



Worship Service for
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 8, 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 “It is Good to Sing Your Praises”

“O Love, how Deep, How Broad, How High”

arr. Martin

arr. Young

Greeting

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

Psalm 133

Welcome

*Mutual Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Call to Worship

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy. How great are your works, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep!

The stupid man cannot know; the fool cannot understand this: that though the wicked sprout like grass and all evildoers flourish, they are doomed to destruction forever; but you, O Lord, are on high forever.

For behold, your enemies, O Lord, for behold, your enemies shall perish; all evildoers shall be scattered.

But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox; you have poured over me fresh oil. My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies; my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.

The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green, to declare that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him. Psalm 92

***Hymn of Praise** “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

LUYH 111 vs 1,2,5,6

***Opening Prayer**

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

***Song of Worship** “Show Us Christ”

Plank/Kauflin vs 1,2

The God of Love Forgives Us

Call to Confession

Jesus says to us: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Matthew 22:37–39

The Heidelberg Catechism asks us this pointed question: can you live up to all this perfectly?

No. I have a natural tendency to hate God and my neighbor.

Let us confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty, everlasting God and Father, we acknowledge and confess that we indeed were conceived and born in sin and, therefore inclined to all evil and slow to do all good; that we unceasingly transgress your holy commandments and corrupt ourselves more and more.

But we are sorry for this and desire your grace and help.

Therefore, have mercy upon us, most gracious and merciful God, through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may recognize our sin and unrighteousness from the depth of our heart, feel true contrition and grief for them, die to them completely, and please you wholly in a new, godly life. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Hear how the Heidelberg Catechism assures of the good news of the gospel.

How are we righteous before God?

Only by faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me.

Amen and Amen.

Song of Assurance "Thank you Jesus for the Blood"

Gayle/ Musso/ McCleery

The God of Love Speaks to Us

Blessing for Children

O God, who has taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant our children the grace of your Holy Spirit, that they may be devoted to you with their whole hearts, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

Song of Preparation “Thank you Jesus for the Blood”

Gayle/ Musso/ McCleery

Scripture Reading: Luke 6:27-36

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This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Sermon “Blacklisted”

The God of Love Listens to Us

***Song of Response** “Build My Life”

Yunker/Kaple/ Redman/Barrett

Prayers of the People

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for our own pastor, Tim Blackmon, and for all pastors, elders, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Give to the departed eternal rest, including our dear brother Corky North and our dear sister Muriel Tamminga.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We pray for....

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now, we join our voices to pray as you have taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

And the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The God of Love Blesses Us

The Offering *City Heart Ministries*

Offertory “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

arr. Powell

***Closing Hymn** “Holy, Holy, Holy”

LUYH 538 vs. 1,4

***Benediction**

Postlude “Such Love”

arr. Schubert

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Organ: Cathy Schaaf

Piano: Jennifer Fortosis

Prayers of the People: Amy Anderson

Vocalists: Katie Marcus, Julie Hordyk

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

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Muriel Tamminga, wife of Rev. Ed Tamminga, passed away Wednesday.

Corky (George) North passed away Monday morning and a private burial was held Thursday. *Mary North* has entered hospice care at home. The family request prayers for peace and comfort.

Barb Brummel has been extremely weak since having COVID recently. She requests prayers for renewed strength and energy.

Carol Dirkse has a vertebral compression fracture. She's in the hospital in Grand Rapids, recovering from COVID and awaiting her procedure.

Ray Kuiper has moved rooms at Rest Haven. He is now in Rm. 601. Please continue to keep Ray and Shirley in your prayers.

Jerry Smith is under Hospice Care. Jerry and Hazel request prayers for peace and comfort during this difficult time.

"We are blown away by the generosity of our church family. Thank you for welcoming Finley into our lives! We are grateful for the meals, gifts, and prayers for our family during this exciting time!"
~*Kase & Laura Knochenhauer*

Julie Hordyk will be having rotator cuff surgery on Sept. 9. She and Chris covet your prayers for a successful surgery and complete recovery. They would greatly appreciate assistance with some meals. If you can help, please sign up at <https://mealtrain.com/8726g4>

This Sunday:

Special Offering: City Heart Ministries is a church in Muskegon Heights that along with Sunday services and Bible studies, host many community outreach events throughout the year including our weekly food pantry, serving about 200 families every month.

