

Prelude “And Can It Be”

arr. Innes

The Welcome

***The Greeting**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

***The Call to Worship**

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—
to his own way. The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man,
to see if there are any who seek after God.

**We were wandering like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and
Overseer of our souls. The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

What man among you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them,
does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the one that is lost,
until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

**The Lord is our shepherd; we shall not want. Surely goodness and
mercy shall follow us all the days of our life, and we shall dwell in the house of
the Lord forever.**

***The Hymn of Praise “And Can It Be”**

LUYH 695

***The Psalm**

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.
He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

**he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our
iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;

for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

***The Song of Praise** “How Great Is Our God”

LUYH 574

The Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults.

Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Heavenly Father, we thank you with all our hearts that even when we feel small or weak, you are our strength. We praise you because we are never alone. Though we sometimes face hard things—scary thoughts, the pressures of the world, or our own mistakes—you never leave us without help. Thank you for giving us your Holy Spirit to guide us, helping us stand tall and stay brave through every trick or trial.

Thank you, Father, that we don't have to be afraid of losing our way. By your grace, you help us keep going. We bless your name because we know that, in the end, love wins. We look forward to the day we live with you and your Son, our Protector Jesus Christ, in your kingdom of peace forever.

Amen.

***The Song of Thanksgiving** “Upon a Life”

Bonar/Twit

WOW Kids Choir “The Lord is My Shepherd”
“All We Like Sheep”

The Prayer of Blessing

Almighty God and gracious Father, who from the lips of children have ordained praise and who gathers the lambs in your arms and carries them close to your heart, look with steadfast love upon these little ones entrusted to our care. Grant that they may grow in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, increasing in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man, rooted and built up in Christ, and kept from the evil one. May your word dwell in them richly, your Spirit lead them in paths of righteousness, and your goodness and mercy follow them all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Children 4 years-5th Grade are invited to Walk Out Worship.
They are dismissed at 11:20 from their classrooms in the lower level near the nursery.)

The Gospel Luke 15:1-7

p. 874

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

The Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon “The Lost Sheep”

The Prayer of Response

***The Hymn of Response** “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

LUYH 457

The Prayers of the People

The 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.**

The Offering *Salvation Army*

The Offertory “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

arr. Rogers

***The Sending Song** "Thank You Jesus, For the Blood"

Gayle

***The Benediction**

The Postlude “The Ninety and Nine”

arr. Lorenz

Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Liturgist: Mr. Erik Veker

Flute: Karen Katje

Organ: Cathy Schaaf

Piano: Julie Hordyk

Prayer of the People: Daniel Dykstra

Vocalist: Cherise Vander Heide, Rob Wagenmaker

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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: The *Salvation Army's* mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. They offer spiritual support, empower youth and adults, provide housing and work to cure hunger and overcome poverty.

Walk-Out Worship: Worship Center I: Today our children will hear the story of Mary anointing Jesus' feet and think about what they can do to show Jesus their love.

Worship Center II: Today our children will learn about Jesus' last days in Jerusalem. They will hear the stories of Palm Sunday and Judas' betrayal and see where these events happened in a model size city of Jerusalem.

Profession of Faith: Several of our high school students are meeting with the Elders today after the service in the Parlor to declare their faith in Jesus.

Atrium Art Gallery: Please plan to enjoy a time of questions and answers today with local artist Christi M. Drees, whose *The Joy of Nature* exhibit has brought color and beauty to our Atrium Art Gallery over the past few weeks. Beginning at 11:30, she will tell us a bit about her art, so that we may more deeply see and sense the wonder of God's creation with her and through her painting.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Dave Klaassen passed away on Tuesday, March 17. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held on Tuesday March 24 at 11am at church.

"Thank you for making my 90th Birthday special with your visits, gifts and cards. I am truly blessed with a loving and caring church family." ~ Claudia Alphenaar

Please continue to pray for healing for Curt DeJongh, Glenn Gronewelt and Patti Steigenga.

Church Announcements:

Palm Sunday: Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. We will have a Palm Branch Processional and ask that all who want to participate, particularly our W.O.W. families, arrive by 9:50 to select their Palm Branches. You'll be invited to wave the branches from your seats during the opening hymn and the WOW children will bring theirs forward before they are blessed.

