

Prelude “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

arr. Haan

The Welcome

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

***The Call to Worship**

The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice and the many coastlands be glad.
**He crowns the humble with victory and
lifts up the lowly in truth.**

Make your hearts steadfast, all who hope in the Lord, and trust in his faithfulness.
**Walk in wisdom, and let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good works.**

For all the treasures of heaven belong to God alone,
and he entrusts us with gifts to be used for his kingdom.

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

LUYH 571 vs 1,3,5

***The Psalm**

Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.
**Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.**

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath; fret not yourself; it leads only to evil.
**For the salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord,
and he will never forsake those who seek him.**

Psalm 37: 3-9

The Confession of Sin

Merciful God, we confess that we have been unfaithful in the responsibilities you have given us. We have sought our own gain, pursued dishonest paths, and neglected what is eternal. Our hearts are divided, our hands not steady, our service inconsistent. Forgive us for our greed, our self-interest, and our lack of wisdom. Renew us, O Lord, that we may be faithful in little and in much, and live as stewards of your gifts in obedience and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A brief moment of silence for individual confession of sin.

The Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news. The Lord does not forget the work of your hands and knows the faithfulness of your heart. Jesus Christ calls the lost, restores the humble, and strengthens the faithful.

All who repent and trust in him are freed from sin and brought into the joy of his kingdom. In Christ, your sins are forgiven, and you are entrusted with the riches of grace.

Amen.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, we thank you for your wisdom and guidance.

We rejoice that you call us to serve faithfully, not for earthly reward but for your glory.

You have taught us that those who are faithful in little will be entrusted with much.

We praise you for your patience with our weakness and your steadfast love that does not fail.

Help us to use our time, talents, and treasures wisely,

so that your kingdom may come, and your name be honored in all we do.

Amen.

***The Prayer of Blessing**

**Almighty God,
Bless these children with understanding hearts and faithful spirits.
Teach them to use what they are given wisely, to serve you in joy and integrity.
Keep them from choosing what is easy over what is right and lead them to
delight in your ways all their days. Strengthen them in honesty, courage, and
love, that they may honor you in all they do; 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 Scripture Reading "Psalm 49"

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

The Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon "Nothing a Good General Resurrection Can't Fix"

The Prayer of Response

***The Hymn of Response "He Will Hold Me Fast"**

Habersham/Merker

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 *Christian Leaders Institute*

The Offertory "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"

arr. Johnson

***The Sending Song** “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

LUYH 193 vs 1,5,7

***The Benediction**

The Postlude “Praise the Savior, Now and Ever-arr. Lohmeyer

Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Derek Buikema

Liturgist: Rev. Jay Knochenhauer

Organ: Cathy Schaaf

Piano: Julie Hordyk

Prayer of the People: Alishia Terrill

Vocalist: Amy Goorman, Patrice Frantz

WOW Director: Annie Hoekzema

WOW Musicians: Mauricio Espinal, Amy Goorman, Elisa Alvarado

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: Christian Leaders Institute’s team is mission-focused and student-oriented. Diverse in background and experience, each team member is passionate about spreading the Gospel and fostering spiritual growth. The team is dedicated to providing high-quality online training and support to students from all walks of life.

Walk-Out Worship: Worship Center I: Today our children will continue in our Easter joy and will learn about Jesus reinstating Peter.

Worship Center II: Today our children will continue in our Easter joy and will learn about the birthday of the church: Pentecost.

Musical Gift of Gratitude: As an expression of gratitude to the church and a way to thank God for the arrival of Spring, Mauricio Espinal invites you to a special musical offering, *“Echoes of the Heart: Piano Improvisations,”* today Sunday April 26 at 11:30am. This will be a 20 minute unscripted journey of spiritual renewal and reflection through the keys.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Please pray for Stan Teunis, he is scheduled for a procedure on Monday April 27.

“Thank you for your prayers. I was concerned that I would be too sick to keep up with my radiation treatments. God answered your prayers in amazing ways and within days my cold and flu symptoms were gone. I feel very blessed to be a member of Second where people are so kind and pray so faithfully. I am very grateful for you all.” ~ Bobbi Erdmann

“A Gracious ‘Thanks’ was given by The Well/GVSU’s Campus Ministry. The great variety of cookies from 2nd CRC and other snacks were eagerly welcomed! Thanks be to God for our generous congregation and these faithful young people!” ~ The Outreach Team

Church Announcements:

Audio/Visual Volunteers: We need help in the booth with camera operation, projection, audio for streaming and video streaming. The commitment is one Sunday per month. The ministry is a vital part of the outreach of our church, not only to our members who cannot be present, but to those looking for a church home. If you have interest in serving, please contact Jason Zuidema (616-638-1319 / zuid98@gmail.com) or Harley Dyk (616-502-4593 / harleydyk@yahoo.com) to learn more. You are always welcome to spend a service in the booth to see what each position involves or stop by after the service.

Bridal Shower: Please join us 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. Sign up at the Welcome Desk by Sunday, May 10.

Friendship Club: Our Spring Session continues Tuesday, April 28 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. Questions, please call Ruth Marotti at 616-886-6216.

