



Worship Service for
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 25, 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: Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

arr. Haan

Greeting

*Welcome

*Mutual Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*Call to Worship

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with
steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed
like the eagle's. Psalm 103: 1-5

*Hymn of Praise "Praise my Soul the King of Heaven"

LUYH 571 vs 1-3,5

*Opening Prayer

O Lord our God, creator of heaven and earth, through your Son Jesus Christ
you have revealed yourself as a heavenly Father to all of your children.
Bless, we pray, all earthly fathers and mothers. Strengthen them to nurture,
protect, and guide the children entrusted to their care. Instill within them
the virtues of love and patience. May they be slow to anger and quick to forgive.

And through the ministry of your Holy Spirit, make us strong and steadfast examples of faithfulness, responsibility, and loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

***Song of Worship** “Forever”

LUYH 578

The God of Love Forgives Us

Call to Confession

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as He is pure.

John 3:1-3

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

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

Psalms 103: 11-14

We receive the grace and forgiveness of with faith and thanksgiving. Amen.

Song of Assurance “The Steadfast Love of the Lord”

LUYH 347

The God of Love Speaks to Us

Blessing for Children

Abba Father, you have adopted these little ones as your children.
You lavish them in your grace.

Bless these little ones and equip them for ministry. Build them up as the body of Christ and strengthen them in unity and in faith.

Deepen their knowledge of you in Jesus and help them to grow in maturity as your children, reflecting the full stature of Christ. As these little ones and all students of this church family start their school year, lead them through your Holy Spirit to be Christ to everyone they meet, and to grow in a knowledge and love of you each and every day.
Amen.

(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.)

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-15 and Ephesians 6:1-9

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

Sermon "The World's Largest Man"

The God of Love Listens to Us

Hymn of Response "Marvelous Grace"

LUYH 696

Prayers of the People

Lord, make us all be instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, **let me sow love.**
Where there is injury, **pardon.**
Where there is doubt, **faith.**
Where there is despair, **hope.**
Where there is darkness, **light.**
Where there is sadness, **joy.**

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled,
as to console; to be understood,

as to understand;
to be loved, **as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

The Offering *General Fund of Second CRC*

Offertory “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

arr. Wood

***Closing Hymn** “My Jesus, I love Thee”

LUYH 366 vs 1,2,4

***Benediction**

Postlude “They’ll Know We are Christians by our Love”

arr. Smith

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Organ: Cathy Schaaf

Piano: Julie Hordyk

Liturgist & Prayer of the People: Rob Wagenmaker

Vocalists: Paul LaMaire

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

Jerry Smith had a stroke last Thursday. He is now under Hospice Care. *Jerry and Hazel* request prayers for peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Finley Anne Knochenhauer arrived last Wednesday. There’s a bassinet in the Atrium to celebrate her arrival. Please remember all gifts are anonymous. If you’d like to bring them a meal, sign up at www.mealtrain.com/trains/kd4dov

Announcements:

This Sunday’s Offering: *General Fund of Second CRC*, which covers all operating expenses such as staff, office/admin, facilities/utilities, insurance, worship, music, children/youth and adult ministries, Christian education* and denomination ministry shares.

Staff Updates: Amy Anderson has been serving as the Pastoral Care/Congregational Life, membership and spiritual formation coordinator for the last year. She will now be focusing her energies on enfolded members into the life of Second CRC and will occasionally teach a Midweek Gathering course. Our Council is deeply grateful for her ongoing commitment. We are currently seeking a replacement for the Pastoral Care coordinating duties.

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.

Atrium Art Gallery: Agnes Fisher Art, from the real to the sublime to the whimsical. Our own member Agnes has been doing art forever. She signs her work with her Dutch name: AKKE. She has been in various galleries. We are thrilled to have her share her vast and retrospective collection with us. An Artist reception will be held on Sunday September 8 at 11:30am.

Walk Out Worship: Today our Junior Olympians will learn about relays and how batons are passed on a team. They will get to understand how the Word and love of Christ has been and needs to continue to be passed on to one another with boldness and courage. Congregation, will you take time to tell a child about one way you have experienced God's faithfulness and loving kindness in your life? *"One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts."* ~ Psalm 145:4

New Era CRC will be celebrating 140 years of God's faithfulness on Saturday, September 7 from 5pm to dusk on the church lawn (1820 Ray Ave. New Era). Dinner will be served at 6pm. A special anniversary worship service will be held on Sunday, September 8 at 9:30am. Our sister churches in Classis Muskegon are welcome to either or both celebrations! Please send your RSVPs, questions, and congratulations to necrc140@gmail.com.

Address Updates: Sharon Miller has moved. Her new address is 16953 Gordon Path, #103, Grand Haven, MI 49417.

Mom's Hiking Group: We will meet on Saturday September 7 at 2pm at Rosy Mound Park for our first outing of the fall.

Tool Time Men's Bible Study: We will begin a 8-week session on September 14. We meet on Saturdays from 8:00-9:00 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 Thursday 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.

Volunteer Schedule

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: Annie Hoekzema, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Greeters: Rick Clapp, Todd & Amy Cunningham

Offering: General Fund of Second CRC

September 1, 2024

Projection:

Video:

Sound: Mike Katje

Ushers: Curt DeJongh (Team 2), Chris Hordyk, Chris VanStratt, Pierce Van Stratt

Coffee Hosts: Stan & Gilda Boelkins/ Brian & Kerry Bierma

Nursery: Cathy Brolick, Carisa Marotti

Little Lambs: Manette DeYoung, Sydney Marotti

Walk Out Worship: Sheri VanDuyn, Ian Clapp

Greeters: Deborah Erickson, Jane DeGroot

Offering: Love in Action – Housing Ministry Collaborative

Calendar

Sunday, August 25

10:00 AM– Sunday Service

Monday, August 26

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

Tuesday, August 27

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

7 PM–Care Team

Wednesday, August 28

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:00 PM–Knitting Club

Thursday, August 29

9 AM-12:30 PM–Office Hours

Friday, August 30

Office Closed

Saturday, August 31

Sunday, September 1

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

Monday, September 2

Office Closed

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