

Prelude “Here I Am to Worship”
“10,000 Reasons”

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The Welcome

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

***The Call to Worship**

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

The Lord hears when the righteous cry and delivers them out of all their troubles.
The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Let us call upon him while he is near.
We will seek the Lord and not lose heart.

***The Hymn of Praise** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

LUYH 538 vs 1,2,4

***The Psalm**

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
**He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock.**

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust.
He does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie.

Psalm 40

***The Song of Praise** “All Who Are Thirsty”

Brown/Thompson

The Confession of Sin

Faithful God, we confess that we have not prayed as we ought. We have grown weary and fainthearted and have not trusted that you hear us. We have doubted your justice and have sought our own way instead of waiting on you. Forgive us for our unbelief and impatience. Teach us to call upon you day and night, to trust in your perfect timing, and to walk by faith and not by sight; 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 is compassionate and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not ignore the cries of his people but hears and answers in his perfect wisdom. Jesus Christ ever lives to make intercession for us, and those who draw near to God through him are saved to the uttermost. Therefore, all who trust in him are forgiven and received. In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven, and your prayers are heard.
Amen.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, you hear the cries of your people and do not turn away.
We thank you that you are near to all who call upon you in truth.

You are righteous in all your ways and faithful in all your works.
We praise you that you will bring about justice for your people.

You strengthen those who wait for you and renew their hope.
We rejoice that our labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Teach us to pray without ceasing and to trust you in all things.
To you be glory and honor forever. Amen.

***The Song of Thanksgiving “Ten Thousand Reasons”**

LUYH 559

***The Prayer of Blessing**

Heavenly Father, teach these children to call upon you with faith and trust.
Give them hearts that are steadfast and patient in prayer.

Keep them from discouragement and remind them that you hear them
and care for them.

**May they grow in faith, trusting your goodness all their days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

The Scripture Reading “Luke 16:19-31”

p. 876

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

The Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon “The Rich Man & Lazarus”

The Prayer of Response

***The Hymn of Response “Rock of Ages”**

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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 *Friendship Club*

The Offertory “How Deep the Father's Love for Us”

arr. Koerts

***The Sending Song** “Before the Throne of God Above”

LUYH 682 vs 1,3

***The Benediction**

The Postlude “There is Power in the Blood”

arr. Berry

Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Mr. Erik Veker

Liturgist: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Piano: Julie Hordyk

Prayer of the People: Henk Ottens

Vocalist: Robin Kieft, Paul LaMaire

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: *Friendship Club at Second*, is an outreach program designed for intellectually challenged people. This is an hour of praising God, hearing Bible Stories, and spending time with mentors, reflecting on what they heard as they enjoy a snack and make a small craft to take home as a reminder of the evening. Thank you to all who have helped make this program successful this year with leading in worship, presenting the lesson, providing and serving snacks, or being there as a mentor and special friend to the members.

Walk-Out Worship: *Worship Center I:* Today our children will hear the story of Jesus' ascension. They will be challenged to think about this story every time they look into the sky this week.

Worship Center II: Today our children will continue to hear the story of what happened after the "birthday" of the Church and how the early believers began to step out boldly, proclaiming their Good News "in Jesus' name".

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Please pray for Carol Brouwer, who will be having a procedure on Monday, May 18th to implant a spinal cord stimulator to help control her chronic back pain. Please pray for successful surgery and recovery.

Please pray for Steve Holtrop and family as his brother Dan is entering hospice care after a 15 month battle with cancer. Dan is a nephew of Shirley Kuiper.

MaryJo Schaaf had successful surgery on Wednesday. Please pray for healing and a complete recovery.

Please continue to pray for Stan Teunis and Ruth Smant.

Church Announcements:

Audio/Visual Volunteers: We need help with camera operation, projection, audio for streaming and video streaming. The commitment is one Sunday per month. This ministry is a vital part of the outreach of our church. If you are interested, 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 today, Sunday, May 10th.

Friendship Club: Our Spring Fling will be next Tuesday, May 12 at 7pm in the Sanctuary. The congregation is warmly invited to attend. Thank you to all who baked cookies or bars for our Spring season. They are greatly appreciated by all the friends and mentors

Knitting Group: Mary Sytsma invited us to come and craft at her house on Wednesday May 13 from 1-3pm instead of meeting at the church. Her address is: 14025 Bayou Ridge Circle, Grand Haven.

SWANS: We are excited to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the SWAN's with a luncheon at the Spring Lake Country Club at 12pm (noon) on May 19! Reservations *ARE* needed by Friday, May 15! The cost is \$15, payable to Carole Ruiters at 616-502-2015. Please call Barb Hammond at 616-485-7595, if you need a ride.

Synod Volunteers: We are the 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. To volunteer, please sign up online www.signup.com/go/igYLABH or contact Jeff Bolt at 616-224-0817.

Young Families/Adults Bonfire Nights: Join us at Kase and Laura Knochenhauer's home for relaxed summer bonfires intended for young families, couples, and adults in a similar stage of life. Enjoy a casual, kid-friendly evening with light snacks provided, please bring your own drinks and lawn chairs. Come and go as you're able between 6:00–8:30pm starting on Tuesday May 19th. Future Dates: June 9, July 21 and August 11.



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

May 10, 2026

Projection: Eric Wolffis

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: Ruth & Steve Marotti; Carl Vertregt

Nursery: Kim VanStratt, Ruth Marotti

Little Lambs: Onika Beswick, 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

May 17, 2026

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Mark Boelens, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

Sound: Rick Clapp

Ushers: Team 8: Roger Hordyk, Dan Holtrop, John Buitenhuis, Paul Marotti

Coffee Hosts: Ron & Sherry Herrington; Dan & Cheri Holtrop

Nursery: Cathy Brolick, Kari DeLange

Little Lambs: Amy Wolffis, Sydney Marotti, Amy Bunce

Walk Out I: Carla Byma, Deb Wagenmaker

Walk Out II: Joslyn Wagenmaker, Dawn Rotman

Greeters: Ken Terpstra, Jay & Mabelle Knochenhauer

Council in Parlor: Patti Steigenga, Jim Warners

Offering: Mission: Umran & Zaki

Calendar

Sunday, May 10

10:00 AM–Worship Service

Monday, May 11

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1:30 PM – Ping Pong

Tuesday, May 12

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

7 PM – Friendship Club Spring Fling

7PM – Full Council

Wednesday, May 13

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

5:30 PM – Midweek Dinner

6:30 PM – Midweek Bible Study

6:30 PM – CHAOS Middle School

Thursday, May 14

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

Friday, May 15

Office Closed

Saturday, May 16

Sunday, May 17

10:00 AM – Worship Service

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