



Worship Service for
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 16, 2025

**The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.
Philippians 4:23**

Prelude “He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought”
“A Chapel Psalm”

W. Bradbury/arr. R. Haan
D. Wall

Greeting & Welcome

***Mutual Greeting**

**To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.
Philippians 4:20**

***Call to Worship**

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters;
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.
Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.
Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant
with you, my faithful love promised to David.

**Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts.
Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God,
for he will freely pardon.**

***Hymn of Worship** “All Creatures of Our God and King”

LUYH 551 vs 1,3,6

***The Psalm**

Psalm 133

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers 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.

**Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Philippians 1:2**

Call to Confession

Let us return to the Lord our God in confession and repentance.

The Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful Father, we confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. For our failure to love You, with all our heart, mind, and strength. For our failure to love our neighbors as ourselves,
forgive us and turn our hearts to You, O Lord.

For our holding on to grudges and refusing to forgive others as You have forgiven us,
forgive us and turn our hearts to You, O Lord.

For our reluctance to share generously and joyfully the time, talent, and treasures You provide,
forgive us and turn our hearts to You, O Lord.

For our suspicion of strangers, which sometimes hinders our sharing of the Gospel,
forgive us and turn our hearts to You, O Lord.

For our refusal to speak well of our neighbor and to put the best construction on our neighbor's words and actions,
forgive us and turn our hearts to You, O Lord.

For our arrogance toward others,
forgive us and turn our hearts to You, O Lord.

For all of the ways in which the confession of our lips does not show forth in our lives, Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

Amen.

**Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.
Philippians 1:27**

The Assurance of Salvation

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives you the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.
1 Corinthians 15:56-58

***Song of Assurance** “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Townend

**And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
Philippians 1:6**

***The Blessing for Children**

God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior, the Prince of Peace:
Protect us and our children from all hatred and prejudice, from everything that keeps us from unity and peace.

Just as there is one Body, one Spirit, one hope we share, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, help us to be united in heart and soul, bound together by truth, peace, faith, and love, so that together we can glorify you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Children 4 years- 5th Grade are invited to follow the banner for Walk Out Worship.
Children are dismissed at 11:20 from their classrooms located near the nursery.)

**Holding fast to the word of life.
Philippians 2:16**

Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading Philippians 2:1-4

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

The Sermon “On the Same Page”

**Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.
Philippians 2:9-11**

***Song of Response** “May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”

LUYH 334

Prayers of the People

**And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19**

The Offering *Faith Promise-Local Outreach*

Offertory “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

J. Parry/arr. A.V. Fedak

**And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:7**

***Closing Hymn** “How Firm a Foundation”

LUYH 427 vs 1,5

***Benediction**

Postlude “Go Forth in Faith”

F. Ritter

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Flute: Karen Katje

Organ: Jean Schuitman

Piano: Julie Hordyk

Prayers of the People: Tony Razzini

Vocalists: Chris Hordyk, Patrice Frantz

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

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:

Special Offering: *Faith Promise's Local Outreach* which supports the needs and requests of organizations in our community.

Walk Out Worship: 4s-1st graders: This week our children will hear The Parable of the Good Shepherd and the ordinary shepherd. We have much to learn about our Good Shepherd and how he lovingly watches us and thoughtfully leads us.

2nd-5th graders: This week our children will hear the story of Jesus and the Pharisees, continuing to see Jesus as radical, risking his reputation with the authorities to prove that the Way he proclaims is God's truth.

Newcomers Class: If you are new to our congregation and are interested in membership or learning more about Second CRC, please save the dates of March 16 and 23 for our newcomers class.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Please continue to pray for Wes (and Mary) Willink. He is still at Trinity Health Muskegon.

Prayers for Will & Kari De Lange (and big-sister Arielle) as they anticipate the birth of their second child.

Congratulations to Lydia & Jordan Moya on the birth of their daughter Ashira.

Char Ter Haar will have surgery on Tuesday February 18. Please pray for a successful procedure and good recovery.

Please keep Ron & Carol Brouwer and Ray & Shirley Kuiper *in* your prayers.

Church Announcements:

Atrium Art Gallery: The students of Dawn Rotman's 4th grade class are coming for a reception next Sunday, February 23 at 11:30 a.m. Earlier this month the students visited the gallery, talking about and looking at the artwork displayed. Since then, they have been working on writing poetry about the piece that especially engaged them. They will read their poetry for us at the reception, which will include refreshments. Please join in celebrating their work.

Book Club: We will meet on Monday, Feb. 17 at 1:30pm in the parlor. Book discussion will be "The Great Divorce" by C.S. Lewis, led by Agnes Fisher. Join us for a discussion which will help us all better understand the story.

Council Nominations: Nomination Forms for Council and Care Volunteer positions are in today's bulletin and available at the Welcome Desk. Please return them by Sunday March 9.

Choirs: Handbell rehearsals will continue Sunday Feb. 23 at 11:30am. Sanctuary Choir rehearsals will continue February 20 at 7 pm. New members are always welcome in both choirs. If you have questions, please contact Jean Schuitman at morbaroque@gmail.com.

Midweek Gathering: Our Winter session continues through February 26. You are welcome to join for dinners or a study. Register online at <https://secondcrc-ghmi.churchcenter.com>

Online Pictorial Directory: We have begun the process for an Online/ Digital Pictorial Directory through Planning Center, our church software. You will be invited via email over the next several weeks to add your information and upload photos of yourself and/or household to the directory. If you have questions, please contact Amy Wolffis.

Pinewood Derby: Rev up your engines and join us on Sunday March 9. Come at 5:00pm, witness the excitement and enjoy fellowship as cars zoom down the track. Pizza will be provided to fuel your enthusiasm. Car building kits and blocks for carving will be available on Sunday near the office. Please contact Rob Wagenmaker with questions at 616-638-0976.

Ping Pong Group: We meet on Mondays at 1:30pm in the church basement.

SWAN's: February is a time for fun and fellowship, so let's get together for Bunco and snacks, on Tuesday February 18 at 1pm in the North Hall at church. Hope to see everyone there!

Tool Time Men's Bible Study: We will continue Saturday March 1 at 8am. Future Dates: Mar.15 & 29, Apr. 12 & 26, and May 10 & 24. If you have any questions, please contact Tony Razzini at razzini@att.net.

Vacation Bible School: Save the Dates of July 14–17, 2025. Calling all kids to join us for "True North: An Alaskan Adventure" where kids will explore Jesus as their unshakable guide in our wild world. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for registration details!

Women's Bible Hour: We will begin a study of Proverbs on Thursday March 6 at 1:30pm in the parlor. Books will be available in the office next week. Questions, please contact Char TerHaar at 616-842-0848.

We are Hiring: We are looking for a *Worship Coordinator* to begin in April. If you know someone with musical talents and experience in leading worship, please let them know.

We are looking for a *Communications Coordinator*. If you or anyone you know have a talent for communications or secretarial work, please let them know. Those interested in either position can contact [Amy Wolffis](#) for the job description or further information.

Volunteer Schedule

February 16, 2025

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Ian Clapp, Mark Boelens, Jason Zuidema

Sound: Jim Warners

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

Coffee Hosts: Gord & Mary Buitendorp; Mike & Lori Buitendorp

Nursery: Rosemary Geertsma, Carissa Marotti

Little Lambs: Jane DeGroot, Sydney Marotti

Walk Out 4s-1st: Mary Winkle, Frankie Folkert

Walk Out 2nd-5th: Betsy Blackmon, Dawn Rotman

Greeters: Garry VandenBerg, Jon & Renee Mulder

Offering: Faith Promise-Local Outreach

February 23, 2024

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Gary Roelofs, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

Sound: Todd Cunningham

Ushers: Dan Braak (Team 5), Jeff Erickson, Joe Risselade, Paula Risselade

Coffee Hosts: Hank & Carla Byma; Tony & Linda Razzini

Nursery: Laura Knochenhauer, Darcie Clapp

Little Lambs: Cherise VanderHeide, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Walk Out 4s-1st: Barb Fritz, Cheryl Dipehouse

Walk Out 2nd-5th: Lori Buitendorp, Gabe Schaaf

Greeters: Dale Schuitema, Henk & Sharon Ottens

Offering: World Renew

Calendar

Sunday, February 16

10:00 AM – Sunday Service

Monday, February 17

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM– Ping Pong

Tuesday, February 18

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

Wednesday, February 19

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:00 PM – Knitting / Craft Club

5:30 PM – Midweek Dinner

6:30 PM- Midweek Studies

7 PM – CHAOS

Thursday, February 20

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

7 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 21

Office Closed

Saturday, February 22

Sunday, February 23

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

11:30 AM– Handbell Choir

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