



Worship Service for
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 14, 2025

Head Lifted: Entering God's Presence

Prelude "The Heavens Are Telling, from The Creation"

Haydn

Call to Worship

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Psalm 8

God's Greeting

Arms Open: Welcoming One Another

*Mutual Greeting

Hands Raised: Offering Our Praise

***Song of Praise** "Great Are You Lord"

Ingram/Jordan/Leonard

*Opening Prayer

All you works of the Lord:

bless the Lord.

Angels and all heavenly hosts:

bless the Lord.

Sun, moon, and stars:

bless the Lord.

Rain and dew, wind and cloud:

bless the Lord.

Fire and ice, summer and winter:

bless the Lord.

Night and day, light and darkness:

bless the Lord.

Mountains and hills, all that grows in the ground:

bless the Lord.

Rivers and seas, all that has life in the water:

bless the Lord.

Birds of the air, wild beasts, and tame animals:

bless the Lord.

People on earth, you servants of the Lord:

bless the Lord.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,

for his mercy endures forever.

*Hymn of Praise “Let All Things Now Living”

LUYH 5

Knees Bent: Seeking Forgiveness

Call to Confession

To come before God with the whole truth of our lives is itself an act of faith:

We trust that the Holy One is interested in us, interested in our minds and hearts and souls, and in our bodies too. We trust that God’s mercy and grace are for every part of us. With faith and in trust, let us make our confession to God, first in silent prayer.

A few moments of silence

The Prayer of Confession

Almighty Father, forgive our sins. Forgive the sins that we remember, and the sins we have forgotten. Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction.

**Forgive the times we have been proud of our own achievements and those when we have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown ourselves.
Forgive the lies we have told to others, and the truths we have avoided.
Forgive us the pain we have caused others and the indulgence we have shown ourselves. Father, have mercy on us and make us whole for the sake of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Brothers and Sisters, you are forgiven! May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13

***Song of Assurance** “Ten Thousand Reasons” LUYH 559 vs 1,2

Ears Open: Hearing His Word

***Prayer of Blessing for Walk Out Worship**

God, we know that we can't always do the right thing by ourselves. Please send your Holy Spirit to help us, so we can listen to you and follow your directions. We ask this through Jesus, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Children 4 years- 5th Grade are invited to Walk Out Worship.
They are dismissed at 11:20am from their classroom located near the nursery.)

The Scripture Reading Genesis 1:20-31 p. 1

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

Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon “Very Good”

Hearts Overflowing: Giving Back to God

Prayer of Response

***Song of Response** “Let All Creation's Wonders” LUYH 555

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**A. That I am not my own,
but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and
makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Prayers of the People

The Offering World Renew-Disaster Relief

Offertory "Adagio" from Concerto in C Minor

Bach

Fent Sent: Walking in His Blessing

***Closing Hymn** "Shine on Us"

M.W. Smith; vs 1,2

***Benediction**

Postlude "The Wonder of It All"

arr. Linn

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon
Flute: Karen Katje
Oboe: Sally Wagenmaker
Organ: Cathy Schaaf
Piano: Julie Hordyk
Viola: Meghan Razzini
Vocalist: Chris Hordyk, Joslyn Wagenmaker

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: World Renew works in 30 countries responding to both natural disasters and civil unrest. With partner organizations, we provide for displaced families and invest in local economies to help rebuild communities and renew hope, bringing long-term stability for future storms.

Walk Out Worship: We are excited to kick off our new year of ministry beginning this Sunday!

Worship Center I (4 years -1st grade): Children will learn about the church year calendar and understand why each season is important.

Worship Center II (2nd - 5th grades): Children will "build" the circle of our church year calendar and learn how to navigate the Bible so we can find, read, reread, and treasure the precious stories in God's Word.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Joan Loeper appreciates your continued prayers for healing and patience.

Jeanne Schuch had a successful total knee surgery on Wednesday September 10. Please pray for her recovery and sign up for their meal train at <https://mealtrain.com/2w0345>

Church Announcements:

Newcomers Class: If you are new to our congregation and are interested in membership or learning more about Second CRC, please save the dates of September 28 and October 5 for our membership class. Questions, please see Amy Wolffis or Pastor Tim.

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.

Cadets: The GH Club welcomes boys in 2nd Grade or older to join them. Families can learn more at the Kick-off/ Hot Dog Roast meeting this Monday, September 15 at 6:45pm at Potawatomi Park. Questions, contact Pete Malek at pmalek413@gmail.com.

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.

