



Worship Service for
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
August 18, 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!

The God of Love Welcomes Us

Prelude "Arioso"

G. F. Handel

Introit "Taste and See from Psalm 34"

Greeting

***Welcome**

***Mutual Greeting**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***Call to Worship**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods,
his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
his steadfast love endures forever;

to him who alone does great wonders,
his steadfast love endures forever;

to him who by understanding made the heavens,
his steadfast love endures forever;

to him who spread out the earth above the waters,
his steadfast love endures forever;

to him who made the great lights,
his steadfast love endures forever;

the sun to rule over the day,
his steadfast love endures forever;

the moon and stars to rule over the night,
his steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 136:1-9

***Hymn of Praise** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

LUYH 351

***Opening Prayer**

O Lord, open our lips;
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise the Lord.
The Lord's Name be praised!

I pray that you and all God's holy people will have the power to understand the greatness of Christ's love—how wide and how long and how high and how deep that love is! In Jesus name,
Amen!

***Song of Worship** "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Townend

The God of Love Forgives Us

Call to Confession

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Almighty God, our heavenly Father: Who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

***Song of Assurance** "You are My King (Amazing Love)"

LUYH 360

The God of Love Speaks to Us

Blessing for Children

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God Amen.

~ Ephesians 3:14-19

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

Hymn of Preparation “What the Lord has Done in Me”

LUYH 800

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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

Sermon “The Most Powerful Force in the Universe”

The God of Love Listens to Us

Hymn of Response “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

LUYH 903 vs 1 /

Prayers of the People “A Prayer for Healing in Relationships”

LUYH 304

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.**

God, giver of all good things, your desire is for us to have life, and have it abundantly. We trust in your promises and believe you make everything beautiful in its time, yet we live in the midst of a hurting and broken world. Grant us patience, that we may wait in hope for your healing and redemption.

Sing: **O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.**

We pray for those who are lonely and seeking relationships—those who would like to be married, those who yearn for a child, those who desire true friendship. Be present in our waiting, and may our loneliness and longing be met by your love.

Sing: **O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.**

Some of us cannot see the hope beyond our sorrow, because we are losing or have lost loved ones. We grieve the loss of those separated from us through death or broken relationships. Comfort us in our pain and give us hope beyond our sorrow. We also pray for those whom we love who have turned away from you. In your grace and mercy open eyes and turn hearts to your love.

**Sing: O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.**

You are the light of each tomorrow, but we also experience the shadows of despair. We lament strained relationships.

We may feel lonely though surrounded by people, indifferent toward those we love, or misunderstood by those who love us. Shine in our lives and guide us to love like you.

**Sing: O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.**

You know our circumstances and the desires of our hearts. Help us to remember that in our pain and in our sorrow you are with us. Teach us to become more aware of the needs of those around us and how we can better care for and love one another.

In your name we pray, Amen.

The Offering *Faith Promise ~ The Veurinks*

Offertory "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

LUYH 78

***Closing Hymn** "Christian Hearts in Love United"

LUYH 727

***Benediction**

Postlude

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Flute: Jennifer Fortosis

Organ: Jean Schuitman

Piano: Jennifer Fortosis

Liturgist & Prayer of the People: Amy Anderson

Vocalists: Katie Markus, Jennifer Fortosis

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

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude

"Our baby girl, *Finley Anne Knochenhauer*, was born on August 14th! We're all doing well!" ~ *Kase & Laura Knochenhauer*. There's a bassinet in the Atrium to celebrate, with the Knochenhauer's, the arrival of baby Finley. Please remember all gifts are anonymous.

"The New City Kids Bike Tour on Sat. Aug. 10 went very well. There were 42 riders this year. The temperature was great, but there was a strong headwind on the ride from Grand Rapids to Grand Haven. They are very thankful that Second CRC is able to host the end of the Bike ride."

Announcements:

From the Leadership Board: Second CRC is transitioning to a new Church Management software called Planning Center as of July. This online database includes membership, directory, worship service planning, giving/ donation tracking, and registration for events/programs. More information will be announced in the coming weeks. If you have any questions or concerns, please let the Leadership Team or Amy Wolffis in the office know.

This Sunday's Offering: Faith Promise~ The Veurink's who serve in Columbia.

Walk Out Worship: Today our Junior Olympians will learn about the "great cloud of witnesses" the Bible refers to in Hebrews 12. Congregation, thank you for being a part of the witnesses here on earth who are praying for, making relationships with, and encouraging our children to follow Christ. Please continue to pray for our children and youth as they grow in Christ. *"Therefore since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."* ~ Hebrews 12:1-2

Tool Time Men's Bible Study: We will begin a 8-week session on September 14. We meet on Saturdays from 7:30-8:30 am at church. Additional dates are: Sep 28, Oct 12, Oct 26, Nov 9, Nov 23, Dec 7, and Dec 21.

Women's Bible Hour: We will begin a 9-week session on September 5 at 1:30 pm in the parlor. Our lessons on Elijah and Elisha can be picked up in the church office after next week. If you have any questions, please call Char TerHaar at 616-842-0848.

Worship Assistant: We are in search of a lover of all things worship to help in some administrative tasks such as filing used music and putting together worship binders for praise team rehearsal. This would ideally be on Tuesday mornings for an hour or so. If you are interested, contact Jennifer Fortosis at worship@secondcrcgrandhaven.org.

Volunteer Schedule

August 18, 2024

Projection: Renee Mulder

Video: Harley Dyk, Jason Zuidema, Mark Boelens, Dirk Weesies

Sound: Jim Warners

Ushers: Jim Mulder (Team 11), Jon Mulder, John Rycenga, Carl Vertregt

Coffee Hosts: Kraig & Cathy Brolick/ Ron & Carol Brouwer

Nursery: Darcie Clapp, Mary Terpstra

Little Lambs: Jane DeGroot, Sam Farrar

Walk Out Worship: Cindy Brace, Ian Clapp

Greeters: Dan Braak, Chris & Jenna Brian

Offering: Ben Veurink-YWAM in Columbia

August 25, 2024

Projection: Dan Braak

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

Sound: Todd Cunningham

Ushers: Steve Marotti (Team 1), Todd Cunningham, David Brace, Craig Hoekzema

Coffee Hosts: Dan & Debbie Braak/ Scott & Lisa Alfree

Nursery: Rosemary Geertsma, Kim VanStratt

Little Lambs: Betsy Blackmon, Reed VanStratt

Walk Out Worship: Sheri VanDuyn, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Greeters: Rick Clapp, Todd & Amy Cunningham

Offering: General Fund of Second CRC

Calendar

Sunday, August 18

10:00 AM– Sunday Service

11:30 AM– Afterword Synod Recap

Monday, August 19

9 AM–1 PM–Office Hours

Tuesday, August 20

9 AM–1 PM–Office Hours

7 PM–Care Team

Wednesday, August 21

9 AM–1 PM–Office Hours

1:00 PM–Knitting Club

Thursday, August 22

9 AM–12:30 PM–Office Hours

Friday, August 23

Saturday, August 24

Sunday, August 25

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

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

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