

**Prelude** “For the Beauty of the Earth”  
“Praise to the Lord”

G. Young  
D. Cherwien

**Choral Introit** “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

J. Krug

**The Welcome**

**The Greeting**

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

**\*The Call to Worship**

Blessed is the one who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments.  
**His delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.**

The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.  
**The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.**

The Lord is our refuge and our fortress, our stronghold in times of trouble.  
**Let us walk in obedience and love, and treasure the riches of his mercy.**

**\*The Hymn of Praise** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

LUYH 575

**\*The Psalm**

Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,  
who greatly delights in his commandments!  
**His descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches are in his house,  
and his righteousness endures forever.  
**Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;  
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

It is well with the one who deals generously and lends freely,  
who conducts his affairs with justice.

**For he will never be moved;  
the righteous will be remembered forever.**

**\*The Song of Praise** “Great are You Lord”

Ingram/Jordan/Leonard

### **The Confession of Sin**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have lived as if this world is all there is.**

**We have been indifferent to the needs of others, blind to suffering,  
and captivated by comfort and wealth.**

**Our hearts have been hard, our eyes closed to your warnings and your word.  
Forgive us, O Lord, for our selfishness and neglect. Teach us to honor you in life  
and in death, and to use your gifts for your glory and the good of our neighbors;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*A brief moment of silence for individual confession of sin.*

### **The Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news.

God is rich in mercy and calls us to repentance, not condemnation. Jesus Christ,  
though poor, was rich for our sake, that through his obedience we might inherit  
eternal life. Those who turn to him in faith are clothed in his righteousness,  
and their sins are forgiven. In Christ, you are accepted, restored, and given hope  
that endures forever.

**Amen.**

**Choral Anthem** “How Lovely are Thy Dwellings”

J. Carter

### **\*The Prayer of Blessing**

Gracious Father, bless these children with hearts that notice the needs of others.  
**Teach them generosity, compassion, and faithfulness in all they do.**

Keep them from selfishness, and guide them in the ways of truth and love.

**May they grow in understanding of your Word and delight in following your  
commands, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

**The Scripture Reading** “Luke 16:1-15”

p. 875

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Sermon** “The Parable of the Dishonest Manager”

**The Prayer of Response**

**\*The Hymn of Response** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

LUYH 175

**The Lord’s Supper**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our creator. You have given us life and second birth in your Spirit.

Once we were no people, but now we are your people.

You claimed Israel as your chosen nation and raised up the church as a witness to the resurrection, breathing into it your life and power.

From worlds apart, you gathered us together.

When we go astray, you welcome us home. Always, your love has been steadfast.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## The Prayers of the People

*conclude with 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 Words of Institution

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
“Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”  
In the same way he took the cup, saying: “This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.” Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

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| <b>The Communion Songs</b> | “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”         | LUYH 737 |
|                            | “Behold the Lamb”                  | LUYH 840 |
|                            | “In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified” | LUYH 861 |

## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom.

**And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Offering** *Mosaic Counseling*

**The Offertory** “I Love to Tell the Story”

W. Fischer

**\*The Sending Song** “Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me”

City Alight, vs 1,4

**\*The Benediction**

**The Postlude** “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

G. Young

**Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes**

**Preaching:** Rev. Tim Blackmon

**Organ & Choir Director:** Jean Schuitman

**Piano:** Julie Hordyk

**Vocalist:** Chris Hordyk, 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 cookies after church so we can meet you!

### This Sunday:

**Today’s Ministry Spotlight:** Mosaic Counseling provides accessible and affordable professional mental health services, including an Employee Assistance program, Suicide Prevention training and a School Outreach program in eight West Michigan school districts.

**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 of Easter and have a response time.

### Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Please continue to pray for Stan Teunis. He is recovering at home from his procedure on Monday.

Prayers are requested for MaryJo Schaaf who will be having hernia surgery on May 6. She plans to be in Holland Hospital for a day or two.

Heartfelt thanks to Mike Buitendorp for the beautiful tulips, daffodils and hyacinths he planted in the parking lot garden and in front of church in loving memory of his mother, Mary. We loved her too and will think of her as we enjoy the flowers.

### Church Announcements:

**Audio/Visual Volunteers:** We need help in the A/V 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, May 5 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](http://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.



# 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.

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# 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

### 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

### May 10, 2026

**Projection:** Dan Braak

**Video:** Chuck DeWitt, Paul Marotti, Mark Boelens, Jason Zuidema

**Sound:** Mike Katje

**Ushers:** Team 7 -Dale Schuitema, Kraig Brolick, Cathy Brolick, Garry VandenBerg

**Coffee Hosts:** Jamie & Amy Goorman - Reed Van Stratt; Carl Vertregt

**Nursery:** Kim VanStratt, Ruth Marotti

**Little Lambs:** Amy Wolffis Vivienne McCarthy

**Walk Out I:** Barb Fritz, Kyla Zuidema

**Walk Out II:** Annie Hoekzema, Rio Gasser

**Greeters:** Dennis Schaaf, David & Robin Kieft

**Council in Parlor:** Ken Terpstra, Patti Steigenga

**Offering:** Friendship Club of Second

## Calendar

### **Sunday, May 3**

10:00 AM–Worship Service

11:30 AM – Bell Choir

6:30 PM – Focus High School

### **Monday, May 4**

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1:30 PM – Ping Pong

### **Tuesday, May 5**

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

12 PM – Leadership Board

7 PM – Friendship Club

### **Wednesday, May 6**

9 AM-1 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, May 7**

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

### **Friday, May 8**

Office Closed

### **Saturday, May 9**

8:00AM - Tool Time

### **Sunday, May 10**

10:00 AM – Worship Service

### **Connect with Second CRC**

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