

**Prelude** “Now With Joyful Exultation”

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**The Welcome**

**The Greeting**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**\*The Call to Worship**

Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Psalms 103:20–22

**\*The Hymn of Praise** “Now With Joyful Exultation”

LUYH 512 vs 1-3

**\*The Psalm**

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

**He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

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.**

Psalms 103:8–17

## **The Confession of Sin**

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**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.**

## **Member Introduction**

*The new members are invited to stand before the congregation.*

## **Welcome**

In your baptism, you were marked as members of Christ's church. It is our joy to welcome you today as members of this congregation. We believe that the Holy Spirit has led you to this congregation at this time for your own good and the good of this congregation. We invite you now to affirm your faith in Christ and express your commitment to the life of this church and mission God has given to us.

## **Vows**

Do you affirm that Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior, that the Bible is God's Word revealing Christ and his redemption, and that the teachings of this church reflect this revelation?

***I do.***

Do you promise to join with us, sharing your gifts, our worship and fellowship, and in the mission God has given us in the world?

***I do.***

*The congregation rises*

Do you promise to receive these new members in love as your brothers and sisters in Christ, support them with your fellowship and prayers, and, recognizing their gifts, invite them into the life and mission of our congregation?

***We do.***

### **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

**\*The Song of Thanksgiving** “How Deep the Father’s Love For Us”

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(Children 4 years-5th Grade are invited to Walk Out Worship, during the 3rd verse. They are dismissed at 11:20 from their classrooms in the lower level near the nursery.)

**The Gospel** Luke 15:8-10

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This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Sermon** “The Lost Coin”

**The Prayer of Response**

**\*The Hymn of Response** “Nothing but the Blood”

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**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 *Resonate - Havelicek*

**The Offertory** "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" arr. Wagner

**\*The Sending Song** "Rejoice, the Lord is King" LUYH 224 vs 1,2,4

## \*The Benediction

**The Postlude** "Rejoice, the Lord is King" arr. Smith

### **Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes**

**Preaching:** Rev. Tim Blackmon

**Liturgist:** Mr. Erik Veker

**Organ:** Cathy Schaaf

**Piano:** Mauricio Espinal

**Prayer of the People:** Cheri Ter Haar

**Vocalist:** Paul LaMaire, Robin Kieft

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 cookies after church so we can meet you!

## This Sunday:

**Today's Ministry Spotlight:** The Havelicek's serve with Resonate Global. You may read their latest update on the mission bulletin board, near the mailboxes.

**Walk-Out Worship:** *Worship Center I:* Today our children will participate in a liturgy of light, seeing how the light of Christ spreads to the world through us.  
*Worship Center II:* Today our children will hear stories about Jesus' resurrection appearances and will learn about the history of painted Easter eggs.

### Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

"We thank God for your prayers and support. John was approved for an MRI, but it must be done at Butterworth due to his ICD. He is currently scheduled May 15th, with instructions to call daily to see if there is a cancellation to get him in sooner. We continue to rely on God for patience as we seek ways to manage the pain." John & Cindy Klinger

### Church Announcements:

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

**Bridal Shower:** Please join us on Saturday, May 16 at 9:30am for brunch to celebrate Ava Rotman's marriage to Ethan Hill in June. They are registered at Amazon.com. Remember, all gifts are to be given anonymously. Please sign up at the welcome desk by Sunday, May 10.

**Cookie Bakers:** GVSU Campus Ministry reaches hundreds of students with the love of Christ. Second CRC has the opportunity to support this ministry by providing refreshments for about 500 students next Sunday, April 19. If you'd like to help, please bring cookies or bars to church in freezer bags labeled "GVSU Campus Ministry" by Sunday morning and place them on the kitchen counter. ~ Outreach Team

**Friendship Club:** Our Spring Session continues Tuesday, April 14 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. There is a sign-up at the Welcome Desk for cookies/bars. Questions, please call Ruth Marotti at 616-886-6216.

**Midweek Gathering:** Our Spring Session will begin on April 29 and run through May 27<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up information will be in next week's emails and bulletin.

**Parents' Night Out:** Parents, save the date for Friday, April 17. Drop your children off at church from 5-8pm for pizza, crafts, and games. Families are encouraged to invite 2 other families to this event, too. Please RSVP to Annie Hoekzema by Wednesday, April 15.

**Pictorial Directory:** You will find a printed Pictorial Directory in your mailbox.

**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:** Please reserve Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30pm for an inspirational Sight and Sound video on the Biblical book of Ruth at church. The video will be 2 hours long, with an intermission and snacks. Questions, contact Carole Ruiter or Barb Hammond.

**Tool Time Men's Bible Study:** We will continue Saturday April 11 at 8:00am at church. Future Dates: Apr 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 Thursday April 16 at 1:30pm. We will discuss lessons on growing older and wiser.

## Volunteer Schedule

### April 12, 2026

**Projection:** Paul Marotti

**Video:** Chuck DeWitt, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Jason Zuidema

**Sound:** Mike Katje

**Ushers:** Ken Terpstra, Jamie Goorman, Les Lewis, Brian Bierma

**Coffee Hosts:** Brian & Barb Fritz; Dottie Sikkema, Carole Ruiter

**Nursery:** Carisa Marotti, Cathy Brolick

**Little Lambs:** Amy Wolffis, Vivienne McCarthy

**Walk Out I:** Sheri Van Duyn Barb Fritz

**Walk-Out II:** Betsy Blackmon, Gabe Schaaf

**Greeters:** Deborah Erickson, Dan & Cheri Holtrop

**Council in Parlor:** Steve Marotti, Tony Razzini

**Offering:** Resonate Global - Havlicek

### April 19, 2026

**Projection:** Eric Wolffis

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

**Sound:** Rick Clapp

**Ushers:** Rick Geertsma, Rosemary Geertsma, Dirk Weesies, Ralph VanDuyn

**Coffee Hosts:** John & Marie Rycenga; Joe & Joy Gasser

**Nursery:** Kari DeLange, Victoria McCarthy

**Little Lambs:** Jane DeGroot, Kyla Zuidema

**Walk Out I:** Marie Rycenga, Elisa Alvarado

**Walk Out II:** Joslyn Wagenmaker, Reed VanStratt

**Greeters:** Steve Marotti, Roger & DeeAnn Hordyk

**Council in Parlor:** Tony Razzini, Dale Schuitema

**Offering:** Missions - Tuls

## Calendar

### **Sunday, April 12**

10:00 AM–Worship Service

### **Monday, April 13**

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1:30 PM – Book Club

1:30 PM – Ping Pong

### **Tuesday, April 14**

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

7 PM – Friendship Club

### **Wednesday, April 15**

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1:00 PM – Knitting/Craft Group

### **Thursday, April 16**

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1:30 PM – Women's Bible Hour

7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, April 17**

Office Closed

### **Saturday, April 18**

### **Sunday, April 19**

10:00 AM – Worship Service

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