

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude “How Firm a Foundation”

arr. Martin

The Greeting

*The Mutual Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

*The Call to Worship

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children,
so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

We Worship God

***The Opening Hymn** “How Firm a Foundation”

LUYH 427 vs 1,2,4,5

*The Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you have commanded us to love you with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind and with all our strength: teach us your way, that we may walk in your truth; unite our hearts to fear your name; and transform us

by the renewal of our minds, that we may discern what is your good and acceptable and perfect will, and gladly do it. So form in us, and in the generation rising after us, not only right knowledge of you but true love for you and willing obedience to you, until every part of us belongs to Christ; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***The Opening Song** "Build My Life"

Younkers/Marin/Kaple/Redman/Barrett

We Confess & Are Assured of Grace

The Call to Confession

Psalm 78 calls us not to be like the generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God, therefore let us confess our sin together.

The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have heard your words and have not done them. We honor you with our lips, but our hearts are often far from you. We have filled our minds with knowledge of you while our hearts stayed cold, and we have been stirred by your word while our wills refused to obey. We have taught our children what to believe without showing them what it is to love you and follow you, and we have built on the sand of our own good intentions. Forgive us, Lord. Take our divided hearts and make them whole. Write your law within us, that we may delight to do your will. Amen.

The Words of Assurance

Hear the good news. Where our wills have failed, Christ's did not. He came into the world saying, "Behold, I have come to do your will, O God," and he did it, all the way to the cross. "And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." Your house does not stand on the strength of your obedience, but on his. And the God who began this work has promised to finish it: "I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes." In the name of Jesus Christ: you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hebrews 10:7, 10; Ezekiel 36:27

Song "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

LUYH 746

God Speaks & We Receive His Word

The Prayer of Blessing for Children

Parents and members of this covenant family: will you commit yourselves, again this week, to disciple the mind, heart, and will, trusting not in your own strength, but in the grace of God who works in you both to will and to work for his good pleasure?

We will, God helping us.

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. May you know and treasure Christ all your days, for the glory of God and the joy of every generation to come. Amen.

(Children 4 years-5th Grade are invited to Walk Out Worship.
Parents may pick up their children at 11:30 in the Lower Level.)

The Prayer of Illumination

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that we — and the generation rising after us — may be complete, equipped for every good work. Open our eyes now to see what you would teach us about discipling the mind, heart, and will. **Amen.**

The Scripture Reading Romans 12:1-2

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

The Sermon The Great Renovation

We Respond in Faith

***The Song of Response** “May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”

LUYH 334

The Offering *Love In Action* – Housing Collaborative

The Offertory “May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

arr. Blessing

God Sends Us Out

***The Closing Hymn** “Take My Life and Let it Be”

LUYH 863 vs1,2,5

***The Benediction**

The Postlude “Foundation”

arr. Held

Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Organ: Cathy Schaaf

Piano: Mauricio Espinal

Prayers of the People: Paul LaMaire

Vocalists: Amy Goorman, Joslyn 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: Love in Action's Housing Collaborative combines the support of local churches, GHACF, and the community. The focus of HMC is to prevent homelessness and to keep families safely in their homes with light, heat, and the ability to prepare meals.

Worship Center I: This week our children will learn about Samuel's birth. They will see how Hannah remained faithful in her promise to God.

Worship Center II: This week our children will begin a study of one of the sources of "Living Water" as the children become more familiar with the Bible. They will see that the Bible has many books, 2 major divisions, and notice how they are grouped together. We also will learn more about flowers as an offering and welcome a special guest.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Please pray for full recovery for Mike Katje as he had abdominal surgery on Monday.

Please continue to pray for healing and recovery for Garrison following his recent surgery. “God has been merciful unto us and blessed us and shown us the light of his countenance, and been merciful unto us.” ~ Garrison Koch

Please be in prayer for Joe Gasser as he is scheduled for a heart procedure on October 16 at the Cleveland Clinic.

Please pray for Eileen Harnden as she will be undergoing gallbladder surgery on October 13.

