



Worship Service for  
Transfiguration Sunday  
March 2, 2025

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

**Prelude** "Arise, Your Light Has Come"  
"Renew Me O Eternal Light"

arr. M. Sedio  
arr. J. Walther & P. Manz

**Greeting & Welcome**

**\*Mutual Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you,  
**and also with you.**

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

**\*Call to Worship**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who  
stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;  
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?** Psalm 27:1-3

**\*Song of Praise** "Gather Us In"

LUYH 529 vs 1,3

**\*The Psalm**

Psalm 27: 4-8

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house  
of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire  
in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me  
under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek." Hide not your face from me.

**\*Hymn of Worship "O Lord, You Are My Light"**

LUYH 773 1,2,4

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

### **Call to Confession**

Do not turn your back on me. Do not reject your servant in anger.  
You have always been my helper.

**Don't leave me now; don't abandon me, O God of my salvation!**

Even if my father and mother abandon me, the Lord will hold me close.

**Teach me how to live, O Lord.**

Lead me along the right path, for my enemies are waiting for me.  
Do not let me fall into their hands. For they accuse me of things I've never done;  
with every breath they threaten me with violence.

Yet I am confident I will see the Lord's goodness while I am here in the land of the living. Wait patiently for the Lord.

**Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord.**

Psalm 27:9-14

**Song of Confession "The Publican"**

B. Van de Water

### **The Prayer of Confession**

**Father, we confess that we have lived with too much selfish ambition and vain conceit. We have counted ourselves as more significant than others. We have looked out for our own interests rather than the interest of others. We confess that we have failed to live as if we have the mind of Christ. Father, we ask in the name of Jesus and by the power of your Spirit that you would forgive us, heal us, and conform us to the image of your Son.**

**We do not deserve such grace, but you freely offer it through your Son, who emptied himself, took on the form of a slave, and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.**

**Through the power of your Spirit, may Christ be exalted in all the earth to the praise of your glorious grace. Amen.**

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

### **The Assurance of Salvation**

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Romans 6:3-4

**Song of Assurance** “In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified”

LUYH 861 vs 1,3

**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 King, you showed us amazing power when you raised your Son Jesus from death on that first Sunday! You defeated sin, chased away death, and gave us the hope of forever life. Help us live every day knowing you've won! Take away our worries and give us courage to praise you and do what you want. And help us stay strong as we wait for your kingdom to come in its fullness on that final, great day. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Children's Dismissal** “In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified”

LUYH 861 vs 2

(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**

**The Scripture Reading** Philippians 2:12-18

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

## **Prayer of Illumination**

### **The Sermon “Shine Like Stars”**

**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 “Lift Up Your Hearts unto the Lord”**

LUYH 844 vs 1,3,4

## **Communion Liturgy**

Beloved in the Lord, as we come to the holy Supper of our Lord and Savior, it is fitting that we consider to what end our Lord has instituted it. “This do,” he said, “in remembrance of me.”

We should remember, then, that our Lord Jesus Christ, just as the Old Testament promised, was sent by the Father into the world. He took on our human nature, our flesh and blood. He carried the weight of God's anger for us, which we rightly deserved. He perfectly obeyed God's law on our behalf. Even though he was innocent, he was condemned to death so that we could be declared not guilty before God. He took the curse that belonged to us so that we could be filled with his blessings. He humbled himself to death, even the painful and shameful death of the cross, when he cried out loudly, “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?” so that we could be accepted by God and never abandoned.

And finally, he sealed the new and lasting agreement of grace and forgiveness with his own blood, when he said, “It is finished.” “This is my body, broken for you,” he said, “This cup is the new testament in my blood.”

We are, therefore, to believe these promises which Jesus Christ, who is the truth, has himself given us. It is his will that we be partakers of his body and blood and share in all his benefits, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. We may not doubt that he will perform in our hearts and lives all that these outward signs signify and that he who is the true heavenly bread will nourish and strengthen us to life eternal. For in this Supper we share in the infinite goodness of our Savior and are made partakers of all his blessings, of life eternal, righteousness, and glory.

*A short period of silence*

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the world. In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices.

Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died!**  
**Christ has risen!**  
**Christ will come again!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into him Christ our Lord. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole Church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

<b>Communion Music</b> “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”	LUYH 737 vs 1,2,4
“Spirit of the Living God”	LUYH 749
“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”	LUYH 746 vs 1-3

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of Your Son in the Feast of the Redemption of the World.**

**We adore You and offer our praise for this unfathomable mystery. You nourish and strengthen us to live life in Christ. Deepen our faith, hope and love. Draw us into greater communion with you and your Church. Help us to live courageously as your disciple, now sent out into the world to walk in Your light.**

**We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### **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** Reach the Forgotten

**Offertory** “O Christ, Our True and Only Light”

A.W. Leupold

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

**\*Closing Hymn** “For Such a Time as This”

LUYH 867 vs 2,3

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

J.C. Bach

**Credits & Liturgical Notes**

**Preaching:** Rev. Tim Blackmon

**Organ:** Jean Schuitman

**Piano:** Robin Kieft

**Prayers of the People:** Joanne Query

**Vocalists:** Patrice Frantz, Rob/Joslyn Wagenmaker

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:** *Reach the Forgotten's* vision is for every incarcerated person to experience new life in Christ and develop healthy family, church and community relationships.

