

Prelude “Look Upon Us, Blessed Lord”
“Holy, Holy”

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The Welcome

***The Greeting**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

***The Call to Worship**

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!
**The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over many waters.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of
holiness!
The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

***The Hymn of Praise** “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

LUYH 571 vs 1-4

***The Psalm**

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward
those who fear him; as far as the east is
from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
**As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion
to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.**

As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field;
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.
**But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on
those who fear him, and his righteousness to children’s children,
to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.
The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules
over all.**

Psalm 103:11–19

The Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities that may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever Amen.

Choir Anthem “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

A.J. Gordon

The Prayer of Blessing

O God, who through the patience of your Son gives even the barren tree another season to grow: Prosper, we pray, the work of your Word in our lives, and in the lives of our children. Dig deep into our hearts and nourish our spirits, so that we who have been spared by your mercy may finally bear the fruit of your love and serve you with a steady faith. Amen.

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

The Gospel Luke 13:6-9

p. 872

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

The Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon “The Barren Fig Tree”

The Prayer of Response

***The Hymn of Response** “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

Whittier/Maker vs. 1,4,5

The Lord's Supper

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.

Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Easter feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

***Song of Praise** "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

LUYH 540 vs 1,4

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us.

In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

The Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth, as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion Songs

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

LUYH 540 vs 2,3

“There Is a Redeemer”

LUYH 833 vs 1,2

“Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

Papa/Bleecker/Bowell

“The Steadfast Love of the Lord”

LUYH 347

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Offering *Reach the Forgotten*

The Offertory “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

arr. R. Haan

***The Sending Song** “The Blessing”

Brown/Carnes/Jobe/Furtick

***The Benediction**

The Postlude “Trumpet Tune”

R. Brunner

Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Liturgist: Erik Veker

Organ & Choir: Jean Schuitman

Piano: Julie Hordyk

Vocalist: Christie VanderHeide, 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: *Reach the Forgotten's* vision is for every incarcerated person to experience new life in Christ and develop healthy family, church and community relationships.

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

Atrium Art Gallery: *The Joy of Nature* is the new exhibit in the Atrium Art Gallery. Featuring local artist Christi M. Dreese, these paintings reflect the extraordinary beauty that she finds as she observes it in the shoreline, woods, and beaches of our area. Take the time to let her talent bring you a sense of the wonder of God's creation as she shares her joy and happiness through color and composition.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Glenn Gronevelt requests continued prayers for healing. He was released from the hospital and is improving daily.

Claudia Alphenaar is turning 90 on March 17. Her family invites the congregation to celebrate with her at an open house on Sunday March 15 from 1-3pm at the Pinewood Community Room, 1500 S. Ferry Street, Grand Haven. (Please park on Ferry as the parking lot is reserved for residents).

Church Announcements:

Newcomers: Are you new to Second CRC? Please plan to attend our Newcomers class on Sundays March 8 and 15, for the opportunity to talk about our core beliefs, hear our story, for us to meet you, and for you to know us better. Please confirm your attendance at the Welcome Desk or email Amy Wolffis at admin@secondcrcgrandhaven.org. Class will be held in the Adult Education room, in the lower level across from the nursery desk.

Pinewood Derby: Rev up your engines and join us on Sunday March 22. Come at 5:00pm, witness the excitement and enjoy fellowship as cars zoom down the track. Pizza will be provided to fuel your enthusiasm. Car building kits and blocks for carving will be available Sunday in the North Hall. Please sign out the Car/Kit you take on the clipboards. Questions, contact Rob Wagenmaker at 616-638-0976.

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

Prayer Volunteers: You may have noticed that our Sunday "prayer of the people" is often delivered by a member of the congregation...one of the people. If you are willing to lift praise and petition to God, please contact Amy Wolffis or Julie Hordyk for more information or to be added to our volunteer list.

Tool Time Men's Bible Study: We will continue our Winter Session on Saturday March 14 at 8:00am at church. Future Dates: Mar 28, Apr 11 & 25, May 9 & 23. Questions, call Tony Razzini at (614) 753-2164.

Vacation Bible School: *Save the Dates of July 13-16.* Our plans are underway, and we need your help for all the amazing adventures in Rainforest Falls! From decoration set up to welcoming faces at the doors and registration tables, to group leaders, to crafts and games. We're looking for over 30 volunteers to help children learn about the Nature of God! Visit the Welcome Desk for volunteer descriptions and see where you can best use your gifts. Please contact Rob or Annie with any questions about volunteering or donating items.

Women's Bible Hour: We will meet for a 9-week session starting on Thursday March 5 at 1:30pm. We will discuss lessons on growing older and wiser. Books are available in the church office for a suggested donation of \$10.

Youth Groups: CHAOS will meet on Wednesday March 4 at 6:30pm. We will continue our study of parables, looking at The Friend at Midnight and the importance of persistent prayer. FOCUS will meet this Sunday March 1 at 6:30pm. They are also studying the parables.

Volunteer Schedule

March 1, 2026

Projection: Paul Marotti

Video: Gary Roelofs, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Jason Zuidema

Sound: Rick Clapp

Ushers: Chris VanStratt, Pierce Van Stratt, Garry Vandenberg

Coffee Hosts: Chris & Jenna Brian - Brinley Wagenmaker;
Rick & Darcie Clapp

Nursery: Kerry Bierma, Ruth Marotti

Little Lambs: Jenna Brian, Sydney Marotti

Walk Out: Carla Byma, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Greeters: Ken Terpstra, Joe & Joy Gasser

Council in Parlor: Jim Warners, Deborah Erickson

Offering: Reach the Forgotten

March 8, 2026

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Paul Marotti, Mark Boelens, Ethan Hodge

Sound: Jim Warners

Ushers: Chris VanStratt, Pierce Van Stratt, Garry Vandenberg

Coffee Hosts: Doug & Cheryl Diephouse; Brian & Kerry Bierma

Nursery: Cathy Brolick, Kari DeLange

Little Lambs: Onika Beswick, Vivienne McCarthy

Walk Out I: Barb Fritz, Elisa Alvarado

Walk Out II: Betsy Blackmon, Gabe Schaaf

Greeters: Ken Terpstra, Joe & Joy Gasser

Council in Parlor: Patti Steigenga, Jim Warners

Offering: Harbor House Ministries

Calendar

Sunday, March 1

10:00 AM–Worship Service

11:30 AM- Bell Rehearsal

6:30 PM – Focus (High School)

Monday, March 2

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1:30 PM – Ping Pong

Tuesday, March 3

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

7 PM – Leadership Board

Wednesday, March 4

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1:00 PM – Knitting/Craft Group

6:30 PM – CHAOS (Middle School)

Thursday, March 5

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 6

Saturday, March 7

Sunday, March 8

10:00 AM – Worship Service

11:30 AM – Newcomers Class

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