



Worship Service for  
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 12, 2025

## Head Lifted: Entering God's Presence

**Prelude** "Praise to the Lord"

arr. Bish

### Call to Worship

Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?  
So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. Return, O Lord!  
How long? Have pity on your servants!

**Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil. Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.**

So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

**Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!** From Psalm 90

### God's Greeting

## Arms Open: Welcoming One Another

### \*Mutual Greeting

## Hands Raised: Offering Our Praise

### \*Song of Praise "Holy Forever"

Tomlin

## \*Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

\*Hymn of Praise “Praise to the Lord The Almighty”

LUYH 575

## **Knees Bent: Seeking Forgiveness**

### **Call to Confession**

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;  
unite my heart to fear your name.

**Let us confess our sins to the Lord.**

Psalm 86:11

### **The Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty Father, we confess and lament that humble service is not the natural leaning of our sinful hearts. We often ignore, resist, and flee your call to consistent words and deeds of loving service.**

**So renew and lead us by your Holy Spirit, uniting us to your Son, Jesus Christ, that he may live in us, and love through us, and that we may serve others as we have been served by you.**

**Protect us, O Lord, and keep us from the sin of pride, lest our wealth and our achievements blind us to our constant need for your love, your wisdom, and your power. Amen.**

### **Words of Assurance**

Hear the good news: *“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.”*

And this is the promise of the gospel: *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*Song of Assurance “Waymaker”

Okoro

## Ears Open: Hearing His Word

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

Creating God, from the beginning, you established rhythms of work and rest.  
**Oh Lord, bless the work of our hands.**

What you made, you blessed and called good.  
**Oh Lord, bless the work of our hands.**

You created us in your image and gave to us the task of tending creation.  
**Oh Lord, bless the work of our hands.**

As stewards of all that you have given us, we are called to service in the world.  
**Oh Lord, may our work be faithful.**

Remind us, God, that our work is a gift - in offices, home, or classrooms.  
**May your Spirit sustain us as we offer our work.**  
**It is to you, Creator God, we offer this prayer. Amen.**

(Children 4 years- 5th Grade are invited to Walk Out Worship.

They are dismissed at 11:20am from their classrooms located in the lower level near the nursery.)

### The Scripture Reading "Deuteronomy 26:1-12"

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

### Prayer of Illumination

### The Sermon "By the Sweat of your Brow"

### Prayer of Response

### \*Song of Response "Build My Life"

Yunker

## \*Confession of Faith

What is the eight commandment?

**“You shall not steal”**

Q. What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?

**A. God forbids not only outright theft and robbery, punishable by law. But in God’s sight theft also includes all scheming and swindling in order to get our neighbor’s goods for ourselves, whether by force or means that appear legitimate, such as inaccurate measurements of weight, size, or volume; fraudulent merchandising; counterfeit money; excessive interest; or any other means forbidden by God. In addition, God forbids all greed and pointless squandering of his gifts.**

Q. What does God require of you in this commandment?

**A. That I do whatever I can for my neighbor’s good, that I treat others as I would like them to treat me, and that I work faithfully so that I may share with those in need.**

Heidelberg Catechism | Lord’s Day 42 Q & A 110-111

## Hearts Overflowing: Giving Back to God

**The Offering** “Love in Action”

**Offertory** “I Surrender All”

arr. Root

## Feet Sent: Walking in His Blessing

**\*Sending Song** “I Surrender All”

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**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** " Postlude in B-flat Major"

Bach

**Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes**

**Preaching:** Rev. Tim Blackmon

**Organ:** Cathy Schaaf

**Flute:** Karen Katje

**Piano:** Julie Hordyk

**Prayer of the People:** Henk Ottens

**Vocalist:** Robin Kieft, Rob 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 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:** *Love in Action* offers dozens of services in the Tri-Cities community. When someone contacts us for help, we know they're often facing fear, pain, and isolation. Our highest goal goes beyond simply providing resources; it's to provide empowerment. We want to help each person take a tangible step forward from where they are to where they could be.

**Afterword on Worship:** Today at 11:30am in the sanctuary, Pastor Tim will host an Afterword session on the topic of Worship. All are warmly invited to attend.

### **Walk-Out Worship:**

**Worship Center I:** Today our children will learn about the birth of Moses. We will find in subsequent weeks that God was going to use Moses in powerful ways for the Hebrew people.

**Worship Center II:** Our children begin a 3 part series on the life of Moses today. We will find that God could and did work through His people and historical events.

## Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Dan Holtrop had a successful knee replacement on Monday. Please pray for no complications and complete healing as he recovers at home.

Patti Steigenga has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer. Please pray for her, her husband Kendall, their family, and the doctors as she begins treatment.

