

Prayer of People:

Vocalist: Patrice Frantz

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:

Today's Ministry Spotlight: *The Gideon's* share God's Word and the hope of salvation in Jesus Christ with people across the world. They also provide Bibles and New Testaments.

Sanctuary Banners: *Sacred Geometry Banners* from a workshop at the 2017 Calvin Symposium on Worship. Mathematicians and scientists have long marveled at the patterns evident in the world surrounding us. It is no wonder. God has purposely placed "that universe before our eyes like a beautiful book in which all creatures, great and small, are as letters to make us ponder the invisible things of God: God's eternal power and divinity..." This series of banners celebrates the beautiful order seen in Creation and is intended to challenge the viewer to take a renewed look at this world with sacramental eyes. They were completed by a team of faithful artists at Second CRC. Mabelle's black and white images juxtapose against the colorful background material to highlight patterns we too often fail to appreciate.

Walk Out Worship: Today we will review the main ideas we learned from all the murals throughout the summer and begin practicing for our Wax Museum! A huge thank you to each of our artists for sharing their gifts and talents to deepen our learning and challenge us to think in new ways about the 1st century culture and land that Jesus knew and taught about. This will enhance our learning for many, many years!

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Congratulations to *Mikaela & Sam Markham* on the birth of their daughter *Merritt Marie* on August 21. Mikaela is the daughter of *Jeff & Deborah Erickson* and granddaughter of *Carl & Mary Erickson*. Markham's reside in Omaha, NE.

“I want to thank the ladies of Second CRC for giving me a beautiful wedding shower. I’m overwhelmed by your generosity! I am so grateful to have been a part of such a loving and supportive church family for all these years. I covet your continued prayers as I get married to Bryan soon and move to Tennessee!” ~ Sara Katje

Church Announcements:

Audio & Visual Tech’s Needed: We need additional help to produce our service’s livestream and recordings. If you have any interest in any (or more) of the following areas, please contact Harley Dyk (harleydyk@yahoo.com) or the person listed. Also, feel free to ask about sitting in the booth during the service to see what is involved, or stop by the booth after a service.

- Projection - Dan Braak
- Stream Audio - Jim Query, Jason Zuidema
- Remote Cameras - Jay Brace, Mark Boelens
- Stream Production - Ethan Hodge, Jason Zuidema

Bridal Shower: Let’s celebrate Leigh Frantz’s upcoming wedding with a brunch shower on *Saturday, September 13* at 9:30am. She will be marrying Grant Henry on October 12th in Indianapolis. They are registered at Target and Amazon. Remember all gifts are given anonymously. Please sign up by September 7.

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.

Friendship Club: Our ministry of embracing disabled adults in our community, starts on Tuesday, September 23. We have several volunteer needs this year including cookie bakers and mentors who will be paired with a friend to experience the joy of God’s love through singing, listening, and sharing. The commitment would be for ten weeks from 7 – 8pm on Tuesday evenings. If you are feeling called to help or want more info, please contact Ruth Marotti at (616) 886-6216.

Grief Recovery Method Group: The fall class will be held at Ferrysburg Community Church, 17785 Mohawk Drive, Spring Lake, MI 49456 starting on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 9:30 am. Space is limited and registration is required. Contact Facilitator Jane DeGroot, at (616) 402-5689 or janehdgroot@charter.net to register or for more information.

Men’s Bowling: We resume Tuesday September 2 at 9:15 to 11:30am at Northway Lanes, 1751 Evanston Ave., Muskegon. Take US-31 North to Laketon exit. Questions, talk to Bruce Drukker, Ralph Veldboom, Art Bolt or Dale Schuitema.

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.

SWAN's: We will meet at the home of Jane Stanley at 10:00 on September 10. The address is 18129 Newgate Lane, Spring Lake, MI. Jane will do a live demonstration about the amazing life cycle of the Monarch Butterfly from tiny pin dot egg to beautiful butterfly. We will have lunch at the Pine Street Cafe afterwards. To carpool meet at church at 9:40am. Reservations are needed by September 8, so call Carole at 616-502-2015, or email Barb Hammond.

Tool Time Men's Bible Study: We will begin our fall session on Saturday, September 13 from 8-9am. Future Dates: September 27, October 11 & 25, November 8 & 22, December 6 & 20. Questions, call Tony Razzini at (614) 753-2164.

