



Worship Service for
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 19, 2025

Head Lifted: Entering God's Presence

Prelude "Canon"
"Antiphon"

arr. S. Eithun
Hal Hopson

Call to Worship

Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.
Your faithfulness endures to all generations;
you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

**By your appointment they stand this day, for all things are your servants.
If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.**

I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life.
I am yours; save me, for I have sought your precepts.

**Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.
Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me.**

I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my
meditation. I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.

**How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.**

Based on Psalm 119.89-104

Choral Introit "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord"

Hopson

God's Greeting

Arms Open: Welcoming One Another

***Mutual Greeting**

Hands Raised: Offering Our Praise

***Song of Praise** "Hosanna: Praise is Rising"

Baloche/Brown

***Opening Prayer**

Set us free, loving Father, from the bondage of our sins, and in your goodness and mercy give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

LUYH 538

Knees Bent: Seeking Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Come, let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Choral Anthem “Come Unto Me”

Armstrong

The Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have rebelled against you. Our hands are full of sin; we have turned away from justice, we have ignored the widow and the orphan, we have loved empty ritual more than righteousness. Wash us, we pray; make us clean. Take away the evil of our deeds, and by your Spirit teach us to do good, to seek justice, to correct oppression, to defend the fatherless and plead for the widow. Renew our hearts, O Lord, that we may walk in your ways, delight in your truth, and live to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Hear the promise of God: *“Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.”*

Isaiah 18

In Jesus Christ, we are washed, we are cleansed, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

***Song of Assurance** “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

CH 486

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 classrooms located in the lower level near the nursery.)

The Scripture Reading "Zechariah 8:1-18"

p. 796

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

Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon "All Fun and Games"

Prayer of Response

Hearts Overflowing: Giving Back to God

*Song of Response "For the Beauty of the Earth"

LUYH 19 vs 1,2,4,5

*Confession of Faith

Q. How does this glory of Christ our head benefit us?

A. First, through his Holy Spirit he pours out gifts from heaven upon us his members.

Second, by his power he defends us and keeps us safe from all enemies.

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 51

The Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment

The Offering "Missionaries - Holtrops"

Offertory "This Is My Father's World"

D. Wood

Feet Sent: Walking in His Blessing

***Sending Song** "This is My Father's World"

LUYH 21

***Benediction**

Postlude "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"

arr. L. Smith

Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Organ & Choir Director: Jean Schuitman

Piano & Choir Accompanist: Julie Hordyk

Prayer of the People: Joanne Query

Vocalist: Annika Erickson, Christie VanderHeide

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: Missions (Faith Promise): Today we highlight the work of Steve H. For their latest update, please see the missionary bulletin board near the mailboxes. We will also have a ministry moment with Eric T. and a presentation following the service. Please note that donations to the Missions fund is divided equally among our ten missionary partners each quarter.

Walk-Out Worship:

Worship Center I: Today we will learn about God's call to Moses from the burning bush to lead the Hebrews to freedom.

Worship Center II: Today we will continue to see God working and weaving in His people's lives as He made a way for them out of Egypt.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Please pray for Carol Dirkse in what appears to be her final days. Please surround her and her family with prayers for peace and comfort.

Please continue to pray for Patti Steigenga, her husband Kendall, their family, and the doctors as she begins cancer treatment.

Please continue to pray for Dan Holtrop as he's had heart issues this week, which is interfering with his recovery.

Please continue to pray for Mary Winkle, for complete healing and recovery.

"Thank you for your prayers, cards, and texts during and following Fred's recent hospitalization. We are thankful for the progress Fred is making." ~ Fred & Marti VandenBrand

Church Announcements:

Atrium Art Gallery: Take a moment today or during the following weeks to walk through the new exhibit, *Connections: Pause, Reflect, Wonder*, featuring local artists Sarah McElrath and Lori McElrath Eslick. The exhibit includes pleine air artwork, some of which was created for Art Prize as well as a variety of whimsical sculptures crafted out of paper and found objects. These watercolor paintings and sculptures tell stories about the natural world around us as well as the personal stories that we each hold within us. Mark your calendar for an artist reception on Sunday, November 2, at 11:30 a.m., following our morning worship service.

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 19 at 11:30am in the choir room. New members are always welcome. Future rehearsals October 26, November 2 & 9. Questions, contact Jean Schuitman at 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 this Wednesday October 22. You may submit them online or email them to Amy Wolffis. A printed Pictorial Directory will be distributed in December.

Ping Pong: We meet this Monday October 20 at 1:30pm in the church basement.

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 or text (231) 750-6676.

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 1st & 2nd Timothy and Titus. Questions, call Char at (616) 842-0848.

Community News

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.

Love in Action: It's time for our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Cheryl Youngquist, Operations Director, tells us the need continues to be high in our area for food. All items can be used but we especially need: *Jello, Large boxes of Mashed Potatoes, Canned Fruit, Canned Pineapple, Boxed Desserts (easy to make), Canned Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Stuffing and Canned Pumpkin.*

If you are able to donate items, please drop them off in the church parking lot on Friday, November 7, from 9am to 12 noon. Questions, contact Ron Brouwer at (616) 550-8837.



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 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: Laura Knochenhauer, Rosemary Geertsma

Little Lambs: Cherise VanderHeide, Sydney Marotti

Walk Out I: Annie Hoekzema, Sam Farrar

Walk Out II: Cindy Brace, Gabe Schaaf

Greeters: Jim Warners, Craig & Annie Hoekzema

Council in Parlor: Anne Zuidema, Alan VanDyke

Offering: Missionaries – Steve H.

October 26, 2025

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jim Query, Mark Boelens, Jason Zuidema

Sound: Mike Katje

Ushers: Roger Hordyk (Team 8), Dan Holtrop, John Buitenhuis, Paul Marotti

Coffee Hosts: Jason & Anne Zuidema, Lucia Folkert; Sydney & Trevor Reeths

Nursery: Kerry Bierma, Ruth Marott

Little Lambs: Onika Beswick, Manette deJonge

Walk Out I: Carla Byma, Reed VanStratt

Walk Out II: Betsy Blackmon, Dawn Rotman

Greeters: Anne Zuidema, Ethan & Onika Beswick

Council in Parlor: Alan VanDyke, Dan Braak

Offering: Wycliff Translations

Calendar

Sunday, October 19

10:00 AM–Worship Service

11:30 AM- Mission Presentation

Monday, October 20

8 AM-10 AM – Office Hours

1:30 PM – Ping Pong

5:30 PM – Cadet Spaghetti Supper

Tuesday, October 21

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

7 PM- Friendship Club

Wednesday, October 22

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1 PM – Knitting / Craft Club

5:30 PM – Midweek Gathering

6:30 PM - CHAOS

Thursday, October 23

Office Closed

1:30 PM- Women's Bible Hour

7 PM – Sanctuary Choir

Friday, October 24

Office Closed

Saturday, October 25

Sunday, October 26

10:00 AM–Worship Service

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