*Mary Winkle* has returned home. Please continue to pray for healing and sign up for their meal train at: <https://mealtrain.com/w418ke>

"Thank you for the prayers, cards and meals during my recent knee surgery. I am progressing nicely in PT. You are a Blessing to Chuck and I." ~ Jeanne Schuch

"We are very grateful for the opportunity we had last month to fellowship with you. It was wonderful to worship with you, reconnect with familiar faces and become acquainted with new friends. Your financial support and prayers are an incredible blessing and encouragement to us." ~The Porters

## Church Announcements:

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

**Handbell Choir:** We will meet today, Sunday, October 12 at 11:30am in the choir room. New members are always welcome. Future rehearsals October 26. Questions, contact Jean Schuitman at [morbaroque@gmail.com](mailto:morbaroque@gmail.com) or by text at (231) 750-6676.

**Ministry Anniversary:** This fall marks 25 years since Rev. Mike Koetje's ordination. Rev. Koetje served Second from 2004-2014. Westwood CRC of Kalamazoo invites our congregation to join this celebration of God's faithfulness by showering the Koetje's with cards throughout the month of October. Cards may be sent to Westwood Christian Reformed Church, 620 Northampton Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49006.

**Pictorial Directory:** The deadline to submit your Household Photos will be Wednesday October 22. You may submit them online or email them to Amy Wolffis. A printed Pictorial Directory will be distributed in December.

**Sanctuary Choir:** Fall rehearsals continue on Thursday October 16, in the choir room. New members are always welcome! Questions, please contact Jean Schuitman at [morbaroque@gmail.com](mailto:morbaroque@gmail.com) or text (231) 750-6676.

**SWANS:** For our October event, we will meet at Lakeside Eats for lunch at 11:30, Tuesday, October 14. After lunch, we will welcome autumn by playing fall bingo. Lakeside Eats is at 216 Washington Avenue, right next to Borr's Bootery.

**Tool Time Men's Bible Study:** We will meet Saturday, October 25 from 8-9am. Fall Dates: 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, October 16 at 1:30pm. Our lessons are 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. Questions, contact: [muskegonsafechurch@gmail.com](mailto:muskegonsafechurch@gmail.com)  
Reservations are required online: [www.tickettailor.com/events/protectyouneyes/1750404](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/protectyouneyes/1750404)

**From Calvin Seminary:** *Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece* (April 3 – 13, 2026): Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Hosted by Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar. For more info, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu).

**Cadets GH Club:** It's not too late for boys 2nd Grade and up to join Cadets! For more info or to sign your cadet up, contact Pete Malek at [pmalek413@gmail.com](mailto:pmalek413@gmail.com)  
Also on Monday, October 20, 5:30-7:30p, will be our annual Spaghetti Supper - It's our only fundraiser, so plan to come to church and be served dinner by the Cadets.



# 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.

## Volunteer Schedule

### October 12, 2025

**Projection:** Dan Braak

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

**Sound:** Jim Warners

**Ushers:** Ron Brouwer (Team 6), Dave VanderHeide, Rob Wagenmaker, Doug Zuidema

**Coffee Hosts:** David & Cherise Vander Heide; Alan & Cynde Van Dyke

**Nursery:** Kathy Westveld, Rosemary Geertsma

**Little Lambs:** Jane DeGroot, Kyla Zuidema

**Walk Out I:** Marie Rycenga, Sheri Van Duyn

**Walk Out II:** Annie Hoekzema, Rio Gasser

**Greeters:** Larry & June Au

**Council in Parlor:** Jim Warners, Anne Zuidema

**Offering:** Love in Action

### October 19, 2025

**Projection:** Paul Marotti

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

**Sound:** Todd Cunningham

**Ushers:** Dale Schuitema (Team 7), Garry VandenBerg, Joe & Paula Risselade

**Coffee Hosts:** Dan & Sally Wagenmaker; Glen & Mary Wierenga

**Nursery:** Kathy Westveld, Rosemary Geertsma

**Little Lambs:** Jane DeGroot, Kyla Zuidema

**Walk Out I:** Marie Rycenga, Sheri VanDuyn

**Walk Out II:** Annie Hoekzema, Rio Gasser

**Greeters:** Jim Warners, Craig & Annie Hoekzema

**Council in Parlor:** Anne Zuidema, Alan VanDyke

**Offering:** Missionaries - Holtrops

## Calendar

### **Sunday, October 12**

10:00 AM–Worship Service

11:30 AM- Afterword on Worship.

### **Monday, October 13**

8 AM-10 AM – Office Hours

### **Tuesday, October 14**

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

7 PM- Friendship Club

7 PM- Care Teams

### **Wednesday, October 15**

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1 PM – Knitting / Craft Club

5:30 PM – Midweek Gathering

6:30 PM - CHAOS

### **Thursday, October 16**

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1:30 PM- Women's Bible Hour

7 PM – Sanctuary Choir

### **Friday, October 17**

Office Closed

### **Saturday, October 18**

### **Sunday, October 19**

10:00 AM–Worship Service

11:30 AM – Mission Presentation

### **Monday, October 20**

5:30 PM – Cadet Spaghetti

Supper

## **Connect with Second CRC**

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## **Give Online:**



## **Guest Registration:**