Please pray for Jack & Ruth Smart as Ruth is now receiving Hospice Care and Jack had a procedure done on his back Wednesday and is recovering.

Church Announcements:

Book Club: Join us to discuss The Great Gatsby on Monday, November 11 at 1:30 in the parlor. All are welcome!

Ping Pong: Join us Monday, October 5th at 1:30pm in the Lower Level. If you have questions, please see Dale Schuitema.

New Members Classes: New Members classes will be held November 8th and 15th.

SWANs: Tuesday, October 20 we will tour the Holland Bowl Mill factory followed by lunch at James St. Restaurant. Carpool from church at 10AM. Reservations are REQUIRED by October 15. Please contact Carole at 616-502-2015. Drivers will be needed.

Volunteer Schedule

October 11, 2026

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Dan Wagenmaker, Paul Marotti, Jay Brace, Jason Zuidema

Sound: Jim Warners

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

Coffee Hosts: David & Cherise Vander Heide; Alan & Cynde Van Dyke

Nursery: Victoria McCarthy, Carissa Marotti

Little Lambs: Sheila Warners, Gloria Russell, Alice Hendricks

Walk Out I: Barb Fritz, Reed VanStratt

Walk Out II: Annie Hoekzema, Rio Gasser

Greeters: Larry Au; John & Marie Rycenga

Council in Parlor: Alan VanDyke, Dan Braak

Offering: Love In Action - Current Need

October 18, 2026

Projection: Paul Marotti

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

Sound: Todd Cunningham

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

Coffee Hosts: Dan & Sally Wagenmaker; Dale & Norma Schuitema

Nursery: Laura Knochenhauer, Kerry Bierma

Little Lambs: Onika Beswick, Sydney Marotti

Walk Out I: Marie Rycenga, Elisa Alvarado

Walk Out II: Cindy Brace, Gabe Schaaf

Greeters: Alan VanDyke; Jim & Dawn Sacks

Council in Parlor: Dan Braak, Larry Au

Offering: Faith Promise - Slager

Calendar

Sunday, October 11

10:00AM – Worship Service

11:30AM – Bell Choir Rehearsal

Monday, October 12

9AM-1PM – Office Hours

1:30PM – Ping Pong

Tuesday, October 13

9AM-1PM – Office Hours

5PM – Leadership Meeting

7PM – Care Teams Meeting

7PM-8PM – Friendship Club

Wednesday, October 14

9AM-1PM – Office Hours

1PM – Knitting/Craft Group

5:30PM – Midweek Meal

6:30PM – Midweek Teaching

Thursday, October 15

9AM-1PM – Office Hours

1:30PM – Women's Bible Hour

7:00PM – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 16

Office Closed

Saturday, October 17

8:00AM – Tool Time

Sunday, October 18

10:00AM – Worship Service

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Rooted: Discovering the Gospel Together

Our Midweek Gathering is a seven-week series built around one question:
how do we pass on a living faith to the next generation?

Each Wednesday opens with dinner at 5:30, followed by teaching (children's and youth ministry provided), and each week's theme carries into Sunday morning as well.

This is for the parent rocking a newborn at 2 a.m., wondering how to raise a child who loves Jesus. It's for the grandparent who keeps praying, keeps encouraging, keeps pointing grown children and grandchildren back to Jesus. It's for the teacher shaping young hearts every week—here at Second and in classrooms across our community. It's for the young adult still working out what you believe.

And it's for every leader entrusted with shepherding this church— elders, deacons, care volunteers. Every single one of you has a part to play in raising up the next generation.

Together, we'll explore seven commitments for becoming rooted and grounded in the gospel:

1. Embrace a biblical vision for the faith of the next generation.
2. Foster a robust partnership between church and home.
3. Teach the breadth and depth of the whole counsel of God.
4. Proclaim the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.
5. Disciple the mind, heart, and will.
6. Pray with dependence on God's sovereign grace.
7. Inspire worship of God, for the glory of God.

Sign Up at the Welcome Desk or online at: <https://bit.ly/4i1az4J>

