

## GOD SPEAKS AND WE LISTEN

\*Song *For the Beauty of the Earth* LUYH 19:1,2,5  
Scripture Passage: Psalm 89:9-18, 46-52  
(Leader: "This is the Word of the Lord" **People: "Thanks be to God"**)  
Message:  
Prayer of Application

### RESPONSE

Offering: General Fund [offerings may be given online at [allenavechurch.org](http://allenavechurch.org)  
or placed in the baskets at each entrance]  
\*Sung Response: *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns* LUYH 476:1,2,5

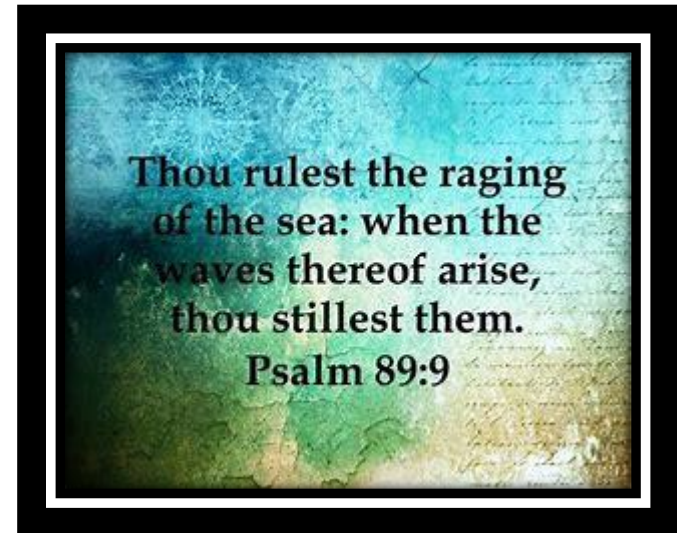
### SENT OUT

God's Parting Blessing  
\*Song *Lord, You Have Lavished on Your Land* LUYH 165:3,4  
\*Postlude

### SERMON NOTES:

**Passage:** Psalm 89:9-18, 46-52 **Sermon Title:** "Where's the Love?"

# ALLEN AVENUE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



PASTOR MARK HOFMAN  
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00AM  
NOVEMBER 12, 2023

# “Come...Now is the Time to Worship”

Pastor Mark Hofman - Sunday, November 12, 2023

## GATHERED TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements - Love INC Ministry Presentation Mike Miller

Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship (Psalm 89: 1-8)

Leader: I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

**People: I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

Leader: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant, 'I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations.

**People: The heavens praise your wonders, LORD, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.**

Leader: For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD? Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings?

**People: In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; he is more awesome than all who surround him.**

Leader: Who is like you, LORD God Almighty?

**People: You, LORD, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you.**

\*Song of Praise *I Will Sing of My Redeemer* LUYH 568:1-3

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

## RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Call to Confession (Psalm 89: 30-45)

**VOICE 1:** "If his sons forsake my law and do not follow my statutes, if they violate my decrees and fail to keep my commands, I will punish their sin with the rod, their iniquity with flogging; but I will not take my love from him, nor will I ever betray my faithfulness.

**VOICE 2:** I will not violate my covenant or alter what my lips have uttered. Once for all, I have sworn by my holiness—and I will not lie to David—that his line will continue forever and his throne endure before me like the sun; it will be established forever like the moon, the faithful witness in the sky."

**VOICE 1:** But you have rejected, you have spurned, you have been very angry with your anointed one. You have renounced the covenant with your servant and have defiled his crown in the dust. You have broken through all his walls and reduced his strongholds to ruins. All who pass by have plundered him; he has become the scorn of his neighbors.

**VOICE 2:** You have exalted the right hand of his foes; you have made all his enemies rejoice. Indeed, you have turned back the edge of his sword and have not supported him in battle. You have put an end to his splendor and cast his throne to the ground. You have cut short the days of his youth; you have covered him with a mantle of shame.

Prayer (in unison)

**Lord, you are a God who keeps promises. In our prayers and songs, we say that we want to follow you, but then we forget our promises. Our actions do not reflect our words. Lord, forgive us for thinking of ourselves first, for failing to love our neighbors and for turning away from you. Show us your mercy for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

Our Assurance (Psalm 89:19-29)

**VOICE 1:** Once you spoke in a vision, to your faithful people you said: "I have bestowed strength on a warrior; I have raised up a young man from among the people. I have found David my servant; with my sacred oil I have anointed him. My hand will sustain him; surely my arm will strengthen him. The enemy will not get the better of him; the wicked will not oppress him. I will crush his foes before him and strike down his adversaries.

**VOICE 2:** My faithful love will be with him, and through my name his horn will be exalted. I will set his hand over the sea, his right hand over the rivers. He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.' And I will appoint him to be my firstborn, the most exalted of the kings of the earth. I will maintain my love to him forever, and my covenant with him will never fail. I will establish his line forever, his throne as long as the heavens endure.

