



Worship Service for  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 21, 2025

## Head Lifted: Entering God's Presence

**Prelude** "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" arr. Held

### Call to Worship

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust;  
I shall not be afraid.

**What can flesh do to me? This I know, that God is for me.**

In God, whose word I praise, in the Lord, whose word I praise, in God I trust;  
I shall not be afraid.

**What can man do to me? For you have delivered my soul from death, yes,  
my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.** Psalm 56

### God's Greeting

## Arms Open: Welcoming One Another

### \*Mutual Greeting

## Hands Raised: Offering Our Praise

**\*Song of Praise** "Only a Holy God"

Ferrel/Smith/Robinson/Thompson

### \*Opening Prayer

O Lord, you have taught us that without love, all our deeds are worth nothing:  
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted  
dead before you; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise** "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"

LUYH 601

## **Knees Bent: Seeking Forgiveness**

### **Call to Confession**

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

### **The Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God and Father, we confess to you, to one another, and to the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone.**

**For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and by the power of your Holy Spirit, raise us up to serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

### **Words of Assurance**

God Almighty, your heavenly Father grants you forgiveness of all your sins, and grants you the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**\*Song of Assurance "All Who Are Thirsty"**

Brown/Robertson

## **Ears Open: Hearing His Word**

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

**Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. Grant us your grace to seek you above all things, that we may be filled with your peace and purpose, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 2:8-19; Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

p. 2, 553

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### **Prayer of Illumination**

**The Sermon "Tormented"**

## Hearts Overflowing: Giving Back to God

### Prayer of Response

**\*Song of Response** “All I Have is Christ”

Kauflin

### **\*Confession of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 124

Q. What does the third petition of the Lord's Prayer mean?

**A. “Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven” means:  
Help us and all people to reject our own wills  
and to obey your will without any back talk.  
Your will alone is good.**

**Help us one and all to carry out the work we are called to,  
as willingly and faithfully as the angels in heaven.**

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 125

Q. What does the fourth petition mean?

**A. “Give us this day our daily bread” means:  
Do take care of all our physical needs so that we come to know  
that you are the only source of everything good,  
and that neither our work and worry nor your gifts  
can do us any good without your blessing.  
And so help us to give up our trust in creatures and trust in you alone.**

### Prayers of the People

**Ministry Moment:** The Porters

### The Offering

**Offertory** “If You But Trust In God To Guide You”

Bach

## Feet Sent: Walking in His Blessing

**\*Closing Hymn** “The Heavens Declare Your Glory”

LUYH 3, vs 1,3

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** “Psalm 19- The Heavens Declare”

Marcello

### Credits & Liturgical Notes

**Preaching:** Rev. Tim Blackmon

**Organ:** Cathy Schaaf

**Piano:** Mauricio Espinal

**Prayers of the People:** Jay Knochenhauer

**Vocalist:** Christie VanderHeide, Amy Goorman

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:** *Missions (Faith Promise):* Today we highlight the work of Naji and Anne. For their latest update, please see the missionary bulletin board near the mailboxes. We will also have a ministry moment with The Porters, and they will host a table in the Atrium after the service. Please note that donations to the Missions fund is divided equally among our ten missionary partners each quarter.

**Afterword on Synod 2025:** Today at 11:30am in the sanctuary, Pastor Tim will host an Afterword session about Synod 2025 and the CRC denomination. All are warmly invited.

**Walk Out Worship: Worship Center I:** Children will learn about different ways to pray to God and different ways to give an offering to God. They will set up a special "prayer corner" where they can spend quiet time with God.

**Worship Center II:** Children will hear about God's fingerprint being on all he made in creation. They will also continue to learn about and practice the important habit of spending quiet time with God.

### Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

*Mary Winkle* has been at St. Mary's Hospital due to complications from Covid. Please pray for her and her husband Jim and their family. They are also requesting meals so please sign up here: <https://mealtrain.com/w418ke>

Please continue to pray for *Fred and Marti Vanden Brand* as Fred has moved to the Mary Free Bed Rehab floor at Trinity Muskegon.

