

April 28, 2024

Morning Worship

CALLED AND GATHERED

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship

*Song: **King of Kings vs 1-4**

*God's Greeting and Greet One Another

*Song: **O Praise the Name vs 1-4**

CONFESSION AND OFFERING

Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Offering: Chr. Education Tuition Grant, General Fund

Song: **His Mercy is More vs 1-3**

Congregational Prayer

Children's Message

[Children ages 2-4 are invited to Children's Worship]

*Song: **When Peace Like a River vs 1, 2 & 4**

FROM THE BOOK WE LOVE

Scripture: *Genesis 39:20-40:23*

Series: You'll Get Through This

Message: ***Waiting Is the Hardest Part***

Prayer

HE SENDS US OUT

*Benediction

*Song: **Imagine vs 1-2**

*Postlude and Christian Fellowship

Pastor Dave

Accompanist: Kim Byker

Worship Team: Kristin Buskard, Maribeth Laansma

Kristin Power, Alissa Stuive

Children's Moment: Bill Brouwer

*Congregation stands if able

Welcome!

If you have a prayer request or you would like to know more about us, please fill out the Welcome Card and place in one of the Connection boxes as you leave the sanctuary. To view our services online go to: firstcrchudsonville.org and click the link at the top of the page.

THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Genesis 39:20-40:23 Series: You'll Get Through This: The Story of Joseph
Message: ***Waiting is the Hardest Part*** Everyone's story has twists and turns and times of waiting. The waiting is often the hardest part. In this message we'll see how Joseph's life goes from the pit to the palace to prison. We'll be led to consider how we maintain integrity and lean on God's promises even in the darkest of times.
First offering: Chr. Education Tuition Grant Fund; second offering: General Fund

PM: Deuteronomy 7: 6-11 Message: ***Why Does God Love Us?*** Join us as Rev. Jeff McCleary leads us in worship. We are sinners by nature and manifestly undeserving of God's love yet those who have been saved through faith in Jesus have received and continue to be blessed by the Father's love. How is this possible, and what should be our response, and how might the knowledge of this shape our daily living?
Offering: Unity Christian HS

NEXT SUNDAY:

AM: Genesis 41: 1-46 Series: You'll Get Through This: The Story of Joseph
Message: ***Farther Along*** The story of Joseph – like your story – is filled with twists and turns, faith and adversity, and the overarching providence of a good and loving God. Join us next week as we look at the next episode in the life of Joseph.
First offering: Faith Promise; second offering: General Fund

PM: Acts 2: 42-47 Series: Sound Doctrine: Understanding and Living What We Believe
Message: ***A Healthier Church*** Last time we said that everyone needs a church home. But how does a group of sinful people become a community of faith that is pleasing to God? How do we, as the Church, follow Jesus so closely that we become a place of grace and truth, of purity and unity, of grace and empathy?
Offering: First CRC Kids Hope

THIS WEEK:

- Spring Potluck, after worship at 11:45AM.
- Pop! Snr High, Sunday, 6:00PM.

Evening offerings for the month of **April** will go to Unity Christian H.S.
Evening offerings for **May** will go to First CRC Kids Hope.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring Has Sprung! It's time to celebrate with an all church potluck **TODAY** at 11:45 AM in the church basement. Meatballs, rolls, dessert, beverages and tableware will be provided. Happy Spring!!!

South Elementary Snacks - they are in need of several more to finish out the year. These must be individually wrapped items. Please place in box in foyer. Contact Cheri Huisman with questions.

Calling all graduates! If you have graduated or will be graduating from any post high school degree, please contact Christy in the office at fcrhudsonville@att.net ! We want to celebrate you and your accomplishments!

April Missionary Highlight: The Sliedrecht Family, Global Outreach International
Prayer requests:

- Praise God for the opportunity to engage with college students to discern God's call to missions.
- Pray for more opportunities to engage in spiritual conversations with international students.
- Pray for Tim as he facilitates an 8-month long leadership training program.
- Praise God for the MentorMe program which includes 45 staff and 50 youth.

