



Worship Service for
Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
November 10, 2024

The Lord Your God Welcomes You

Prelude “We Praise You, O God”

arr. Fisk

Greeting & Welcome

*Mutual Greeting

The Lord be with your spirit.
Grace be with you all.

2 Timothy 4:22

*Call to Worship

The Lord reigns,
let the nations tremble;
he sits enthroned between the cherubim,
let the earth shake.
Great is the Lord in Zion;
he is exalted over all the nations.

Let them praise your great and awesome name
he is holy.
The King is mighty, he loves justice,
you have established equity;
in Jacob you have done
what is just and right.

Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool;
he is holy.

***Hymn of Praise** “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

LUYH 586 vs 1,2,3,5

***Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

***Song of Worship** “How Great is Our God”

LUYH 574

The Lord Your God Forgives You

Call to Confession

Come, if we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, we openly admit that you know us thoroughly. Our deepest secrets are open before you. You know our thoughts before they are conceived in our minds. We cannot hide from you. Therefore, we ask that you discover unto us our sins so that we may humble ourselves again in your presence and seek your forgiveness and grace. We admit we have tolerated sinful thoughts about power, lust, greed, jealousy, malice and other things that grieve your heart. We have committed sins of omission and commission. But we seek your mercy and cleansing from our sins by the blood of Christ. And we thank you for your Spirit who enables us to walk in holiness and obedience. Give us the grace to please you this day and forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news: Christ died for your sins and rose again that God may free you to live fully in the power of God's grace.

***Song of Assurance** "We Praise You, O God"

LUYH 560

*Call to Grateful Living

But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils.

1 Timothy 6:6–10

The Lord Your God Speaks Good News

Sacrament of Baptism

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that to enter the kingdom of heaven we must be born again of water and the Spirit and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth. Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean. Here we are clothed with Christ, dying to sin that we may live his risen life. As children of God, we have a new dignity, and God calls us to fullness of life.

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with James, the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Pastor: James, is this your faith?

James: This is my faith.

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

James, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

Amen.

Blessing for Children

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and forever.

Amen.

(Children are dismissed at 11:20 from their classroom in the lower level near the nursery.)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Exodus 20:1-15; Luke 19:1-10

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This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Sermon "The Pull"

The Lord Your God Listens to Your Prayers

***Song of Response** "And Can it Be"

LUYH 695

Prayers of the People

The Lord Your God Blesses You

The Offering Calvin Theological Seminary

Offertory "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"

arr. Owens

***Closing Hymn** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

LUYH 601 vs 1,3

***Benediction**

Postlude "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

arr. Jordan

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Organ & Piano: Cathy Schaaf

Prayers of the People: Joslyn Wagenmaker

Vocals: Julie Hordyk, Joslyn Wagenmaker

We display all music and readings on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) located in the pew rack;

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Welcome Guests:

Welcome visitors, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a Guest Registration 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:

Walk Out Worship: *4s-1st graders* will see the ending to Joseph's story as he is reunited with his family, another illustration of God's faithfulness to each and every promise!

2nd-5th graders will learn about the immense gift God has given us: Freedom! What was the result in the Garden of Eden and the following generations? Children will wonder and reflect on ways we can use this gift responsibly today.

Special Offering: *Calvin Theological Seminary* is a Reformed seminary that is globally recognized for its theological richness. We embrace a holistic form of education that attends to the character, spiritual, and vocational formation of students.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Jill Holman's brother Brad Holman passed away on Tuesday November 5. A service was held yesterday November 9th at church. Please keep Jill and the Holman family in your prayers.

Tom Kapetyn is recovering from a dislocated collarbone. He doesn't need surgery but is in a sling for the next 4 to 6 weeks. Please pray for complete healing. If you'd like to bring them a meal, please sign up at <https://mealtrain.com/wmmk1>

Please continue to keep *Ron Herrington, Ray & Shirley Kuiper, Mary North, Ken Westveld* and *Glen Wierenga* in your prayers.

Announcements:

Life God's Way – Pastor Tim will continue our Bible Study of the 10 Commandments on Wednesdays at 7pm in the music room. No childcare or meal provided.

Atrium Art Gallery: Agnes Fisher's collection will be coming down on Tuesday November 19th. If you have claimed a piece or would still like one, please talk with Agnes. Also, please plan on taking the piece home with you on Sunday November 17th.

