

SERMON NOTES:

Sermon : *Your Joy Will Be Complete*

Scripture : John 16:20-24 & Hebrews 12:22-24

ALLEN AVENUE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



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PASTOR MARK HOFMAN
EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 20, 2025
WORSHIP 10:00AM

Come...Now is the Time to Worship!

Easter Sunday—April 20, 2025

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We Gather to Worship Our Risen Savior

Prelude
Welcome
Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship The Easter Story Luke 24:1-12, 36-49
~read by the Maat family

*Opening Hymn *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* PsH 388

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

Leader: God has claimed us as his own.

People: He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

—based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

*Song *Death Was Arrested*

*Greeting from the Lord

*We Greet One Another

anyone wishing to participate in the bell choir may come forward at this time

Bell Choir *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Children's Song *Jesus, Strong and Kind (City Alight)*

Children's Blessing:

Jesus is risen! He's alive! May his love cover you.

May his joy fill you. May his peace be with you.

Worship him with gladness.

Prayers of the People

Pastor Mark

God Speaks, We Listen

*Song of Preparation *Lo, In the Grave He Lay* PsH 396

Scripture Passage John 16:20-24 & Hebrews 12:22-24 Pew Bible Pg. #1539
Leader: "This is the Word of the Lord." #1718
People: "Thanks be to God"

Message: *Your Joy Will Be Complete*

Prayer of Application

Offerings: General Fund of AACRC
[offerings may be given online at allenavechurch.org
or in the baskets at each entrance]

*Sung Response *Alleluia, He is Coming*

We Go Out to Serve

God's Parting Blessing

*Song *I Serve a Risen Savior* LUYH 405:1

*Postlude

Our Thanks to the Following Musical Members who Blessed Our Service:

Organist: Joanne Bishop

Pianist: Mary Kortman

Cajon: Luke Maat

Bass: Pastor Mark Hofman

Trumpet: Brian Schuitema

Trombone: John Kortman, August Hofman

Bell Choir Director: Jill Schuitema

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

*Believe. Love. Evangelize.
Support Christian Instruction. Serve.*



NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

4/20: Nursery: Carol Peterman & Melissa Vlasma
Children in Worship: Stephanie Hofman & Courtney Vanderlaan
Coffee Fellowship: Easter Continental Breakfast – 9:00am-9:45am
4/27: Nursery: Amber Johnson & Maelin Vlasma
Sunday School
Coffee Fellowship: Jack & Laurie DeJonge
5/4: Nursery: Karen Alphenaar & Serenity Alphenaar
Children in Worship:
Coffee Fellowship: Jack & Sherrie Wolffis
5/11: Nursery: Susan Vanderlaan & Becki Schout
Sunday School
Coffee Fellowship: Ron & Kristen Vlasma

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 – Philippines



ALLEN AVENUE CARE LIST

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| 1) Betty TenBrink | 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," Wilma!**
3637 Whispering Woods, Dr., Muskegon, MI 49444

*"And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love." –Romans 8-- **We love our Care List Members!***



A Warm Welcome to Our Visitors, Members and Guests on this Blessed Easter Morning!!! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! What a joy it is to gather together at this Easter service as the family of God in celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

The council has approved the following proposal and will bring it to the members of the congregation for their **vote after the worship service on April 27.**

"The building committee proposes the purchase of carpeting (with installation) for the church offices, library, east stairways, east entrance, and basement coatroom area. The carpeting would be provided by Carpet Bonanza of Zeeland at a quoted estimated cost of \$22,813. The building committee (with guidance from the finance committee) requests approval of funding not to exceed \$25,000 from the estate fund."

Note that this quote includes removal of the old carpet. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the council or the building committee. You are welcome to view carpet samples in the library.