Easter Refreshments: We are looking to have a variety of cookies, bars, and sweet treats after church on Easter Sunday, April 5th. If you like to bake, please see the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk.

Book Club: We will meet on Monday April 13 at 1:30pm in the church parlor to discuss *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston. Questions, please contact Agnus Fisher.

Cookie Bakers: GVSU Campus Ministry continues to thrive as it reaches hundreds of students with the love of Christ. Second CRC have the opportunity to support this ministry by providing refreshments for about 500 students on Sunday, April 19. Our homemade cookies or bars have always been a big hit with the students! If you'd like to help, please bring cookies or brownies to church in freezer bags labeled "GVSU Campus Ministry" and place them on the kitchen counter. ~ Outreach Team

Friendship Club: Our Spring Session begins again on Tuesday, March 24th at 7pm in the North Hall. If you are interested in being part of Friendship Club or just curious about it, you are always welcome to join us for an evening of fellowship and fun. There is a sign-up at the Welcome Desk for cookies/bars. Questions, please call Ruth Marotti at 616-886-6216.

Knitting/Crafters: Agnes DeBoer invited us to come and craft at her house and see her beautiful quilts on Wednesday April 1 from 1-3pm instead of church. Address is: 1450 S. Ferry Street, Apt. 215, Grand Haven.

Pinewood Derby: Rev up your engines and join us tonight Sunday March 22. Come at 5:00pm, witness the excitement and enjoy fellowship as cars zoom down the track.. We will serve pizza and beverages at 5:30pm. All ages welcome. Questions, please 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.

SWAN's: It's time for some fellowship, fun and food, so mark your calendars for Wednesday March 25, 1:30pm at church for BUNCO! Hope to see many of you there.

Tool Time Men's Bible Study: We will continue on Saturday March 28 at 8:00am at church. Future Dates: 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! See the Atrium Table for volunteer descriptions and decide how 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 continue on Thursday March 19 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.

Volunteer Schedule

March 22, 2026

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jim Query, Mark Boelens, Ethan Hodge

Sound: Mike Katje

Ushers: Dennis Schaaf, Mike Katje, Ron Retsema, Bob Wagenmaker

Coffee Hosts: Bob & Manette de Jonge; Daniel Dykstra & Ava Schuyler

Nursery: Kathy Westveld, Rosemary Geertsma

Little Lambs: Amy Wolffis, Reed VanStratt

Walk Out I: Marie Rycenga, Cheryl Diephouse

Walk Out II: Joslyn Wagenmaker, Ian Clapp

Greeters: Anne Zuidema, Lee & Mary Groters

Council in Parlor: Alan VanDyke, Dan Braak

Offering: Salvation Army

March 29, 2026

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Gary Roelofs, Paul Marotti, Jay Brace, Jason Zuidema

Sound: Rick Clapp

Ushers: John Rycenga, Jon Mulder, Jim Sacks, Carl Vertregt

Coffee Hosts: Hank & Carla Byrna; Michelle Metzger, Hazel Smith

Nursery: Mary Wierenga, Kim VanStratt

Little Lambs: Sheila Warners, Sydney Marotti

Walk Out I: Lori Buitendorp, Kyla Zuidema

Walk Out II: Cindy Brace, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Greeters: Alan Van Dyke, Jamie & Amy Goorman

Council in Parlor: Dan Braak, Rick Clapp

Offering: Christian Aid Fund-Second CRC

Calendar

Sunday, March 22

10:00 AM–Worship Service

11:30 AM – Bell Rehearsal

11:30 AM – Art Reception

11:30 AM - Profess of Faith

5:00 PM – Pinewood Derby

Monday, March 23

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1:30 PM – Ping Pong

Tuesday, March 24

9 AM-12 PM – Office Hours

11 AM – Service of Witness for Dave Klaassen

7 PM – Friendship Club

Wednesday, March 25

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1:00 PM – Knitting/Craft Group

6:30 PM – CHAOS (Middle School)

Thursday, March 26

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1:30 PM – Women’s Bible Hour

7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 20

Saturday, March 21

Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday

10:00 AM – Worship Service

6:30 PM – Focus (High School)

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