

SERMON NOTES:

**Sermon:** The Father's Will    **Scripture:** Matthew 18:10-14 & John 6:35-40

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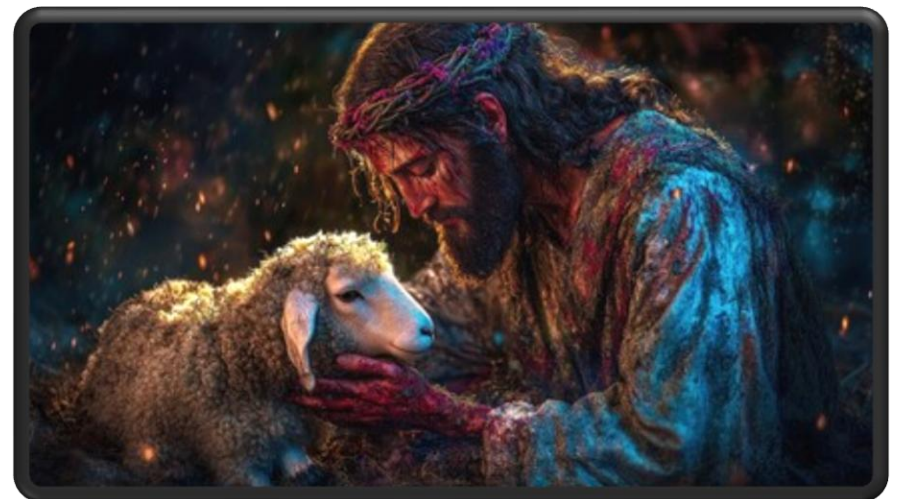
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PASTOR MARK HOFMAN  
MAY 25, 2025  
WORSHIP 10:00AM

## Come...Now is the Time to Worship!

Sunday, May 25, 2025  
Pastor Mark Hofman

### We Gather to Worship

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship

Leader: O come, let us sing to the LORD;

**All: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

**All: let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Leader: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**All: In his hand are the depths of the earth;**

**the heights of the mountains are his also.**

Leader: The sea is his, for he made it,

**All: and the dry land, which his hands have formed.**

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**All: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.**

—Psalm 95:1-7, NRSV

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| *Hymns of Praise | <i>Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down</i> | <i>LUYH 510</i>     |
|                  | <i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>   | <i>LUYH 330:1-3</i> |

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

### We Commemorate Our Graduates

High School Graduate: Luke Maat

Prayer (all Allen Avenue graduates are invited to come forward for prayer at this time)

Song *Your Will Be Done (City Alight)*

Children's Blessing

**Jesus loves the little children of the world.**

**May his blessing be upon you. May his love surround you.**

**May his joy fill you. Worship the Lord with praise and thanksgiving.**

Prayers of the People

Susan Vanderlaan

### God Speaks, We Listen

\*Song of Preparation *There Were Ninety and Nine* *Singing NT #38:1,2,4,5*

Scripture Matthew 18:10-14 & John 6:35-40 Pew Bible Pg. 1401, 1519

Leader: "This is the Word of the Lord."

**People: "Thanks be to God"**

Message: *The Father's Will*

Prayer of Application

### We Respond to God's Word

Lord's Day 49

Q. What does the third petition mean?

**A. "Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" means: Help us and all People to reject our own wills and to obey your will without any back talk. Your will alone is good. Help us one and all to carry out the work we are called to, as willingly and faithfully as the angels in heaven.**

Offerings ~ General Fund

*[offerings may be given online at [allenavechurch.org](http://allenavechurch.org)  
or in the baskets at each entrance]*

### We Are Sent Out to Serve

\*Song *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* *LUYH 824:1,3,4*

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Parting Song of Praise *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* *LUYH 824:6*

\*Postlude

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

*Believe. Love. Evangelize.*

*Support Christian Instruction. Serve.*



## **NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

5/25: Nursery: Nancy Rop & Tayla Vlasma

Children in Worship: Carol Peterman & Sherrie Wolffis

Coffee Fellowship: Bob & Susan Vanderlaan

6/1: Nursery: Sherrie Wolffis & Asher Hofman

Children in Worship: Stephanie Hofman & Justin Wilson

Coffee Fellowship: ???

6/8: Nursery: Laurie DeJonge & August Hofman

Children in Worship: Sue Sytsema & Bob and Susan VDL

Coffee Fellowship: Scott & Toni Schuitema

6/15: Nursery: Beth VanRees & Aethan Hofman

Children in Worship: Barb Malda & Deb Anderson

Coffee Fellowship: ???