FIRST CRC/PINE REST PARTNERSHIP April is Stress Awareness Month Stress can become overwhelming, and when left untreated it can lead to physical ailments including digestive issues, headaches, muscle pain, and even cardiovascular concerns. Take control of your mental and physical health through our Pine Rest/First CRC Partnership.. Behavioral health experts can help navigate life stressors and teach healthy coping skills to overcome stress. Simply call 800.442.0809 (press 1) or send an email to eap@pinerest.org . There is no co-pay or out-of-pocket cost



*Flowers appear on the earth;
the season of singing has come...
- Song of Songs 2: 12*

Nursery: The Nursery is open for morning services.
This Week: Jenna Persenaire, Kara Helms, Brinley Cook
Next Sunday: Andrea Matthyse, Ella Stuive, Kinsley Klokkert

Ushers for April:

AM: Ben Bouma, Braden Bouma, Jake Vlietstra, Brett Wassink
PM: Dave Aukeman, Andrew Bard, Mark Byker

Ushers for May:

AM: Brody Stuive, Nate Stuive, Sawyer Stuive, Tim Stuive
PM: Kyle Brouwer, Brett DeVries, Doug Krikke

Coffee Server: This Week: Yvonne VanderHeide
Next Week: Betty Velderman

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

Concerns and Praises:

- **Donna Machiela** – returned home from the hospital last week.
- **Mic Jurgens** will have hip surgery this Thursday, May 2.
- Give thanks that **Kathy Krikke's** recent scan showed no tumor growth.
- **Flo Bosscher** has been dealing with serious health concerns.
- **Mike Krikke** is recovering from knee surgery.

Shut-ins: Sharon Walters, Andy Machiela, Bob/Marie Heyboer, and Arlene Schut.

If you have any needs or prayer requests, please contact your Care Group Elder/Deacon or Pastor Dave.

Our Prayer Coordinator, Tammy Schnyders, produces a monthly prayer sheet, "Partners in Prayer", sends out prayer emails, and regularly updates the Praise and Prayer Line [669.5548]. If you have a prayer need contact Pastor Dave, your Care Group Elder, or Tammy Schnyders.

FROM THE DENOMINATION

Kids Corner: Push Pause - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Rest can take many forms. As long as we slow down, pay attention, and enjoy God's blessings, we receive the benefits of rest. Try it! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like The Spring Scavenger Hunt, and go for a hike!

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

National Day of Prayer - May 2: Prayer is a powerful thing, and each year a day is set aside for a nation-wide day of prayer. South Grandville CRC (4130 Wilson Ave) invites you to join us for a community-wide prayer service on the National Day of Prayer, May 2 at 7PM. We will be praying for the many needs of our world, nation, and local community. "As for God, his way is perfect: The LORD'S word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him." (2 Samuel 22:31) An offering will be received for Resonate Global Mission, specifically in support of Rev. Matthew Slack, missionary to Türkiye.

MentorMe GALA - It is our hope that you will join us at our MentorMe GALA on Wednesday, May 1 at 6PM at Watermark Country Club to Celebrate and Share all God is doing; lives being changed, identities being restored, truth being taught and captives being set free! We are excited that our guest speaker will be Dean VanderMey, Executive Director of Set Free Ministries. Business casual attire, please RSVP by April 15 at mentormeofwestmi.org or 616-540-3383. There is no cost to attend.

FROM LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Love Your Neighbor is in urgent need of volunteers for our Life Skills Programs. These are programs that are for families struggling to make ends meet where they can access education, resources, community and hope. And shift from surviving to thriving. This is only made possible by many community volunteers coming together! Please see below for the programs urgent needs:

- Class facilitators
- Childcare Volunteers

Follow this link to read about how these volunteers helped transform the lives of families in our community: <https://lovewm.org/2023/09/05/a-letter-of-thanks/> For more information about the volunteer opportunities, please reach out to us at volunteer@lovewm.org

Annual Pickleball Event - May 18 is Love Your Neighbor's 2nd Annual Pickleball Tournament in Hudsonville! Sign up to play or consider sponsoring this unique, local event to raise funds for local families in Love Your Neighbor's Life Skills Programs. Sign up to play: <https://bit.ly/pickleballwithlove24>

April 28, 2024 - Evening Worship

ENTERING WORSHIP

Prelude
Call to Worship

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*Song: **O God Beyond all Praising vs 1 & 3**
Let all Creation's Wonder vs 3

*Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q 60
*Song: **O How He Loves you and Me vs 1 & 2**
Congregational Prayer

PROCLAMATION

Song/Offering: **O the Deep, Deep, Love of Jesus vs 1-3**

Scripture: *Deuteronomy 7:6-11*

Message: **Why Does God Love Us?**

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S HOLY WORD

*Benediction

*Song: **Great is Thy Faithfulness vs 1 & 3**

*Postlude and Christian Fellowship

Pastor: Rev. Jeff McCleary

Accompanist: Kim Byker

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