Book Club: We will meet on Monday November 18 at 1:30pm in the church parlor. The book is *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Patterson. Discussion is led by Agnes Fisher. At this meeting you will have a chance to suggest the Reader's Choice book that will be for our February discussion. All are welcome to attend.

C.H.A.O.S - Christian Underground is a simulation of what life would be like for Christian middle school students if Christianity was banned in America. This powerful event is for any student in 5th-8th grades again on November 13 from 6:50-8:30pm. Location is 16755 Timber Ridge, Grand Haven. Questions contact Rob Wagenmaker at 616-638-0976.

Faith Promise Update: Don Slager would like to thank the congregation for the recent check that he received from the Faith Promise Offerings. Don began another trip to Liberia on Thurs. Nov. 7 and will be returning on Dec. 9. He will be working with the Dan, Maan, and Many teams, checking parts of their Bibles. Please pray that all goes smoothly.

Memorial Endowment Update: A longtime supporter of *World Renew*, Second CRC has recently made a contribution of \$10,000 to World Renew specifically designated to provide disaster relief in the areas affected by Hurricanes Helene & Milton. Your prayers and gifts are appreciated as we collectively seek to provide care, comfort and support to the communities affected.

Funding for this donation was provided by the Second CRC Memorial Endowment Committee and a generous anonymous donor from our congregation. The Memorial Endowment fund was established in 1983. The purpose is to provide funding for non-budget mission causes. Over the past 41 years, over \$243,000 has been distributed. If you would like to learn more about how you can include this fund in your Estate Planning or Annual Giving, feel free to contact any of the committee members: Deborah Erickson, Jamie Goorman, Ken Terpstra, John Rycenga, or Jim VanOorman.

Outreach Update: Cookie and brownie bakers of all ages are invited to contribute for Sunday, November 24th Campus Ministry event at GVSU in Allendale. Our refreshment treats were very much appreciated in April. This Fall 450 students gather in worship at two services (6pm & 8pm) at Cook-DeWitt Center. We are also invited to stay, worship and visit. Place baked items in plastic bags labeled "GVSU Campus Ministry" and put in the church kitchen freezer.

Sanctuary Choir: Rehearsals continue next Thursday November 7 at 7pm in the choir room. Any questions, please contact Jean Schuitman at 231-750-6676 or morbaroque@gmail.com.

SWAN's: Christmas is coming! We are again invited to Barb Hammond's home for a beautiful Christmas tea on Wednesday December 11 at 3:30pm. Everyone is asked to bring a Christmas treat to share. We can carpool from church at 3:10. Call Carole at 616-502-2015 if you plan to come.

Tool Time Men's Bible Study: We meet on Saturdays from 8- 9am at church. Upcoming dates: Nov 23, Dec 7, and Dec 21.

Volunteer Schedule

November 10, 2024

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Jay Brace, Jason Zuidema, Dirk Weesies, Jacob Weesies

Sound: Jim Warners

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

Coffee Hosts: John & Marie Rycenga / Eric & Dawn Rotman

Nursery: Rosemary Geertsma, Kim VanStratt

Little Lambs: Manette DeJonge, Lucia Folkert

Walk Out 4s-1st: Cindy Brace, Reed VanStratt

Walk Out 2nd-5th: Betsy Blackmon, Gabe Schaaf

Greeters: Dan Braak, Brian & Barb Fritz

Offering: Calvin Theological Seminary

November 17, 2024

Projection: Dan Braak

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

Sound: Todd Cunningham

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

Coffee Hosts: Joe & Paula Risselade / Evan & Louis Reinders

Nursery: Cathy Brolick, Carisa Marotti

Little Lambs: Sheila Warners, Sydney Marotti

Walk Out 4s-1st: Rob/Joslyn Wagenmaker, Cheryl Diephouse

Walk Out 2nd-5th: Lori Buitendorp, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Greeters: Rick Clapp, Joe & Joy Gasser

Offering: Faith Promise Missionary Christmas Gifts

Calendar

Sunday, November 10

10:00 AM– Sunday Service

11:30 AM – Bell Choir

Monday, November 11

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM– Ping Pong

Tuesday, November 12

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

7 PM – Friendship Club

7 PM – Full Council

Wednesday, November 13

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1 PM–Knitting/Craft Club

7 PM–Life God’s Way Bible Study

Thursday, November 14

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

7 PM–Sanctuary Choir

Friday, November 15

Office Closed

Saturday, November 16

Sunday, November 17

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

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