

## God Calls Us to Worship

**Prelude** “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

arr. A. Sherman

**Introit** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

arr. D. Wagner

### 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** “Rejoice, You Righteous, in the Lord”

LUYH 22

## **\*The Opening Prayer**

Almighty and ever-present God, by your fatherly hand you uphold heaven and earth and every creature, so that not even a sparrow falls to the ground apart from you, and the very hairs of our heads are all numbered. Your Son has taught us that you know what we need before we ask you. Give us grace, then, to pray, not as people who must persuade an unwilling God or carry the world on our own shoulders, but as children who bring every need to a Father who already holds all things.

**Free us from anxious care, and in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, teach us to make our requests known to you, trusting that you work all things together for good for those who love you. And let the generation rising after us learn from our prayers that their lives, too, are held not by chance but by your hand; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **\*The Opening Song “Ancient Words”**

LUYH 762

### **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 not prayed as people who depend on you. We have worked as if the growth of your kingdom and the faith of our children rested on our effort, and we have worried as if it rested on our control. We rise early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil, and we do not have because we do not ask. When we cannot see the seed growing, we lose heart, or we stop praying altogether. Forgive our prayerlessness and our restless striving. Teach us to sow faithfully, to pray without ceasing, and to trust you with the harvest. Amen.**

#### **The Words of Assurance**

Hear the good news. Our prayers have been weak and few, but the Lord Jesus has never stopped praying for us. "He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them."

And when we do not know what to pray, "the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words." Your faith does not stand on the strength of your prayers, but on his. In the name of Jesus Christ: you are forgiven.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

**Choral Anthem** "Rooted in the Lord of Ages"

Mauricio Espinal

## **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 pray with dependence on God's Sovereign Grace, 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 from 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 praying with dependence on God's sovereign grace.

**Amen.**

**The Scripture Reading** Mark 4:26-29

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This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon** "Seed Power and Sleeping like a Calvinist"

## **We Respond in Faith**

**\*The Song of Response** “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

LUYH 754

**Prayers of the People**

**The Offering** Missions - Slager

**The Offertory** “Trust in Jesus”

arr. R. Haan

## **God Sends Us Out**

**\*The Closing Hymn** “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

LUYH 933

**\*The Benediction**

**The Postlude** “Rejoice, You Righteous, in the Lord”

arr. M. Burkhardt

### **Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes**

**Preaching:** Rev. Dave Beelen

**Liturgist:** Rev. Jay Knockenhauer

**Organ:** Jean Schuitman

**Piano:** Julie Hordyk

**Vocalists:** Evie Hoekzema, Robin Keift

**Brass:** Paul LaMaire, Jeff Erickson, John Klinger, Chris Hordyk, Jason Zuidema, Dennis Schaaf

**Prayers of the People:** Jason Zuidema

We display music on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) in pew rack; OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#7750

### **Welcome Guests:**

Today we welcome Rev. Dave Beelen to the pulpit. Dave was a long-time pastor at Madison Square Church in Grand Rapids and is now the Director of Vocational Formation at Calvin Theological Seminary.

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:** Missions - Slager

**Worship Center I:** Today our children will learn about Samuel anointing shepherd boy David.

**Worship Center II:** Today our children will continue their learning on one of the Living Water sources: the Bible. They will explore the Hebrew alphabet and better understand the original language it was written in and help us appreciate that our faith is rooted in the Jewish tradition and language.

### Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Dee Wolffis passed away on Tuesday, October 13th. Please keep her family in your prayers including: Judy & Mike Wolffis, Doug & Cheryl Diephouse, Eric & Amy Wolffis, Katie & Pete Kolvoord and Zachary Diephouse. A private memorial service will be held.

Please continue to pray for Eileen Harnden, Mike Katje, Larry Keift, and Garrison Koch as they recover from recent surgeries.

Please pray for Jack & Ruth Smant. Jack recently had a back procedure, and Ruth is receiving Hospice Care.

Cyndie Van Dyke is scheduled to have knee replacement surgery on Monday the 19th of October. Please pray for successful surgery and a good recovery.

Please continue to pray for Joe Gasser following his heart procedure on Friday.

### Church Announcements:

**Cadets:** *Spaghetti Supper* - it's our only fundraiser of the year so bring your entire family! There will be a freewill offering. Please join us on Monday, October 26, 5:30-7:30pm, at Ferrysburg CRC.

Cadet's second *Regular Meeting* will be held Monday, November 2, 6:45-8:30pm at First CRC in Grand Haven. It's not too late to sign up! For more info, contact Pete Malek at [pmalek413@gmail.com](mailto:pmalek413@gmail.com).

**FOCUS:** All high school students are invited to attend our first meeting of the year this evening at 6:30pm in the lower level.

**New Members Classes:** Our two session New Member Class will be held Sundays following the Worship Service on November 8th and 15th. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk.

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

**WOW Special Announcement:** All middle and high school students are invited to join the WOW children as we sing *The Tree Song* on October 25. Join us TODAY in the lower level from 11:15-11:30am. We will also practice on October 25 at 9:30am in the sanctuary.

### Volunteer Schedule

#### **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:** Ron & Joan Morse; 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:** Missions – Slager

#### **October 25, 2026**

**Projection:** Dan Braak

**Video:** Dan Meindertsma, Paul Marotti, Mark Boelens, Jason Zuidema

**Sound:** Rick Clapp

**Ushers:** Team 9 – Eric Rotman, Ron Frantz, Dave VanderWall, Jason Zuidema

**Coffee Hosts:** Dan & Sally Wagenmaker; Henk & Sharon Ottens

**Nursery:** Machel Knochenhauer, Mary Wierenga

**Little Lambs:** Cherise VanderHeide, Maelyn Wagenmaker

**Walk Out I:** Mary Winkle, Kyla Zuidema

**Walk Out II:** Joslyn Wagenmaker, Dawn Rotman

**Greeters:** Dan Braak; Dennis & MaryJo Schaaf

**Council in Parlor:** Larry Au, Brian Bierma

**Offering:** Wycliff Translations

### Calendar

#### **Sunday, October 18**

10:00AM – Worship Service

6:30PM – FOCUS

#### **Monday, October 19**

9AM-1PM – Office Hours

1:30PM – Ping Pong

#### **Tuesday, October 20**

9AM-1PM – Office Hours

10AM – SWANs Outing

7PM-8PM – Friendship Club

#### **Wednesday, October 21**

9AM-1PM – Office Hours

1PM – Knitting/Craft Group

5:30PM – Midweek Meal

6:30PM – Midweek Teaching

#### **Thursday, October 22**

9AM-1PM – Office Hours

1:30PM – Women's Bible Hour

7:00PM – Choir Rehearsal

#### **Friday, October 23**

Office Closed

#### **Saturday, October 24**

8:00AM – Tool Time

#### **Sunday, October 25**

10:00AM – Worship Service

#### **Connect with Second CRC**

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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>

