

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Prelude “God So Loved the World”
“O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

Stainer
arr. Francis/Williams

***Call to Worship**

Who has believed what he has heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
**Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.**
But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:1, 4-5

***Opening Hymn** “O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

LUYH 168

***Prayer of Adoration**

King of glory, we adore you, our Savior and Lord.
You suffered on the cross and gave your life as a ransom for many.
We bless and thank you for the outpouring of your love and offer our worship today
out of unspeakable gratitude.
Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith**

Q. What does it mean that Jesus “suffered”?

**A. That during his whole life on earth, but especially at the end,
Christ sustained in body and soul the wrath of God against
the sin of the whole human race.**

**This he did in order that, by his suffering as the only atoning sacrifice,
he might deliver us, body and soul, from eternal condemnation, and gain for
us God’s grace, righteousness, and eternal life.**

Adapted from Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 37

***Song of Praise** “Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

LUYH 796

Out of my distress I called on the Lord.

Call to Confession

Q. What benefit do you receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?

A. By Christ's power our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us, but that instead we may offer ourselves as a sacrifice of gratitude to him.

Adapted from Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 43

Let us confess our sins.

The Prayer of Confession

O God, you know my foolishness and my sins are not hidden from you:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Let not the flood overwhelm me nor the depths swallow me up;

let not the pit shut its mouth upon me:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Hear me, O Lord, as your loving kindness is good;

turn to me as your compassion is great: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

A few moments of silence

Words of Assurance

In Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death,

so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him.

Brothers and sisters: through the cross of Christ you are forgiven and reconciled to God.

Praise be to God!

based on Colossians 1:19-22

Sharing of the Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

Glad Songs of Salvation

Song of Praise “Cornerstone”

Liljero/Morgan/Myrin

I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord.

Old Testament Reading Psalm 118

p. 511

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

Choral Response “Surely, He Has Borne our Grief”

D. Wagner

The Gospel Reading Mark 12:1-11

p. 848

The Sermon “Cornerstone”

O Lord, we pray, give us success!

***Hymn of Response** “My Song is Love Unknown”

LUYH 148 vs 1,4,5,6

Prayers of the People

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death,
and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy

For Christian people, that through the suffering
of disunity there may grow a rich union in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, that our common life
may be ordered in justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation,
that they may find support and encouragement, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure,
or sorrow, feel that God is far from them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

That we, with those who have died in faith, may find
mercy in the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Closing Music “Were You There”

by Lasky

Benediction

Choral Benediction “We do All Adore Thee”

by T. Dubois

Leave in Silence

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon
Organ: Cathy Schaaf
Violin: Sarah York
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

Prayer Card: We invite you to take a prayer card. As we worship, prayerfully consider one person in our Grand Haven community – a friend, relative, acquaintance, neighbor, or co-worker – and note their first name on the card. Following the choral benediction, please place your card in the bowl beneath the altar cross as you leave in quiet reflection.

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