



Worship Service for
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 26, 2025

Head Lifted: Entering God's Presence

Prelude "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

arr. Varner

Call to Worship

Friends, let us gather together, mindful of the goodness of our God.
Hear the word of the Lord: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake."
**Even as we walk through the valleys of our lives, we will fear no evil, for the Lord
our Shepherd is with us, and his presence is our comfort.**

He has prepared a table for us; his grace is poured out in abundance.

Let us come now, with joy and confidence, to dwell in his presence.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us as we worship him today!

Let us worship the Lord.

Adapted from Psalm 23

God's Greeting

Arms Open: Welcoming One Another

*Mutual Greeting

Hands Raised: Offering Our Praise

***Song of Praise** "Rejoice in All Your Works"

Kimbrough

*Opening Prayer

God of grace, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven, even as we gather before your face, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

By the power of your Spirit, help us to lift up our hearts in praise, to receive your lavish gifts stored up for us in Christ, and to live as your faithful children and witnesses, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Knees Bent: Seeking Forgiveness

Call to Confession

The Scriptures tell us:

Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Hebrews 4:11–13

We now confess our sins to Almighty God.

The Prayer of Confession

Most merciful Father, we confess that too often we seek our rest in other places—in material possessions, in reputation, in the surety of control, in our accomplishments, and in our comfort—which are but counterfeit rests that utterly exhaust us from within.

Make us ever mindful that our hearts are restless until they find their true rest in you. For you, O Lord, daily offer this heart-rest to your beloved children.

And so, we come to you now.

We acknowledge that you created us finite creatures by your good design. Yet we confess that too often we seek to live beyond our limits, rising early and going late to rest, so that we exhaust ourselves even from without.

Make us ever mindful that we are creatures and you are the Creator, the never-sleeping Watchman of our lives, who offers your beloved children the gift of sleep each day.

And so, we come to you now. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, only in you do we find all true rest, both now and forever. Amen.

Words of Assurance

My soul finds rest in God alone; From him comes your salvation. He is your strong rock, your refuge true; In Christ, you are forgiven, you shall not be shaken.

We will trust in him at all times. We pour out our hearts before him. For God is a refuge for us, a place to rest. Behold, to the Lord belongs steadfast love.

Adapted from Psalm 62

***Song of Assurance** “O God Beyond All Praising”

LUYH 557 vs 1,3

Ears Open: Hearing His Word

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

We praise you for creating us, for sustaining us, and for all the blessings of this life.
But above all, we thank you for your incredible love shown in saving the world through our Lord Jesus Christ—for the gift of your grace and for the hope of eternal glory.

Now, fill us with such an awareness of your mercy that, with truly grateful hearts, we may praise you not only with our words, but with our lives.

Help us to dedicate ourselves to your service and to walk before you in goodness and truth every day of our lives. 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 Psalm 127

p. 518

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon “Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep”

Prayer of Response

Hearts Overflowing: Giving Back to God

***Song of Response** “My Soul Finds Rest”

LUYH 370

*Confession of Faith

Q. What is God's will for you in the fourth commandment?

A. First, that the gospel ministry and education for it be maintained, and that, especially on the festive day of rest, I diligently attend the assembly of God's people to learn what God's Word teaches, to participate in the sacraments, to pray to God publicly, and to bring Christian offerings for the poor.

Second, that every day of my life I rest from my evil ways, let the Lord work in me through his Spirit, and so begin in this life the eternal Sabbath.

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 103

The Prayers of the People

The Offering Wycliffe Translations

Offertory "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

arr. Manz

Feet Sent: Walking in His Blessing

***Sending Song** "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

LUYH 374 vs 1,3,4

*Benediction

Postlude "Postlude in G"

Read arr. Asman

Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Mr. Erik Veker

Liturgist: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Organ: Cathy Schaaf

Piano Julie Hordyk

Prayer of Blessing: Reed VanStratt

Prayer of the People: Paul LaMaire

Vocalist: Chris Hordyk

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: *Wycliff Bible Translators* exists: to work with churches, communities and partner organizations until everyone can access God's Word in a language that touches their hearts.

Walk-Out Worship:

Worship Center I: This Sunday the children will hear the story of God's power and rescue of his people from slavery in Egypt! We will see how God kept his promises to care for his people long ago and still today.

Worship Center II: This Sunday the children will hear their third and final story of Moses' life as God gave his people 'The Ten Best Ways to Live', the Ark of the Covenant, and Moses' death.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Carol Dirkse passed last Friday. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held at church on Tuesday, October 28 at 11am with Pastor Tim officiating. Visitation will be on Monday October 27 from 4-7pm at the VanZantwick Chapel (620 Washington Ave, Grand Haven).

Please pray for Reka Buitenhuis as she travels to the Netherlands for the funeral of her brother Teus Verweij who died last week in Woerden, Netherlands.

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

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

Eileen Harden has moved to Serenity Home in Marne, MI. Please pray for a good transition.

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 plein 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 next Sunday, November 2, at 11:30 a.m., following our morning worship service.

Handbell Choir: We will meet today, Sunday, October 26 at 11:30am in the choir room. New members are always welcome. Future rehearsals November 2 & 9. Questions, contact Jean Schuitman at morbaroque@gmail.com or by text at (231) 750-6676.

Kitchen Items: We are so grateful to all who have made desserts for Midweek Gathering, baked cookies for Friendship Club or participated in a meal train. Please check the table by the kitchen for your dishes/containers.

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.

Ministry Anniversary: This November marks 30 years since Rev. Blackmon's ordination. Pastor Tim served at Oasis Community Church, River Rock Church and The American Protestant Church of The Hague and as Chaplain at Wheaton College, prior to becoming our pastor in 2022. The congregation is invited to bring or send cards during November to recognize Pastor Tim's faithfulness to serving God and His church.

Ping Pong: We continue on Mondays at 1:30pm in the church basement.

Sanctuary Choir: Fall rehearsals continue on Thursday October 30, in the choir room. New members are always welcome! Questions, please contact Jean Schuitman at morbaroque@gmail.com or text (231) 750-6676.

SWAN's: It's time for some fun and games. Please meet at church on Tuesday November 11, at 11am, for Bunco! Lunch will be provided. Please let Carole know (616-502-2015) if you are coming, and we hope to see many of you there.

Tool Time Men's Bible Study: We will meet Saturday, November 8 from 8-9am. Fall Dates: November 22, December 6 & 20. Questions, call Tony Razzini at (614) 753-2164.

Women's Bible Hour: We will conclude our season on Thursday, October 30 at 1:30pm with Lesson 11 on Titus. Questions, call Char at (616) 842-0848.

Volunteer Schedule

October 26, 2025

Projection: Paul Marotti

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

November 2, 2025

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Gary Roelofs, Paul Marotti, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

Sound: Rick Clapp

Ushers: Eric Rotman (Team 9), Ron Frantz, Dave VanderWall, Jason Zuidema

Coffee Hosts: Jamie & Amy Goorman - Reed Van Stratt; Dottie Sikkema

Nursery: Mary Terpstra, Mary Wierenga

Little Lambs: Jenna Brian, Vivienne McCarthy

Walk Out: Barb Fritz, Annie Hoekzema, Ian Clapp

Greeters: Alan Van Dyke, Brian & Kerry Bierma

Council in Parlor: Dan Braak, Rick Clapp

Offering: World Renew-World Hunger

Calendar

Sunday, October 26

10:00 AM–Worship Service

Monday, October 27

11AM -1PM – Office Hours

1:30 PM – Ping Pong

Tuesday, October 28

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

11 AM – Service of Witness for Carol Dirkse

7 PM- Friendship Club

Wednesday, October 29

10AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1 PM – Knitting / Craft Club

Thursday, October 30

8 AM-11 AM – Office Hours

1:30 PM- Women's Bible Hour

7 PM – Sanctuary Choir

Friday, October 31

Office Closed

Saturday, November 1

Sunday, November 2

(Daylight Saving Time)

10:00 AM–Worship Service

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