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. Books are available in the office. Questions, call Char at 616-842-0848.

Community News:

Connect Two Student Mentoring is in its third year, in seven local schools. Mentoring is a powerful way to offer hope and to demonstrate the love of Jesus to the youth in our community. 85% of young people with a mentor say this key relationship has helped them with issues related to school, their family dynamics and their education. **We greatly need** mentors for K-8th graders as the public schools continue to ask for mentors to be matched with students who need extra guidance, emotional support and encouragement. A commitment of once-a-week for 45 minutes during the school year is required. Picture yourself playing games, crafting, sports, reading, setting goals, basic schoolwork support, sharing a snack and just being a listener...please pray and consider. Contact Jill Pyle at 616.648.4832 or jill@loveinactiontricity.org

Western Michigan Christian: We need someone to help us out with some of our technology needs. The School Systems Coordinator position is for 20-25 hours per week; schedule would be mornings Monday-Friday during the school year. WMCHS has a 1:1 student to Chromebook ratio and expects students to use technology inside and outside of the classroom. This position does not require an information technology degree or certification, instead candidates will need to be familiar with or willing to learn school systems. For more information, contact Gina VanBruggen at mrsvanbruggen@wmchs.net.



MIDWEEK GATHERING

Our Fall Session will be September 10- Wednesday, October 22
Dinner at 5:30pm | Bible Study at 6:30pm

“With My Body I Thee Worship” led by Pastor Tim Blackmon.

This line from the traditional wedding vow in the Book of Common Prayer speaks of giving yourself fully—body and soul—to your spouse.

But what if we applied this phrase to our relationship with God?

You have a body. And it is with this body that you worship the Father, follow Jesus, and experience the Holy Spirit. You live life with God in a body.

Join us as we explore how we can worship God with every part of our lives—eating, resting, working, and playing.

“A Man After God’s Heart” led by Erik Veker.

God created men to work and to keep, to cultivate and to guard. This calling is established in God’s word—reliable and timeless. God invites us to live as he designed.

For seven weeks, we’ll clarify what it means to be a man: in the home, in friendship, in marriage, in work, and in how we steward our bodies and resources. We’ll see that God’s design is good. Join us for “A Man After God’s Heart”—a midweek class for men.

Midweek Kids

Kids 4 years -5th grade will learn about different parts of the body and see how we are each God’s Masterpieces. We will explore what the Bible says about our bodies and how we can use them to treasure God’s Word and live life with God!

CHAOS: Middle School

Leaders and kids explore the Bible and what their faith really means in today’s world.

There are also games, events, and lots of, well chaos!

We welcome any middle school student to join this fun fellowship.

Volunteer Schedule

August 31, 2025

Projection: Dan Braak

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

Sound: Mike Katje

Ushers: John Rycenga (Team 11), Jon Mulder, Carl Vertregt

Coffee Hosts: Glenn & Yvonne Sparling; Ralph & Sheri Van Duyn

Nursery: Kathy Westveld, Rosemary Geertsma

Little Lambs: Sheila Warners, Reed VanStratt

Walk Out: Annie Hoekzema, Rio Gasser

Greeters: Alan VanDyke, Eric & Amy Wolffis

Offering: Gideon's

September 7, 2025

Projection: Dan Braak

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

Sound: Rick Clapp

Ushers: Steve Marotti (Team 1), Todd Cunningham, David Brace, Mike Buitendorp

Coffee Hosts: Kraig & Cathy Brolick; Ron Retsema

Nursery: Laura Knochenhauer, Kerry Bierma

Little Lambs: Jane DeGroot, Maelyn Wagenmaker, Amy Bunce

Walk Out: Annie Hoekzema,

Greeters: Ken Terpstra, Jim & Mary Winkle

Offering: Love in Action-Connect Two

Calendar

Sunday, August 31

10:00 AM – Worship Service

Monday, September 1

Office Closed

Tuesday, September 2

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

Wednesday, September 3

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1 PM – Knitting / Craft Club

Thursday, September 4

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

Friday, September 5

Office Closed

Saturday, September 6

Sunday, September 7

10:00 AM–Worship Service

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Guest Registration:

