



Worship Service for
Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 6, 2025

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

Prelude “Variations on Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

H. Hopson/W. Held

Greeting & Welcome

***Mutual Greeting**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.
To this peace we were called as members of a single body.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you

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

***Call to Worship**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.**

***Hymn of Worship** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

LUYH 579

*The Psalm

Psalm 20

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! May he send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion! May he remember all your offerings and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices! May he grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans!

May we shout for joy over your salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners! May the Lord fulfill all your petitions!

Now I know that the Lord saves his anointed;
he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand.

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright. O Lord, save the king! May he answer us when we call.

*Song of Praise "Rejoice, O Pure in Heart"

LUYH 353 vs 1,2,4

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

The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than our sin. Forgive our shallow attitude toward life, our callousness toward suffering, our envy of others, our neglect of your wise law. Change us by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Choral Song of Confession "Miserere" (Have Mercy)

L. Larson

The Assurance of Salvation

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

**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

Heavenly Father, we know you are the only one who can truly order our wayward desires and stubborn wills. Please give your children the grace to love what you command and to want what you have promised; so that, in a changing world, our hearts can stay firmly fixed on where true joy is found. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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**

The Scripture Reading Philippians 4:21-23

p. 982

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon 'Farewell'

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 "Christian Hearts in Love United"**

LUYH 727

Communion is an opportunity for all of us to seek the Lord. It is an occasion for baptized Christians to be strengthened by our Savior. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, are members in good standing of a church that embraces the gospel, live at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully are welcome to come forward to partake. If you are not a Christian, have not been admitted to the Lord's table, or choose not to partake, you are welcome to come forward with your arms crossed in front of your body to receive a blessing.

Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Prayers of the People

Words of Institution

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

Grant us your peace.

Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Music "Lenten Meditation"

J. Althouse

Communion Songs "I Need Thee"

LUYH 322 vs 1,4,5

"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"

Kimbrough

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, by water and the Spirit, you have claimed us as your own and anointed us for your service. Build up the body of Christ in your love and equip the church for the work of ministry.

Make us one body in Christ, where each one's gifts are honored and used for the good of all, where all submit to one another in humility and the bonds of the Spirit.

Send us out into the world to do justice, to show mercy, and to walk humbly with you in trust and faith.

Give us strength to serve you faithfully until that promised day of resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory. Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.

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

The Offering Elim Christian Services

Offertory "What Wondrous Love Is This"

J. Carter

**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 Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Townend

*Benediction

Postlude "Allegro in C Minor"

J. Walther

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Organ & Choir Director: Jean Schuitman

Piano & Choir Accompanist: Julie Hordyk

We display music on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) in 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: Elim Christian Services supports children and adults with disabilities in leading their fullest, God-given lives.

Walk Out Worship: This week, we will welcome our children back to the sanctuary for Communion. Due to Spring Break the classes will be combined. The children will have time for singing, engage in their weekly liturgy, review the stories of Lent and have a response time.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Hank Byma's father, John Byma, passed away last Thursday March 27. A funeral was held at Grant CRC this past Monday. Please keep Hank and Carla in your prayers.

Ken Terpstra's father, *Peter Terpstra*, passed away last Thursday March 27. Visitation will be at Yntema Funeral Home in Zeeland on Tuesday April 15 from 4-6pm and service will be at Holland Heights CRC on Wednesday April 16 at 2pm.

Doug Zuidema will be having heart surgery to replace an aortic valve on Friday, April 18, at the Meijer Heart Center in Grand Rapids. Please pray for the surgery to go well, for a minimum of pain, and a swift recovery.

Please join in celebrating Bill Van Wienen and Stan Boelkins' 90th Birthdays on Sunday, April 13th with cake and coffee following the morning service.

The Boersen's welcomed daughter Lauralei Belle on February 18. The bassinet in the atrium is to bless them with gifts for Lauralei.

Please continue to pray for Ron & Carol Brouwer, Jim Mulder and Stan Teunis.

Church Announcements:

Easter Refreshments: We are looking to have a variety of cookies, bars, and sweet treats after church on Easter Sunday, April 20th. If you like to bake, please see the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk.

Palm Sunday: Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. We will have a Palm Branch Processional and ask that all who want to participate, particularly our W.O.W. families, arrive by 9:50 to select their Palm Branches and gather in the Atrium.

Art Project: A special thank you to the Art Committee and all who participated in the Intergenerational Art Project. What a beautiful example of the Body of Christ coming together to share conversation and stories while pondering and painting about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The final product will be displayed on Easter Sunday!

Book Club: We will meet on Monday April 21 at 1:30pm in the parlor. The book to be discussed is "The Five Red Herrings," by Dorothy L. Sayers. All are welcome to attend.

Bridal Shower: Please mark your calendars for Saturday, June 21, 9:30am, for a bridal shower, celebrating Sydney Fritz! She will be marrying Trevor Reeths later in the summer. An invite will be in mailboxes later this Spring.

Friendship Club has begun its spring session. We need two additional female and one male mentors and substitutes for one hour on Tuesday evenings, to be a blessing to a friend. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Ruth Marotti at 616-886-6216.

Online Pictorial Directory: We are working on a Digital Pictorial Directory. You have been invited via email to add your information and upload photos of yourself and/or household to the Directory. If you have questions or need a photo taken at church, please contact Amy Wolffis. There will also be an Afterword session on April 27 explaining the process.

SWANs: Change of Plans! We will meet for lunch on April 8 at 11:30 at Stan's Cafe, 1118 Washington Ave. Please inform Barb or Carole by Sunday if you can make it.

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

Vacation Bible School: Calling all kids to join us for "*True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World*" on July 14–17 from 9:15am-12pm. Our kids will learn that Jesus is their unshakable guide. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk to volunteer as classroom leaders and assistants, food preparation, craft helpers and daily check-in of those attending. Please invite all the children you know who are in Preschool to Fifth grade and encourage them to register online.

Women's Bible Hour: We will continue with Proverbs on Thursday April 10 at 1:30pm in the parlor. Questions, please contact Char TerHaar at 616-842-0848.



MIDWEEK GATHERING

Our Spring Session will be April 23-May 21

Gospelism: Learning to Live & Share the Gospel with Erik Veker

We share the gospel because Jesus is good news! Do you want to grow in sharing the gospel more confidently, more clearly, and more naturally? No one is an expert, but together, we'll encourage each other and trust God as we cover the fundamentals:

- What is the gospel?
- What holds you back?
- How do you begin?
- How do you find the courage to testify to what God has done in Jesus Christ?

There are people in your life that only *you* can reach. The Canons of Dort says, "In order that people may be brought to faith, God mercifully sends messengers of this very joyful message to the people and at the time he wills." course is about learning to *live* the gospel and invite others into its life-giving power.

Unapologetic: The Five Solas of the Reformation with Rev. Tim Blackmon

Have you noticed the bold gold lettering in our atrium? They proclaim the five watchwords of the Reformation: Sola Scriptura, Sola Fide, Sola Gratia, Solus Christus, Soli Deo Gloria.

These core theological principles emerged from the 16th-century Protestant Reformation and continue to define biblical Christianity. During the Spring Midweek Gathering, Pastor Tim will aim to demonstrate why these seemingly ancient truths are vital and relevant for your life today.

Register online at <http://bit.ly/3G5tJVR> or using a Form at the Welcome Desk.

Volunteer Schedule

April 6, 2025

Projection: Renee Mulder

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

Sound: Jim Warners

Ushers: John Rycenga (Team 11), Jon Mulder, Jim Sacks, Carl Vertregt

Coffee Hosts: Dale & Norma, Ian Clapp, John Buitenhuis

Nursery: Ruth Marotti, Mary Wierenga

Little Lambs: Jane DeGroot Claire Clapp

Walk Out: Lori Buitendorp, Gabe Schaaf

Greeters: Jay Brace, Carole Ruiten & Joan Tandler

Offering: Elim Christian Services

April 13, 2025

Projection: Eric Wolffis

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

Sound: Todd Cunningham

Ushers: Steve Marotti (Team 1), Todd Cunningham, David Brace, Mike Buitendorp

Coffee Hosts: John & Agnes Fisher; Ron & Patrice Frantz

Nursery: Sam Farrar, Laura Knochenhaue

Little Lambs: Sheila Warners, Sydney Marotti

Walk Out 4s-1st: Rob/Joslyn W., Jenn Steigenga

Walk Out 2nd-5th: Annie Hoekzema, Dawn Rotman

Greeters: Dan Braak, John & Marie Rycenga

Offering: Resonate Global Mission – Most Needed Fund

Calendar

Sunday, April 6

10:00 AM – Sunday Service

Monday, April 7

Office Closed

1:30 PM– Ping Pong

Tuesday, April 8

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

Wednesday, April 9

Office Closed

1:00 PM – Knitting / Craft Club

Thursday, April 10

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM–Women's Bible Hour

7 PM–Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 11

Office Closed

Saturday, April 12

Sunday, April 13

10:00 AM–Palm Sunday Service

Friday, April 18

7 PM Good Friday Service

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