Synod Volunteers: Second CRC is the convening (host) church for Synod 2026. Are you willing to drive a golf cart for a few hours around Calvin University? Often referred to as the best job at synod, volunteers support delegates with golf cart rides. Synod needs drivers every day at different times during their June 12-18, 2026 meetings. Please sign up online at: www.signup.com/go/igYLABH or contact Jeff Bolt at 616-224-0817.

Tool Time Men’s Bible Study: Our spring session concludes on Saturday May 9. Questions, call Tony Razzini at (614) 753-2164.

Women’s Bible Hour: We will conclude our session on Thursday April 30 at 1:30pm.



MIDWEEK GATHERING

Spring Session: Weds. April 29- Weds. May 27, 2026
Dinner at 5:30pm | Bible Study at 6:30pm
Register Online or at the Welcome Desk.

The Life of Renewal: Recovering the Roots of Spiritual Vitality *with Pastor Tim*

Why do some congregations flourish while others remain stagnant? Why do we drift through seasons of spiritual decline, and—more importantly—how do we navigate the path back to growth?

Spiritual vitality in a church is rarely an accident; it is the result of a community intentionally preparing the "soil" for the Spirit's work. In this five-week course, we will explore the essential preconditions for renewal, from addressing the roots of spiritual lethargy to recovering a deep, functional Gospel-centeredness.

Using Richard Lovelace's *Dynamics of Renewal* as our roadmap, we will investigate the specific theological and practical commitments that transform a congregation into a vibrant, outward-facing presence. Join us as we rediscover the primary elements of a healthy church and learn to embrace renewal, not as a seasonal event, but as a way of life.

A Living Member Forever:

The Beauty and Necessity of the Church in the Three Forms of Unity *with Erik Veker*

Belonging to the church is not optional. It is a living reality into which believers are placed and sustained—for their good and the glory of God. The Three Forms of Unity are not relics of the past. They are rich, precise, and alive with a vision of the church that is beautiful and necessary.

We will spend most of our time in the Belgic Confession and Heidelberg Catechism—lingering where the Catechism calls believers not merely individuals with private faith but living members of Christ's body. That changes everything. It shapes how we see Christ, ourselves, and how we endure until the Day. I want you to love the church. Not abstractly. Not cautiously. But with settled affection. What a joy to be held by Christ and placed among his people. In him—we are living members forever.

Midweek Kids:

Children will learn about spring storms to better understand the wonders of our God. We will learn about His power and might and how we can trust and rest in His control.

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.



Vacation Bible School

July 13- 16, 2026 | 9:00am-11:30am

Calling all kids to Join our Exploration of the Nature of God in Rainforest Falls!

Registration for VBS is now *Open* on our [website](#). Please invite your friends and sign-up. Also, we still need volunteers from decoration set up to welcoming faces at the doors and registration tables, to group leaders, to crafts and games. See the *Atrium Table* for volunteer descriptions and decide how you can best use your gifts. Please contact Rob or Annie with any questions.

Volunteer Schedule

April 26, 2026

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Paul Marotti, Mark Boelens, Harley Dyk

Sound: Rick Clapp

Ushers: Dan Braak, Jeff Erickson, Joe & Paula Risselade

Coffee Hosts: Rick & Rosemary Geertsma; Lee & Mary Groters

Nursery: Mary Terpstra, Kathy Westveld

Little Lambs: Cherise VanderHeide, Sheila Warners

Walk Out I: Mary Winkle, Cheryl Diephouse

Walk Out II: Annie Hoekzema, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Greeters: Tony Razzini, Jon & Ann Kaemingk

Council in Parlor: Dale Schuitema, Dennis Schaaf

Offering: Christian Leaders Institute

May 3, 2026

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Harley Dyk, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

Sound: Todd Cunningham

Ushers: Ron Brouwer Dave VanderHeide, Rob Wagenmaker, Doug Zuidema

Coffee Hosts: Kathy Hardy; Jill Gallagher; Roger & Dee Ann Hordyk;

Nursery: Mabelle Knochenhauer, Mary Wierenga

Little Lambs: Jenna Brian, Manette deJonge

Walk Out: Cindy Brace, Ian Clapp

Greeters: Alan Van Dyke

Council in Parlor: Dennis Schaaf, Ken Terpstra

Offering: Mosaic Counseling

Calendar

Sunday, April 26

10:00 AM–Worship Service

11:30 AM – “Echoes of the Heart Piano Improvisations”

Monday, April 27

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1:30 PM – Book Club

1:30 PM – Ping Pong

Tuesday, April 28

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

7 PM – Friendship Club

Wednesday, April 29

9 AM-12 PM – Office Hours

1:00 PM – Knitting/Craft Group

5:30 PM – Midweek Dinner

6:30 PM – Midweek Bible Study

6:30 PM – CHAOS Middle School

Thursday, April 30

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1:30 PM – Women’s Bible Hour

7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 1

Office Closed

Saturday, May 2

Sunday, May 3

10:00 AM – Worship Service

6:30 PM – Focus High School

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