

Prelude “When Morning Guilds the Skies”
“Fanfare on Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

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Choral Introit “Carol of the Paschal Lamb”

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The Welcome

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

***The Call to Worship**

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
O Universe, dance around God’s throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the victorious trumpet of salvation!

**Rejoice, O earth, in glory, revealing the splendor of your creation,
radiant in the brightness of your triumphant King!
Christ has conquered! Now his life and glory fill you!
Darkness vanishes for ever!**

Rejoice, O Church of God! Exult in glory!
The risen Savior, our Lord of life, shines upon you!
Let all God’s people sing and shout for joy.

***The Hymn of Praise** “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

LUYH 182 vs. 1-4

***The Psalm**

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord,
“You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”
**As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.**

The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

**The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.
I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
**Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.**

You make known to me the path of life;
**in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Psalm 16

***The Song of Praise** "Behold Our God"

Sovereign Grace

The Confession of Sin

**Almighty God, you raised your Son Jesus Christ from the dead,
loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.
Yet we confess that we have still walked in the oldness of sin,
setting our minds on earthly things, and not on things above, where Christ is
seated at your right hand. We have lived as though the grave still had victory
and have not reckoned ourselves dead to sin and alive to you in Christ Jesus.
Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us, and raise us with Christ, that we may walk
in newness of life, seeking the things that are above, to the praise of your
glorious grace. Amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in great mercy caused us to be born again
to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
declares to you that your sins are forgiven.
Christ was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.
Death has been swallowed up in victory, and the sting of death is no more for those
who are in Christ Jesus. There is now no condemnation for those who are in
him. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
**Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God of life, you have brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant.

We praise you for your mighty power and saving grace.

You have caused light to shine out of darkness, and have given us the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

We rejoice in the living hope you have given us.

Because he lives, we shall live also, and nothing in all creation can separate us from your love in Christ.

We give you thanks for the victory over sin and death.

Establish us in every good work, that our lives may declare that Christ is risen indeed.
To you be glory, now and forever. Amen.

***The Song of Thanksgiving** “Come People of the Risen King”

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***The Prayer of Blessing**

Most loving Father, you teach us to give thanks for everything and to remember that you are always with us. Help us to bring all our worries to the One who truly cares for us. Keep us from being afraid or anxious about the world. Let no dark clouds hide the light of your eternal love—the love you showed us in your Son, 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 Mark 16:1-8

p. 853

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon “Felix Culpa”

The Prayer of Response

***The Hymn of Response** “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

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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 Elim Christian Services

The Offertory “Easter Celebration!”

D. Besig

***The Sending Song** “Thine is The Glory”

LUYH 187

***The Benediction**

The Postlude “Worthy Is The Lamb”

G. F. Handel

Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Brass: Paul LaMaire, Jeff Erickson, Chris Hordyk, Dennis Schaaf

Liturgist: Mr. Erik Veker

Organ, Bells & Choir Director: Jean Schuitman

Piano: Julie Hordyk

Prayer of the People: Joanne Query

Vocalist: Patrice Frantz, Amy Goorman

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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: Elim Christian Services supports children and adults with disabilities in leading their fullest, God-given lives.

Walk-Out Worship: Today we will joyously gaze at the empty tomb mural to interactively retell and marvel at this miraculous story together.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

John Klinger has been suffering with severe sciatica pain causing limited mobility for the last month. Please pray that medical team is able to determine how to manage the pain.

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 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 bars to church in freezer bags labeled "GVSU Campus Ministry" and place them on the kitchen counter. ~ Outreach Team

Friendship Club: Our Spring Session continues on Tuesday, April 7 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.

Newcomers: If you attended our New Member classes (even if you missed a week), please note that our Membership Introduction will be on Sunday, April 12th.

Office Hours: The office will have limited hours this week Monday April 6- Friday April 10. If you have an urgent pastoral need, please contact your Care Elder or Pastor Tim.

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 21st 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 on 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 on Thursday April 9 at 1:30pm. We will discuss lessons on growing older and wiser.

Volunteer Schedule

April 5- Easter Sunday

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Gary Roelofs, Paul Marotti, Mark Boelens, Ethan Hodge

Sound: Todd Cunningham

Ushers: Curt DeJongh, Chris Hordyk, Mike Katje, Bob Wagenmaker

Coffee Hosts: Glen & Jan Gronevelt; Jay & Cindy Brace

Nursery: Laura Knochenhauer, Kerry Bierma

Little Lambs: Jenna Brian, Onika Beswick

Walk Out: Annie Hoekzema

Greeters: Deborah Erickson, Ron & Sherry Herrington

Council in Parlor: Deborah Erickson, Steve Marotti

Offering: Elim Christian Services

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 Ruiters

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

Calendar

Easter Sunday, April 5

10:00 AM–Worship Service

Monday, April 6

9 AM-12 PM – Office Hours

1:30 PM – Ping Pong

Tuesday, April 7

Office Closed

7 PM – Friendship Club

Wednesday, April 8

9 AM-12 PM – Office Hours

1:00 PM – Knitting/Craft Group

Thursday, April 9

Office Closed

1:30 PM – Women's Bible Hour

7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 10

Office Closed

Saturday, April 11

8:00 AM – Tool Time

Sunday, April 12

10:00 AM – Worship Service

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