



Worship Service for  
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost  
July 14, 2024

*Welcome visitors, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a Welcome Card (in the pew rack) and place it in the offering basket. Also join us for coffee after church so we can meet you!*

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## We Worship God Because He Is Worthy

**Prelude** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

arr. Jordan/Wilson

### \*Call to Worship

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

**He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

**The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!**

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

**The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

(from Psalm 24)

**\*Opening Hymn** "Come, Thou Almighty King"

LUYH 492

### \*Opening Prayer

Gracious and generous God, Creator and Giver of all that is good, we thank you for our many blessings. We acknowledge that all that we have is from you.

We offer you thanks and praise for the beauty of the earth,  
our work, our family, our loved ones, and all the gifts we have been given.

We remain ever grateful for your constant love, the gift of your Son Jesus,  
and the presence of your Holy Spirit with us.  
May our faithful stewardship be a witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives.  
**Amen.**

**\*Song of Worship “Agnus Dei”**

M. W. Smith

### **Call to Confession**

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

**Let us humbly confess our sins.**

(from James 1:17-19)

### **Prayer of Confession**

God of grace, you have called us to give ourselves completely to you.  
Yet, we often hold back part of ourselves for worldly pursuits.  
**Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

You have given us the gift of time. You give us time to serve, time to learn,  
time to grow, time to share. We spend our time serving self.  
**Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

You provide us with opportunity to serve in numerous ways using the talents  
and abilities we have been given. We tend to hide our gifts.  
**Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

You have provided even the least among us with more financial resources  
than most of the world. We resist sharing because of fear for the future.  
**Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

You have provided us with a beautiful creation to enjoy.  
We often ignore it and take your many good gifts for granted.  
**Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

## Words of Assurance

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

**No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

(from Romans 8:31-35, 37-39)

**\*Hymn of Assurance** “Blessed Assurance: Jesus is Mine”

LUYH 363 vs 1 & 3

## We Practice Hospitality Because God Has Welcomed Us Into His Family

**\*Welcome**

**\*Greeting**

**\*Mutual Greeting**

## We Hear and Respond to God's Word because He is Speaking

### Blessing for Children

O Lord, from whom all good proceeds: Grant our children the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that their minds may be transformed to love what is good, hate what is evil and seek your kingdom first; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

(Children 5 through 2nd grade are invited to follow the banner to Walk Out Worship.  
Parents will find the classroom on the lower level, near the nurseries.)

**Hymn of Preparation** "O God, Who Gives to Humankind"

LUYH 274

**Scripture Reading:** 2 Corinthians 8:1-9:16

p. 967

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon** "We Give Generously because God Gives Good Gifts"

**Hymn of Response** "We are an Offering"

LUYH 874

**We Spend Time with God in Prayer because he is Listening**

**The Prayers of the People**

**We Give Generously because God Gives Good Gifts**

**Ministry Moment** – Faith Promise ~ Veurink

**The Offering** *Mission French Africa ~ Rev. Karis Mpindi*

**Offertory** "What Shall I Render to the Lord"

arr. Grotenhuis

**We Share the Gospel because Jesus is Good News**

**\*Closing Hymn** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

LUYH 351

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** "Fanfare on "O Worship the King"

J. Haydn/arr. R. Haan

**Credits & Liturgical Notes**

**Preaching:** Rev. Tim Blackmon

**Organ:** Cathy Schaaf

**Piano:** Julie Hordyk

**Prayer of the People:** Jennifer Fortosis

**Vocalists:** Jennifer Fortosis, Chris Hordyk, Mabelle Knochenhauer

We display all music and readings on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) located in the pew rack; Large print bulletins are available in the narthex OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#7750

## Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude

*Ray Kuiper* is at Holland Hospital's ICU for an infection. Please pray for him, Shirley and his medical team.

*Mary North* is at Spectrum Health in GR for testing. Please pray for her and the doctors treating her.

We are thankful for the 50+ children who attended VBS this week. We are also grateful for all the volunteers who made it a successful week.

## Announcements:

**Leadership Update:** For this year, Leadership has elected the following positions:

Jim Warners – President, Deborah Erickson- Clerk; and David VanderHeide-Treasurer.

**This Sunday's Offering:** *Mission French Africa ~ Rev. Karis Mpindi.* This radio and Bible training ministry is focused on preaching and teaching the Gospel to French speaking Africans.

**Walk Out Worship:** Today our children will continue their summer 'training' as they learn about the honor Olympians hold as representatives for their countries before, during and after the games. "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us."  
~ 2 Corinthians 5:20a

**Welcome Desk:** Volunteers are needed to staff the Welcome Desk. Duties are to arrive 20 mins prior to service, greet visitors, provide general information/directions within church, advise that there is a fellowship time with coffee, answer questions on upcoming activities. Please sign up at the desk if you're available and willing to help.