Walk Out Worship: This week our children will have an orientation to their space, their Worship Center, to better understand how and why we will gather each week to meet and worship God. They will also learn about how the church tells time. Parents of 4's-1st grade W.O.W. children, please pick up your child at 11:20 from the W.O.W. room. 2nd-5th graders will be escorted upstairs to find their parents at 11:20.

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 today Sunday September 8 at 11:30am.

Announcements:

Ministry Celebration Sunday: Next week Sunday, please plan to stay after to learn about all the ministries of Second CRC and celebrate the faithfulness of God to our church community. You will have an opportunity to discover a wide variety of ways you may be involved, learn or serve.

Midweek Gathering: A 7-week Bible Study with dinner & children's programs will kick off Wed, September 11, and run through Wed, October 23. Register for a study or just dinner either on our [website](#) or fill out a form at the Welcome Desk.

Book Club: We have chosen the book, "Madame Bovary" by Gustave Flaubert. Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 16, at 1:30pm in the church parlor. Remember the discussion is open to anyone interested.

Friendship Club, a ministry embracing disabled adults in our community starts its 41st year on Tuesday September 24. The volunteer needs this year include cookie bakers, a song leader, and mentors who will be paired with a friend to share the joy of God's love. The commitment would be for ten weeks from 7 – 8pm on Tuesday evenings. If you feel called to help or want more information, contact Ruth Marotti at 616-886-6216.

Sanctuary Choir: Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 19, at 7 pm. Rehearsals last about an hour. What a gift to be able to praise our Lord through song. New members are always welcome! Any questions, please contact Jean Schuitman at 231-750-6676 or morbaroque@gmail.com.

Safe Church Ministry: Reserve September 29 after the morning service for our annual Safe Church training. All staff and volunteers, current and future, are strongly encouraged to attend. Childcare will be available. Watch for more information next week. Contact Jane DeGroot with questions at janehdegroot@charter.net.

SWAN's: Our next event will be "Fall Adventures" on Wednesday, September 18. Meet at Lakeside Eats (next to Borr's Bootery) at 11:30 am for food, fun, and fellowship. Call Carole at 616-502-2015 for reservations.

Tri-Cities CROP Hunger Walk: The 50th annual CROP walk will be Sunday October 6 at 2pm hosted by United Methodist Church of the Dunes. If you are interested in walking, stop by the Welcome Desk for a packet or contact Amy Wolffis for more information.

Tool Time Men's Bible Study: We will begin an 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 continue Thursdays at 1:30 pm in the parlor. Our lessons are on Elijah and Elisha. If you have any questions, please call Char TerHaar at 616-842-0848

Volunteer Schedule

September 8, 2024

Projection: Renee Mulder

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

Sound: Rick Clapp

Ushers: Ken Terpstra (Team 3), Jamie Goorman, Les Lewis, Brian Bierma

Coffee Hosts: Larry & June Au/ Art & Marilyn Bolt

Nursery: Dawn Rotman, Darcie Clapp

Little Lambs: Jane DeGroot Kyla Zuidema

Walk Out 4s-1st: Marie Rycenga, Gabe Schaaf

Walk Out 2nd-5th: Annie Hoekzema, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Greeters: Steve Marotti, Bob & Manette DeJonge

Offering: City Heart Ministries

September 15, 2024

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Harley Dyk, Jason Zuidema, Dirk Weesies, Jacob Weesies

Sound: Jim Warners

Ushers: Rick Geertsma (Team 4), Rosemary Geertsma, Dirk Weesies, Ralph VanDuyn

Coffee Hosts: Lou & Joan Baker/ Dale & Norma Schuitema

Nursery: Mary Wierenga, Sam/Chris Farrar

Little Lambs: Cherise VanderHeide, Reed VanStratt

Walk Out 4s-1st: Mary Winkle, Corinne VanStratt

Walk Out 2nd-5th: Betsy Blackmon, Lori Buitendorp

Greeters: Tony Razzini, Curt & Mary DeJongh

Offering: Faith Promise- Tuls

Calendar

Sunday, September 8

10:00 AM– Sunday Service

11:30 AM- Artist Reception

Monday, September 9

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

Tuesday, September 10

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

7 PM–Full Council

Wednesday, September 11

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1 PM–Knitting Club

5:30 PM – Midweek Gathering

7 PM– CHAOS

Thursday, September 12

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM Women's Bible Hour

Friday, September 13

Saturday, September 14

8 AM- Tool Time

Sunday, September 15

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

11:30 AM- Ministry Celebration

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