## **ALLEN AVENUE MISSIONARIES**



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

Stephan and Alicia Lutz – Kenya

Rev. Jerry An – Back to God Ministries

Angel Community Church – Muskegon

**\*Paul & Charlotte Mpindi–Mission French Africa**

Charles & Hensel Oh – Japan



## **ALLEN AVENUE CARE LIST**

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1) <b>Betty TenBrink</b> | 4) Lois Grinwis |
| 2) Joel Stefanits        | 5) Ro VerHeul   |
| 3) Wilma Doctor          | 6) Jim Doornbos |

\*Please call or send a card to **"Care List Member," Betty!**

1350 W. Hackley Ave., Apt. Apt. 113, Muskegon, MI 49441

*Dear Care List Members, Every time we think of you, we say a prayer that the day will be a gentle one for you...a day that brings you plenty of comfort, reasons to smile, and lots & lots of reminders how very loved you are!*

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

We are rejoicing that you have come to join us in worship this Memorial Day Weekend...a time of remembrance for those who lost their lives while serving our country and preserving our freedom. May you be richly blessed today as we give praise to the One who gave His life for us and set us FREE! After worship, please join us in the lower level for a time of gathering and conversation as we live to B.L.E.S.S. and share life as brothers and sisters in Christ!



## **COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS**

This Sunday, May 25, **we will honor and celebrate our graduate, Luke Maat**, who graduated from Western Michigan Christian High School on Thursday, May 22. Next Sunday we will honor and celebrate WMC grad Tekalegn Vlasma!

**Our special offering next Sunday, June 1, will be for the Muskegon Rescue Mission.** The Rescue Mission provides Christ-centered programs and services for the homeless and those in need. Their services take a holistic approach to our local homelessness community by providing physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual help.

**Full Council will meet on Wednesday, May 28.** Elders and Deacons will meet separately at 6:00pm with the council meeting starting at 7:00pm.

## **CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES**

**Advanced Notice:** Ladies Bible Study will have their final meeting of the year on Thursday, June 5. We will meet at Laurie DeJonge's home on West Lake at 11:00am to finish Lesson 9 in our Proverbs book. **Bring a sack lunch** for afterwards, so we can enjoy a picnic by the lake and one another's company! Please RSVP to Laurie if you are able to join us!

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

**Connect Group** is a “come as you are, whenever you can” care group. Perfect for new comers, visitors and singles looking to casually meet new friends or check out what the church has to offer. In this small group, we build connections within the church and each other. We have a social time, Bible study/discussion, coffee and dessert...Sundays from 4:00-5:45pm. Contact Denise Koetje (231-375-9417) or Charry Snyder (231-728-5170) for more information.

**You only have this Sunday and next Sunday to sign up for your discounted UNITY CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL tickets!** This is the 25th year for the festival and some of the Christian artists who are coming include Ben Fuller, Matthew West, Steven Curtis Chapman, and Crowder. The dates are August 6-9 at Heritage Landing. Tickets are only \$40.00 for a 1-day pass and only \$75.00 for a 3-day pass!! Plan now to attend this family affordable event of praise and worship this summer. See Jill Schuitema if you have any questions. The sign-up sheet is by the coffee window in the basement.

**Musk-O-Tawa Cadet Council** needs your help. We are looking for a certified Lifeguard for July 10,11, and 12th. We will be on the Muskegon River this year. So if anyone knows anyone that would be interested please contact Bryan Archer at 231-777-3504 for more information.

## PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

**Dave & Beth VanRees & family** in the homegoing of Dave's father, **Leon**. Please be with the family as they mourn the loss of a father, grandfather, friend, teacher, and Christian man who touched so many. Visitation will be Wednesday, May 28, from 6:00pm-8:00pm at Hope Reformed Church in Holland. Celebration of Life will be Thursday, May 29, at 11:00am with lunch to follow at Hope Reformed Church, 77 W. 11<sup>th</sup> St., Holland, MI.

**John Baker:** Daughter **Diane's husband Dan Ullery** passed away last Thursday after his battle with cancer. May God comfort all those who mourn.

**Pray for our Church, local and throughout the world...**for Pastor Mark, Stephanie, Asher, August & Aethan, our church council & staff, committees, Connect group, small group studies, teachers, principles, graduates, students professions of faith, students of all ages, families, young people, children, college, post graduates, young married couples and young singles, elderly, middle aged, singles, widowed, divorced, separated, etc...Lord, hear our prayers!!!



In the Bible, it rained for 40 days and 40 nights. Day 41 came, and the rain stopped. Moses committed murder & hid in the desert for 40 years. Year 41 came, and God called him to help rescue Israel. Moses went up on the mountain for 40 days. On day 41, he received the Ten Commandments. The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Year 41, they walked into the Promised Land. Goliath taunted Israel for 40 days. Day 41 came, and David slew him. Jonah preached a message of repentance to Ninevah for 40 days. On day 41, God stopped His plan to destroy them. Jesus fasted and was tempted for 40 days. Day 41, and the devil fled. After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples for 40 days. On day 41, He ascended into Heaven. All this to say...don't quit. The rain will stop, the giant will fall, and you will enter your "promised land." Don't give up at 40. 41 is coming.