Forty Days of Prayer for Synod - You're invited into 40 days of intentional, guided prayer leading up to Synod 2025. Echoing the Emmaus Road theme from Gather events, we hope to "Journey With Jesus" as we ask for God's guidance, with prayers written by a wide variety of CRC contributors. Learn more and sign up at crcna.org/synod/prayer for either daily Scripture and prayers OR a week's worth of Scripture and prayers that will be emailed to you. The 40 days of prayer will begin on Sunday, May 4.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

"CONNECT" Group will NOT meet Easter Sunday but will resume next week.

Ladies, please check to see if you accidentally took the wrong coat home from church last Sunday. Barb is missing a black $\frac{3}{4}$ length raincoat with hood and zipper. The brand label is Tek Gear.

Next Sunday, April 27, is the **deadline for the Allen AveNews**...see Sandy Volkens if you have any questions or have newsworthy items to contribute.

Next Sunday is GEMS Sunday when we get the opportunity to tell you about our GEMS year and to thank you for all of your support for this ministry. All GEMS are asked to be at church at 9:00am, so we can get ready to help with the service.

It's time!! It's time to sign up for your UNITY CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL TICKETS! The Festival will be held August 6-9 at Heritage Landing. This year, Ben Fuller will close out the FREE night on Wednesday, August 6. Other artists coming the rest of the week include Josh Baldwin, Matthew West, Seph Schlueter, Steven Curtis Chapman, Andrew Ripp, Sidewalk Prophets, and Crowder. This is the family affordable event of the summer!! Tickets are only \$40.00 for a 1-day pass and a 3-day pass is only \$75.00!! That is so cheap!! If you have never gone, please see Jill Schuitema for more information or check out: UnityMusicFestival.com. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the basement and order your special low-price tickets by June 1.

Ladies Bible Study will meet Thursday, April May 1, at 1:30pm, Chapter 7.

"CONNECT" Group: Looking for a small group that's unique to your needs? Or trying to connect with others here at Allen Avenue? At a "CONNECT" Group Session, you will get acquainted with others and share your spiritual journey in an authentic, Biblical environment. "CONNECT" Group is an "in the moment"/ "come as you are" format to encourage relationship building while studying the Word of God together. It is a safe place to share and be cared for. Open to all ages 15 years old and older. Curious? Contact Denise Koetje 231-375-9417 or Charry Snyder 231-728-5170 for more information. We meet on Sundays from 4-6pm.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Preliminary planning is underway for our fall mission trip! This year, we're serving in Northwest Iowa to help repair flood damage from last year's storms. We'll be coordinating our efforts through Disaster Response Services (DRS).

Trip Details:

- **Destination:** Northwest Iowa
- **Purpose:** Repairing flood damage from last year's storms
- **Coordination:** Disaster Response Services (DRS)
- **Possible Weeks:** Week of September 8th **or** September 15th
- **Cost:** Less than \$200 per person
- **Skill Requirements:** No special skills are needed—whether you're into cooking, cleaning, painting, carpentry, or any other area, we can match you with a suitable job!

If you are interested, have questions, or would like to sign up, please see Steve Rop or email at rop.steven@gmail.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

--**Praises for the safe return** of our Spring Breakers and the memories made.

--Gratitude that **Tom & Jaci Walcott** could be with us on Palm Sunday.

--**Jim Doornbos** is still struggling with some swallowing issues after treatment.

--**Denise Koetje's** mom & step-dad are recovering from covid, and her son-in-law has a fractured foot.

--**Ron Friday** had hernia surgery on Friday...pray for healing.

--**Laurie Slorf's** brother-in-law Jeff has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

--**Jennifer Darling's** colonoscopy & EMG showed no signs of cancer.

--Continue to pray for **those who are grieving** the loss of loved ones.

--Prayers that our **schools** persevere and finish the school year with excellence!

--**Charry Snyder's** upcoming foot surgery on May 5 and gratitude for the first surgery on the other foot that was a success!

--Comfort for **Dave VerMerris** (former WMC Principal) in the homegoing of his wife Nancy on Monday, April 14.