*Joan Loeper* appreciates your continued prayers for healing and patience.

*Ruth Wallinga* has returned to Christian Haven.

*Jeanne Schuch* is recovering from knee surgery. Please pray for healing 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. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk. Questions, contact Amy Wolffis or Pastor Tim.

**Contact Info Directory:** The 2025-2026 Member Directory has been placed in mailboxes. Additional copies are available at the Welcome Desk.

**Friendship Club:** Our ministry of embracing disabled adults in our community, begins this Tuesday, September 23. Attention Cookie Bakers: Please sign-up at the Welcome Desk for cookies needed for our Fall Session. There also is a need for additional female mentors for the next ten weeks on Tuesday evenings. If this might interest you or you have questions, please call Ruth Marotti at (616) 886-6216.

**Handbell Choir:** We will gather next Sunday, September 28 at 11:30 am in the choir room. Bring your coffee to discuss and plan for the upcoming season. Come join us this year as we have bells that need someone to ring them. Additional instruction is available if desired. Please contact Jean Schuitman via email at [morbaroque@gmail.com](mailto: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! If you have any questions, please contact Jean Schuitman at [morbaroque@gmail.com](mailto:morbaroque@gmail.com) or by text at (231) 750-6676.

**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 25 at 1:30pm. Our lessons will be on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy and Titus. Questions, call Char at (616) 842-0848.

### Community News:

**Classis Muskegon:** Presents "Protect Young Eyes" on Tuesday, October 14 from 6:30 to 8:00pm at Allen Avenue CRC, 695 Allen Avenue, Muskegon 49442. "Mental Health & Tech: Understanding Fabulous and Fragile Brains with Protect Young Eyes" will be informative, insightful and inspiring for everyone connected to kids. Youth and children's ministry leaders, parents, grandparents, and teachers will benefit from this presentation. Childcare is available for kids from babies to age 11 years. Note that reservations are required online. Questions, contact: [muskegonsafechurch@gmail.com](mailto:muskegonsafechurch@gmail.com)

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)** - Dan Braak  
**Gems (Girls 1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> 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 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:** Bern & Les Lewis, Stuart & Christie Vander Heide

**Nursery:** Mary Terpstra, Carisa Marotti

**Little Lambs:** Jenna Brian, Amy Wolffis

**Walk Out I:** Lori Buitendorp, Barb Fritz

**Walk Out II:** Cindy Brace, Gabe Schaaf

**Greeters:** Dale Schuitema, Doug & Jan Zuidema

**Offering:** Faith Promise-Naji Umran & Anne Zaki

### September 28, 2025

**Projection:** Dan Braak

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

**Sound:** Rick Clapp

**Ushers:** Rick Geertsma (Team 4), Rosemary Geertsma, Dirk Weesies, Ralph VanDuyn

**Coffee Hosts:** Dale & Norma Schuitema; Pierce Van Stratt; Bonnie Tammen

**Nursery:** Mary Wierenga, Mabelle Knochenhauer

**Little Lambs:** Manette deJonge, Reed VanStratt

**Walk Out I:** Lori Buitendorp, Sheri VanDuyn

**Walk Out II:** Joslyn Wagenmaker, Dawn Rotman

**Greeters:** Dennis Schaaf, David & Rita Zuidema

**Offering:** Crop Walk

## Calendar

### **Sunday, September 21**

10:00 AM – Worship Service

11:30 AM – AfterWord on Synod

### **Monday, September 22**

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

### **Tuesday, September 23**

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

### **Wednesday, September 24**

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1 PM – Knitting / Craft Club

5:30 PM – Midweek Gathering

6:30 PM - CHAOS

### **Thursday, September 25**

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1:30 PM- Women's Bible Hour

7 PM – Sanctuary Choir

### **Friday, September 26**

Office Closed

### **Saturday, September 27**

### **Sunday, September 28**

10:00 AM–Worship Service

11:30 AM- Newcomers Class

## Connect with Second CRC

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## Give Online:



## Guest Registration:

