



Worship Service for
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
February 23, 2025

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

Prelude “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

arr. Jones

Greeting & Welcome

Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. Amen.

***Mutual Greeting**

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

***Call to Worship**

Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was, and is to come.

We come to worship the one who rules justly.

Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, the ruler of the kings of the earth!

Bread of Heaven, God with us!

Good Shepherd, True Vine!

Eternal Word, great I AM!

Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace! We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords!

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen

***Hymn of Worship** “Come, People of the Risen King”

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*The Psalm

Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased. All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth, and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

*Song of Praise “All I Have is Christ”

Kauflin

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

The Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, we have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in our daily lives. Our sins and shortcomings present us with a list of accusations, but we thank you that they will not stand against us, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver us from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in us, everything that prevents us taking delight in you. Amen.

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

The Assurance of Salvation

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Colossians 3:1–4

Song of Assurance "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

LUYH 61 vs 2,7

**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

O God, our loving Father, we thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit, who reveals the path to eternal life for all people. We humbly ask that you pour out your Spirit upon our children. May they be filled with your love and grace, so that through their words and actions, their friends, classmates, and all those they encounter may come to know Jesus and the salvation he offers. We ask this in his name, 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 2:5-11

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

The Sermon "The Pattern"

**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** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

LUYH 167

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 *World Renew*

Offertory “At the name of Jesus”

arr. Pinkevicius

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

***Closing Hymn** “All you Servants of the Lord”

LUYH 924

***Benediction**

Postlude “Largo in G”

arr. Burkhardt

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Organ: Cathy Schaaf

Piano: Dawn Bouman

Prayers of the People: Jason Zuidema

Vocalists: Luke Anderson, Amy Goorman

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: *World Renew's* mission is compelled by God's deep passion for justice and mercy, we join communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation.

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.

Atrium Art Gallery: The students of Dawn Rotman's 4th grade class are coming for a reception today 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.

Walk Out Worship: 4s-1st graders: This week our children will learn about Jesus healing Jairus' daughter. This is one more powerful example of the amazing things Jesus did and said: "Just believe and she will be healed."

2nd-5th graders: This week our children will learn about the Parable of the Good Samaritan. We will help children see that Jesus' answer to the lawyer showed it was not the who but rather it is the issue of how and when one acts.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Arlene Assink, wife of Harrold Assink and mother of Bev Assink, passed away on Monday morning. The Service of Witness was held at our church on Friday. Please keep them in your prayers.

Congratulations to Will & Kari De Lange, and big sister Arielle, on the birth of their daughter Bridget Lucile, born on Monday. There is a bassinet in the Atrium for anonymous gifts.

Jenna Brian's father underwent successful emergency surgery on Tuesday in Texas. Please pray for his recovery and the team caring for him.

Char Ter Haar had successful surgery on Tuesday February 18. Please pray for a good recovery.

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

Please keep *Ray & Shirley Kuiper* in your prayers as Ray is at Holland Hospital.

Church Announcements:

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

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.

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 are available in the office. 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 23, 2025

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

March 2, 2025

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Ian Clapp, Mark Boelens, Dirk Weesies

Sound: Mike Katje

Ushers: Ron Brouwer (Team 6), Dave VanderHeide, Rob Wagenmaker, Doug Zuidema

Coffee Hosts: Carisa & Paul Marotti - Cora Brace; Paul LaMaire

Nursery: Kathy Westveld, Sam Farrar

Little Lambs: Jane DeGroot Claire Clapp

Walk Out 4s-1st: Carla Byma, Kyla Zuidema

Walk Out 2nd-5th: Cindy Brace, Reed VanStratt

Greeters: Dennis Schaaf, Jim & Joanie Query

Offering: Reach the Forgotten

Calendar

Sunday, February 23

10:00 AM – Sunday Service

11:30 AM- Art & Poetry Reception

Monday, February 24

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM– Ping Pong

Tuesday, February 25

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

Wednesday, February 26

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 27

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

7 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 28

Office Closed

Saturday, March 1

8:00 AM-Tool Time

Sunday, March 2

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

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