\*Response of Gratitude *I Will Sing of the Mercies* PsH 169

Prayers of the People Sue Sytsema

Children's Blessing (in unison):

**Remember: God keeps his promises.  
He loves you, He cares for you,  
and He promises to be with you always.**



## We Live to B.L.E.S.S.

*Believe. Love. Evangelize.*

*Support Christian Education. Serve.*



### NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

- 11/12: Nursery: Toni Schuitema & Becki Fisher  
Coffee Fellowship: Phil & Charry Snyder
- 11/19: Nursery: Charry Snyder & Addie Maat  
Coffee Fellowship: Scott & Toni Schuitema
- 11/26: Nursery: Karen Alphenaar & Mary Maat  
Coffee Fellowship: Jack & Laurie DeJonge
- 12/3: Nursery: Lis Miedema & Tayla Vlasma  
Coffee Fellowship: Mike & Marcia Breuker



### ALLEN AVENUE MISSIONARIES

#### **\*Pray for the \* Missionary this Week**

Stephan and Alicia – Kenya

#### **\*Rev. Jerry – Back to God Ministries**

Angel Community Church – Muskegon

Zuni Christian School – Zuni, New Mexico

Eric and Judith – Western Asia

Paul & Charlotte – Mission French Africa



### ALLEN AVENUE CARE LIST

Joann Deitz	Wilma Doctor	Jim Doornbos
Vicky Fisher	Lois Grinwis	Pearl Kitchen
<b>*Joel Stefanits</b>	Betty TenBrink	Ro Verheul June Walcott

\*Please pray for “Care List Member” **Joel Stefanits** this week!

We love and pray for all the families on our care list and for their care givers who so lovingly serve and help them...Bless them! Amen.

## WELCOME TO ALLEN AVENUE CRC

### **A Warm Welcome to Our Visitors, Guests, & Members!**

We are rejoicing that you have come to join us in worshipping our amazing Lord of the Harvest! We are continuing our “Winterizing” series to prepare ourselves for what God has for us...this week we are focusing on Psalm 89. **\*\*\*We welcome Mike Miller, Director for Love INC**, who will be giving a presentation and updating us today after the worship service on what Love INC is doing. Grab your coffee & cookie and head back to the sanctuary for this.

### **CRC DENOMINATION & AACRC COUNCIL NEWS**

#### **The Full Council met on October 18, and proposed the following calendar:**

**November 19** – Town Hall meeting for discussion after the morning service.

**November 26** – Congregational meeting after the morning service to draw names for Elder & Deacon and vote on the budget.

**December 13** – Council meeting to elect officers.

#### **Elder nominations:**

Mary Kortman

Barb Malda

Steve Rop

Sue Sytsema

#### **Deacon Nominations:**

Deb Anderson

Laurie DeJonge

Becki Fisher

Amber Johnson

Denise Koetje

Nate Schout

Cam Vlasma

Ron Vlasma

\*\*\*There will not be an  
Ingathering at the Thanks-  
giving Eve Service on 11/22.

#### **Our Thanksgiving Eve Service will be Wednesday, November 22, at 7:00pm.**

If you would like to bring dessert or cider for our “Pies & Praise Service,” please sign up by the coffee window...thanks!

**The special Thanksgiving offering envelopes** are available by the collection plates in the front and back of church. If you would like to use one, please pick one up. Unspecified gifts will be split between Love INC and the Muskegon Rescue Mission. Options for online giving are also available through the Planning Center.

## CRC DENOMINATION & AACRC COUNCIL NEWS (continued...)

The deacons are thankful for \$14,143 in general fund gifts and offerings in **October**. While this amount is well short of our budgeted goal, our budgeted expenses are a bit less than expected and we know that our God is faithful. The deacons are also grateful for gifts of \$400 for Ogden United Methodist Church (where our service trip workers stayed) and \$57 for ReFrame.

**Pray for our Council** - for vision, wisdom, leadership, steadfastness, and unity...for Brian Schuitema, Bob Vanderlaan, Sherrie Wolffis, Stan Rop, Gabe Vlasma, Kelly Dauser, Karen Alphenaar, Jean Botting, Pastor Mark, Judy Vaandering, Dave Miedema, Scott Schuitema, and Charry Snyder.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

**GEMS will meet in the church basement this Wednesday, November 15, 6:00-8:00pm**, to pack our Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. See you then!

**Ladies Bible Study** will meet Thursday, November 16, from 1:30-2:30pm in the lounge. Study Lesson 4...please join us! We are always welcoming new faces!

**Ladies, you are invited!** We are having another exciting craft afternoon at AACRC in the lower level. Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 2, at 2:00. We will be making Names of Jesus Christmas ornaments. Details to come. Be sure to invite your friends. Please sign up by November 26, by the cookie window.

## PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

**PARTNERS in Prayer** –May each child/student be enriched through this ministry. May you come to know the love of God through prayer for each other.

**-Wilma Doctor** will be having an angiogram on her brain in November. She has had these before but asks for our prayers for peace for her and Ken.

**-Thanks for the successful mission trips...**Safe travel, injury-free, projects completed, neighbors met – witnessed to and prayed with. For stories heard, testimonies given, for protection from sickness and good fellowship within the teams. For skills provided and learned, for great food and snacks.

**-Thanks for electricity restored and safety from the storm.**

## PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

**-For those mourning the death of Peg Rop's friend Liz**, for her mother, father, and family. For those from Allen Ave CRC who mourn and yet rejoice that her suffering has ended, and she is in God's arms. Thank you to the prayer group dedicated to Liz and her family and for the visits from Pastor Mark and Stephanie.

**-Praise for successful fall sports seasons for WMCHS.** For safety for all who traveled and supported the teams. For a championship in soccer and great finishes in girls' and boys' cross-country. And for memories of games, coaches, and teammates that will last for a lifetime. Warmest congrats to AACRC's own Warriors, Danny Maat (CC), Luke Maat (soccer), & Tekalegn Vlasma (soccer)!

Girls CC praying with their coaches.



Danny Maat giving it all he's got!



Tekalegn Vlasma & Luke Maat surrounded by their winning team!