**Book Club:** We have chosen the book, "Madame Bovary" by Gustave Flaubert, note the corrected title. Our first meeting will be on Monday September 16, 1:30 pm in our Church Parlor. Remember the discussion is open to anyone interested. Questions, call lone at 616-502-8477.

**Calvin January in July:** A summer series of pre-recorded interviews will be released at noon on the following dates. They will be available on Calvin's website thru summer, and then found on Calvin's YouTube Channel.

- July 17 - *The Story of Trees on Campus with Bob Speelman.* A virtual walk with Speelman, certified arborist, across Calvin's 400-acre campus and learn from his three decades of experience on the maples and oaks, and the many memories that shape the grounds.
- July 24 - *The Intersection of Academics and Athletics with Chad Tatko and Trent Figg.* Tatko, a chemistry professor and Figg, the new football coach, discuss the intersection of sport, academics, and faith.

**Cuba Mission Support:** We are excited to for our upcoming mission trip to Cuba from July 19 to July 26, 2024. As we prepare for this journey, we are seeking your generous support. For the next two weeks, we will be collecting donations, to purchase essential items for the Cuban community. We aim to buy large quantities of rice and beans once we arrive in Cuba. Additionally, we will be bringing with us items hard for them to get: ***Powdered milk, Vitamins, Pain medication, White sugar and Mosquito repellent. And used cell phones, laptops, and tablets.***

Please bring your donations to the church office or drop them off on Sundays. If you prefer to give a monetary donation, please indicate "Cuba Mission Trip, and we will ensure it is used for these items. Together, we can bring hope and assistance to our brothers and sisters in Cuba.

**Faith Promise Updates:**

*New City Kids:* Bike Tour will be held on Saturday, Aug. 10, 2024. The tour will begin at the New City Kids location on Alpine in GR and will end here at Second. Funds raised will be used to develop our Michigan youth into future community leaders. For more info go to [www.newcitykids.org](http://www.newcitykids.org) or contact Mary Erickson at 616-638-6367 or [marylerickson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marylerickson@sbcglobal.net).

We will have Faith promise missionaries with us this Sunday July 14, and on July 21st and 28<sup>th</sup>. They will have information tables in the Atrium afterwards.

**Men's Softball:** Our next game is Monday July 15 at 7:15pm at Coast Guard Park. Our team has been doing well and is on a three game winning streak.

**RedCross Blood Drive:** We are hosting a blood drive on Monday July 22. To donate, sign up at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter the Sponsor Code: SCRC.

**SWANS:** Our next adventure will be a pontoon boat ride around Spring Lake on Tuesday, July 16 (July 17 - rain date). Meet at Barretts Marina, 821 W Savidge St., Spring Lake, at 10am. We plan to go to Village Baker for lunch afterward. If you don't want to go on the boat, but want to join us for lunch, meet us at the Village Baker at noon. RSVP to Carole Ruitter at 616-502-2015.

## Volunteer Schedule

### July 14, 2024

**Projection:** Ben McCarthy

**Video:** Chuck DeWitt, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

**Sound:** Rick Clapp

**Ushers:** Ron Brouwer (Team 6), Dave VanderHeide, Rob Wagenmaker, Doug Zuidema

**Coffee Hosts:** Curt & Mary DeJongh / Bob & Mannette DeJonge

**Nursery:** Kathy Westveld, Rosemary Geertsma

**Little Lambs:** Betsy Blackmon, Gabe Schaaf

**Walk Out Worship:** Sheri VanDuyn, Yasmin VanderHeide

**Greeters:** Dennis Schaaf, David & Sandra Brace

**Offering:** Mission French Africa--Rev. Karis Mpindi

### July 21, 2024

**Projection:** Renee Mulder

**Video:** Harley Dyk, Ben McCarthy, Mark Boelens, Dirk Weesies

**Sound:** Jim Warners

**Ushers:** Dale Schuitema (Team 7) Kraig & Cathy Brolick Garry VandenBerg

**Coffee Hosts:** Carole Dirkse/ Jane DeGroot / Rick & Darcie Clapp

**Nursery:** Ruth Marotti, Carisa Marotti

**Little Lambs:** Amy Wolffis, Kyla Zuidema

**Walk Out Worship:** Cindy Brace, Jenn Steigenga

**Greeters:** David Vander Heide, Hank & Carla Byma

**Offering:** Faith Promise- Hamiltons at WMU Campus Ministry

Thank you to all the servant leaders who are FILO (First In Last Out).

## Calendar

### **Sunday, July 14**

10:00 AM– Sunday Service

### **Monday, July 15**

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

7:15 PM – Softball at Coast Guard Park

### **Tuesday, July 16**

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

9:30 AM–Garden Club

10 AM–Swans

7PM –Full Council

### **Wednesday, July 17**

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:00 PM–Knitting Club

### **Thursday, July 18**

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

### **Friday, July 19**

### **Saturday, July 20**

### **Sunday, July 21**

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

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## **Connect with Second CRC**

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