**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.

**Walk Out Worship:** This week, we will welcome our children back to the sanctuary for Communion. Due to the shorter time in W.O.W., the children will have time for singing, engage in their weekly liturgy, review past stories and have a response time. When we take time to reflect more on the stories we've heard, we can notice the goodness of God. Every week, may it be evident that our God is worthy to be praised!

### Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Will, Kari and Arielle De Lange welcomed *Bridget Lucile*, to their family last week on Monday. There is a bassinet in the Atrium for anonymous gifts. A meal train has been created to bless them with Freezer Meals that they can pick up on Sundays. Sign Up here: <https://mealtrain.com/53nvdz>

Congratulation to Alexandra & Zach Boersen on the birth of their daughter Lauralei Belle on Tuesday February 18. Proud grandparents are Dawn & Jim Sacks and new uncle, Ethan Hodge.

Congratulations to Lydia & Jordan Moya on the birth of their daughter Ashira. Proud grandparents are Jaime & Amy Goorman, along with great-grandma Carole Ruiter.

Jenna Brian's father Jim is still hospitalized in Texas. Please continue pray for him and his medical team along with Jenna and her mother Pat.

Ray Kuiper has returned to the Laurels of Hudsonville.

Please continue to pray for Wes & Mary Willink and Char Ter Haar.

### Church Announcements:

**Ash Wednesday:** A service for Ash Wednesday will be held this Wednesday, March 5 at 7pm.

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

**Friendship Club** begins its spring session on Tuesday, March 18. We need additional mentors and subs for one hour on Tuesday evenings, to be a blessing to a friend and be blessed by the time together. If you are interested or have questions please contact Ruth Marotti at 616-886-6216. There is a cookie sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk for the upcoming weeks. Thank you for your support.

**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 are available. This Sunday we will have a painting station in the North Hall after the service. Please contact Rob Wagenmaker with questions at 616-638-0976.

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

**SWANs:** Please mark your calendars for March 25, 9:30, at church. Our talented Joan Tandler will be helping us make Memory bracelets! Refreshments will be served. Reservations are needed, so call Carole at 616-502-2015.

**Tool Time Men's Bible Study:** We will continue Saturday March 15 at 8am. Future Dates: Mar. 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 from 9am-12pm noon. 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!

**VBS Set Decoration Workshop:** We partner with Ferrysburg Church each year to share set-decorations and curriculum resources. They are inviting Second's members to join them at their upcoming workshops to create the decor. There is a variety of projects to help with. The dates of the Workshops are: March 5, 13 or 19 from 11am-2pm. Questions, please call Ferrysburg's office at 616-842-3880.

**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

### 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

### March 5, 2025 – Ash Wednesday

**Projection:** Dan Braak

**Video:** Gary Roelofs, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Jason Zuidema

**Sound:** Rick Clapp

### March 9, 2025

**Projection:** Dan Braak

**Video:** Chuck DeWitt, Ian Clapp, Mark Boelens, Ethan Hodge

**Sound:** Jim Warners

**Ushers:** Dale Schuitema (Team 7), Kraig Brolick, Cathy Brolick, Garry VandenBerg

**Coffee Hosts:** Todd & Amy Cunningham; Curt & Mary DeJongh

**Nursery:** Carisa Marotti, Mary Wierenga

**Little Lambs:** Manette deJonge, Jenn Steigenga

**Walk Out 4s-1st:** Rob/Joslyn Wagenmaker, Ian Clapp

**Walk Out 2nd-5th:** Annie Hoekzema, Frankie Folkert

**Greeters:** Ken Terpstra, Evan & Lois Reinders

**Offering:** Harbor House Ministries

## **Connect with Second CRC**

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## Calendar

### **Sunday, March 2**

10:00 AM – Sunday Service

11:30 AM- Bell Rehearsal

### **Monday, March 3**

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM– Ping Pong

### **Tuesday, March 4**

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

### **Wednesday, March 5**

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:00 PM – Knitting / Craft Club

7 PM – Ash Wednesday Service

### **Thursday, March 6**

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM – Women’s Bible Hour

7 PM – Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, March 7**

Office Closed

### **Saturday, March 8**

### **Sunday, March 9**

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

11:30 AM–Children’s Ministry

Afterword

11:30 AM–Bell Rehearsal

5:00 PM– Pinewood Derby

## **Give Online:**



## **Guest Registration:**