Handbell Choir: We will gather on Sunday, September 28 at 11:30 am in the choir room. Bring your coffee and goodies to discuss and plan for the upcoming season. This choir includes wonderful fellowship as we practice together to praise our Lord and lead his church in worship. Come join us this year as we have several openings and bells that need someone to ring them. Additional instruction is available if needed and desired. Please contact Jean Schuitman via email at morbaroque@gmail.com or by text at 231-750-6676.

Sanctuary Choir: Fall rehearsals begin on Thursday, September 25, in the choir room. New members are always welcome! Besides singing for Worship, there is the gift Christian fellowship and in praising our Lord and his congregation. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Schuitman at morbaroque@gmail.com or by text at 231-750-6676.

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.

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

Women's Bible Hour: We will continue our fall session on Thursday, September 18 at 1:30pm. Our lessons will be on 1st & 2nd Timothy and Titus. Questions, call Char at 616-842-0848.

Community News:

Tri-Cities CROP Hunger Walk: No one in this world should be hungry. We're part of a movement, taking steps and raising funds together to provide meals for those in our own community who need them - and supporting programs that create greater food security in our community. This year's annual walk will be held on Sunday October 5 in Spring Lake, at Ferrysburg Community Church. To register as an individual or team, ask Amy Wolffis or take a packet from the Welcome Desk.



MIDWEEK GATHERING

Our Fall Session will be September 10- Wednesday, October 22
Dinner at 5:30pm | Bible Study at 6:30pm
Register [online](#) or at the Welcome Desk

“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.

YOU WERE
MADE
FOR

Life
with
God

WORSHIP

Sanctuary Choir - Jean Schuitman

Hand Bells - Jean Schuitman

Brass - Paul LaMaire

Praise Team - Pastor Tim Blackmon

Audio/ Visual Booth - Harley Dyk & Mike Katje

WITNESS

Ping Pong - Dale Schuitema

Bowling - Bruce Drukker

Craft & Knitting Club - Darcie Clapp

Softball - Rob Wagenmaker

Garden Club - Sharon Wolters & Marti Vanden Brand

SWAN's - Carole Ruiten & Barb Hammond

Women's Bible Hour - Char Ter Haar

Tool Time Bible Study - Tony Razzini

Friendship Club - Ruth Marotti

WORD

Cadets (Boys 2nd - 6th Grade) - Dan Braak
Gems (Girls 1st - 7th Grade) - Lori Houskamp

CHAOS (Middle School Youth) -

Rob Wagenmaker

Focus (High School Youth) -

Rob Wagenmaker

Children's Library - Lori Buitendorp

Children's Nursery/ Walk-Out Worship -

Annie Hoekzema

Wednesday Midweek Gathering -

Amy Wolffis & Barb Sikkenga

Volunteer Schedule

September 14, 2025

Projection: Paul Marotti

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Ian Clapp, Mark Boelens, Harley Dyk

Sound: Jim Warners

Ushers: Curt DeJongh (Team 2), Chris Hordyk, Chris VanStratt, Pierce Van Stratt

Coffee Hosts: Ron Retsema, Zach Wessel, Chris & Kim Van Stratt

Nursery: Cathy Brolick, Ruth Marotti

Little Lambs: Onika Beswick, Cherise VanderHeide

Walk Out: Marie Rycenga, Kyla Zuidema

Walk-Out II: Annie Hoekzema, Rio Gasser

Greeters: Tony Razzini, Kathy Westveld & Mary Willink

Offering: World Renew-Disaster Relief

September 21, 2025

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Gary Roelofs, Jason Zuidema, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

Sound: Todd Cunningham

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

Coffee Hosts: Fred & Martha Vanden Brand; Stuart & Christie Vander Heide

Nursery: Mary Terpstra, Carisa Marotti

Little Lambs: Jenna Brian, Amy Wolffis

Walk Out I: Lori Buitendorp, Sheri VanDuyn

Walk Out II: Cindy Brace, Gabe Schaaf

Greeters: Dale Schuitema, Doug & Jan Zuidema

Offering: Faith Promise-Naji Umran & Anne Zaki

Calendar

Sunday, September 14

10:00 AM – Worship Service

11:30 AM – AfterWord on Synod

Monday, September 15

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1:30 PM – Book Club

Tuesday, September 16

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

Wednesday, September 17

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1 PM – Knitting / Craft Club

5:30 PM – Midweek Gathering

6:30 PM - CHAOS

Thursday, September 18

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1:30 PM- Women's Bible Hour

Friday, September 19

Office Closed

Saturday, September 20

Sunday, September 21

10:00 AM–Worship Service

11:30 AM – Mission Presentation

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Guest Registration:

