

Head Lifted: Entering God's Presence

Prelude: "God Himself Is Present"
"All Glory Be to God on High"

arr. M. Burkhart
I, II, & III arr. R. Haan

Choral Introit "God Be in My Head"

D. Wagner

Call to Worship

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

**For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever;
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."**

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord?

**Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord, a God greatly to be feared in
the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around him?**

O Lord God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O Lord,
with your faithfulness all around you?

You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them.

**The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it—
you have founded them.**

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

**Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord,
in the light of your face, who exult in your name all the day and in your
righteousness are exalted.**

For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted.

For our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

God's Greeting

Arms Open: Welcoming One Another

*Mutual Greeting

Hands Raised: Offering Our Praise

*Song of Praise "Agnus Dei"

Smith

*Opening Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in continual godliness, that through your protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly serve you in good works, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

*Hymn of Praise "Behold Our God"

Sovereign Grace

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

May almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Song of Assurance "Come As You Are"

Crowder/Redman/Glover

Ears Open: Hearing His Word

*Prayer of Blessing for Walk Out Worship

Almighty God, you have given us grace to come together and pray to you. You promised through your Son that when two or three are gathered in his name, you will grant their requests. So now, Lord, we ask you to fulfill our desires and petitions in the way that is best for us. Grant us knowledge of your truth in this world, and in the age to come, everlasting life.

Amen

(Children 4 years- 5th Grade are invited to Walk Out Worship.
They return to the Sanctuary to join their families for Communion.)

The Scripture Reading “1 Corinthians 6:9-20

p. 955

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon “The Sacred Mystery”

Prayer of Response

*Song of Response “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

LUYH 351 vs 1,3,4

*Confession of Faith

What is the seventh commandment?

“You shall not commit adultery.”

Q. What does the seventh commandment teach us?

A. That God condemns all unchastity, and that therefore we should thoroughly detest it and live decent and chaste lives, within or outside of the holy state of marriage.

Q. Does God, in this commandment, forbid only such scandalous sins as adultery?

A. We are temples of the Holy Spirit, body and soul, and God wants both to be kept clean and holy. That is why God forbids all unchaste actions, looks, talk, thoughts, or desires, and whatever may incite someone to them.

Mouths Fed: Receiving His Grace

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,
eternal God, our creator.

We are your chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for your possession, that we may proclaim the excellencies of you who called us out of darkness into your marvelous light.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,
we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us
and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving

as a living and holy offering of ourselves,

that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again

The Prayers of the People

Breaking of the Bread

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

“Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup,

you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

LUYH 175 vs 1,2,4

"His Mercy is More"

Papa/Boswell

"In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified"

LUYH 861 vs 1,2,4

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

Hearts Overflowing: Giving Back to God

The Offering "River Rock Church"

Offertory "The Gift of Love"

H. Hopson

Feet Sent: Walking in His Blessing

***Closing Hymn "Rejoice, O Pure in Heart"**

LUYH 353 vs 1,4

***Benediction**

Postlude "All Glory Be to God on High"

IV arr. R. Haan

Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Choir Director: Jean Schuitman

Choir Accompanist: Julie Hordyk

Organ: Cathy Schaaf

Piano: Mauricio Espinal

Vocalist: Chris Hordyk, Julie 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: River Rock Church in Folsom, CA, is the church that Pastor Tim and Betsy planted in 1998. Pastor Tim was also the interim pastor of this church from 2020-2022. Currently, Pastors Josiah Gorter and Noel DeLuna are leading the congregation. They are continually looking for new ways to reach and disciple people who are seeking God. River Rock covets your prayers and support.

Newcomers Class: If you are new to our congregation and are interested in membership, please join Pastor Tim today, Sunday September 28 and October 5 for our membership class. This will be held in the Adult Ed room (lower level across from the stairs). You are still welcome if you are not signed up. If you have questions, contact Amy Wolffis or Pastor Tim.

Walk-Out Worship: This week, we will welcome our children back to the sanctuary for Communion. The children will have time for singing, engage in their weekly liturgy, review the stories from September and have a response time.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Mary Winkle has been at St. Mary's Hospital. Please continue to pray for healing and for the medical staff treating her. They are also requesting meals, please sign up at: <https://mealtrain.com/w418ke>

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection was held for Joan Loeper on Tuesday. Please remember her children Jonathan & Hailey, Matthew, Cody and Kory in your prayers.

Please continue to pray for *Fred Vanden Brand* as Fred has returned home and continues his recovery with Occupational Therapy.

Jeanne Schuch is recovering from knee surgery. Please pray for continued progress.

Church Announcements:

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

Friendship Club: Calling All Bakers! Please sign up at the Welcome Desk for cookies needed for our Fall Session. If you have questions, please call Ruth Marotti at (616) 886-6216.

Handbell Choir: We will meet today, Sunday, October 5 at 11:30am in the choir room. New members are always welcome. Future rehearsals October 12 & 26. 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.

Mom's Hiking & Fellowship: Let's gather to enjoy the fall colors on Thursday October 9 at 12pm at Hofma Preserve. Meet at this entrance: 13894 168th Ave. Questions, contact Amy Wolffis at (616) 402-8881.

Pictorial Directory: We are offering another photo session at church this Sunday October 5 from 9:15-9:45am (or after the service). Harley Dyk will take your photo in the Atrium along the brick wall. The deadline to submit your Household Photos will be Wednesday October 22.

Sanctuary Choir: Fall rehearsals continue on Thursday October 9, in the choir room. New members are always welcome! Questions, please contact Jean Schuitman at 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 11 from 8-9am. Fall Dates: October 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, October 9 at 1:30pm. Our lessons are on 1st & 2nd 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
Reservations are required online: www.tickettailor.com/events/protectyoungeyes/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.

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

Upcoming October events: Monday, October 6, 6:45-8:30pm, First CRC, the first Regular meeting; Monday, October 20, 5:30-7:30p, Second CRC, Spaghetti Supper - It's our only fundraiser, so save the date and join us for dinner.



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 5, 2025

Projection: Eric Wolffis

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

Sound: Mike Katje

Ushers: Dan Braak (Team 5), Jeff Erickson, Joe & Paula Risselade

Coffee Hosts: Jane DeGroot, Mary Willink, Gabe Schaaf; Gary Roelofs

Nursery: Kari DeLange, Victoria McCarthy

Little Lambs: Sheila Warners, Vivienne McCarthy

Walk Out I: Carla Byma, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Walk Out II: Betsy Blackmon, Ian Clapp

Greeters: John Rycenga, Scott & Lisa Alfree

Parlor Elder: Patti Steigenga, Steve Marotti

Offering: River Rock Church

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: Patti Steigenga, Larry & June Au

Parlor Elder: Jim Warners, Anne Zuidema

Offering: Love in Action - Current Need

Calendar

Sunday, October 5

10:00 AM–Worship Service

11:30 AM- Newcomers Class in Adult Ed room

Monday, October 6

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

Tuesday, October 7

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

7 PM- Friendship Club

7 PM- Leadership Board

Wednesday, October 8

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1 PM – Knitting / Craft Club

5:30 PM – Midweek Gathering

6:30 PM - CHAOS

Thursday, October 9

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1:30 PM- Women’s Bible Hour

7 PM – Sanctuary Choir

Friday, October 10

Office Closed

Saturday, October 11

8:00 AM- Tool Time Men’s Bible Study

Sunday, October 12

10:00 AM–Worship Service

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Guest Registration:

