

SERMON NOTES:

Passage: Luke 21 :5-19 **Sermon Title:** I Will Give You Words

**ALLEN AVENUE
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**PASTOR MARK HOFMAN
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00AM
OCTOBER 27, 2024**

Come...Now is the Time to Worship!

Sunday, October 27, 2024 -- Pastor Mark Hofman

GATHERED TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Quiet

Call To Worship (Isaiah 43:1)

Leader: But now, this is what the Lord says—

he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel:

**People: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.**

*Opening Hymn How Firm a Foundation with Isaiah 43

All Sing: How Firm a Foundation LUYH 427:1,2

Leader: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.

**All: When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned;
the flames will not set you ablaze.**

Leader: For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

All Sing: How Firm a Foundation LUYH 27:3

Leader: Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you,
I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life.

**All: Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the
east and gather you from the west.**

All Sing: How Firm a Foundation LUYH 427:4,5

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Call to Confession

Minister: We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves
about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or poorly
we care for others. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

Prayer of Confession

*Leader: Merciful God, we come before you, burdened by brokenness; there are
so many needs in our communities and in our world! Too often we ignore or fail
to hear the cry of the stranger in need. Too often we are blinded by prejudice,*

*busyness, and apathy. We disregard the rights of those who are hurting. Fear
and disgust can make us turn our backs on those you want us to get close to.*

[Silence]

**All: Jesus, your grace includes all and by your presence we are reconciled to
one another. We rejoice in the chance to begin again, re-formed into a
caring communion, that through your Spirit we will be the builders of hope
and healing. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon ~

Minister: May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you
in all goodness, and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life.

All: Amen.

Song *Same Power* (Jeremy Camp)

Children's Blessing

**As you worship the Lord, may he go with you, may his Spirit live in you,
and may his love fill you. Praise him with your whole heart.**

Prayers of the People Pastor Mark

LISTENING TO GOD SPEAK

*Sung Prayer of Illumination *Ancient Words* LUYH 762

Scripture Passage Luke 21 :5-19
(Leader: "This is the Word of the Lord."
People: Thanks be to God.)

Message I Will Give You Words

Prayer of Application

OUR RESPONSE

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

*Song *Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult* LUYH 121:1,2,4,5

SENT OUT

*God's Parting Blessing

*Parting Song of Praise *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* LUYH 776:1,2

*Postlude

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

Believe. Love. Evangelize.

Support Christian Instruction. Serve.



NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

10/27: Nursery: Dale Johnson & Melisa Vlasma

Coffee Fellowship: Randy & Becki Fisher

11/3: Nursery: Toni Schuitema & Asher Hofman

Coffee Fellowship: Bob & Susan Vanderlaan

11/10: Nursery: Nancy Rop & Deb Anderson

Coffee Fellowship: Russ & Deb Vlasma

11/17: Nursery: Charry Snyder & Addie Maat

Coffee Fellowship: Jack & Laurie DeJonge

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 | 7) Joel Stefanits |
| 2) June Walcott | 5) Ro VerHeul | |
| 3) Wilma Doctor | 6) Jim Doornbos | |

*Please call or send a card to “**Care List Member,**” **Ro!**
1249 Lakeshore Dr., Apt. 339, Muskegon, MI 49441

*We pray for you, our Care List Members,
and thank God for each one of you.
No matter what you face,
Jesus is present and each one of you matters
and is never forgotten. You are LOVED!*



We are rejoicing that you have come to worship with us on this beautiful fall day! May the Creator who made you and loves you and calls you by name be very real to each of us as we give Him all the honor, glory, and praise as He is the Only One who deserves it! Please join us in the lower level after worship for a time of gathering with our brothers and sisters in Christ to catch up on our busy weeks and be a blessing to one another. Shalom, friends!

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

The special offering for next Sunday, November 3, is for World Renew.

World Renew is compelled by God’s deep passion for justice and mercy to join communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation.

Hurricane Helene Response Update - World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is coordinating with officials in Bluefield, West Virginia, to send volunteers to clean up downed trees and remove debris after Hurricane Helene hit Florida and the southeastern US in late September. DRS is committed to helping overlooked, underserved communities like Bluefield recover long-term. Please give generously to World Renew DRS as we help families rebuild and recover their lives. Donate online at worldrenew.net/hurricanehelene, call 1-800-552-7972, or make out your check to World Renew DRS, with Hurricane Helene written in the memo line, and mail to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr., SW, Byron Center, MI, 49315.

AACRC Council had another positive meeting on Wednesday night. We were able to do some planning and review as we near the end of the calendar year. The following members were submitted for the upcoming vote for 2025:

Elder nominees: Sue Sytsema, Steve Rop, Jack DeJonge, Susan Vanderlaan, Beth Van Rees, Dave Van Rees, and Gord Peterman.

Deacon nominees: Dale Johnson, Ron Vlasma, Don Green, Melissa Vlasma, Cam Vlasma, Debbie Anderson, Becki Fisher, Denise Koetje, and Marcia Breuker.

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

Pray for Our Council. Pray for vision, wisdom, leadership, steadfastness, and unity...for Brian Schuitema Sherrie Wolffis, Gabe Vlasma, Jean Botting, Pastor Mark, Judy Vaandering, Dave Miedema, Scott Schuitema, Charry Snyder. Barb Malda, Mary Kortman, Amber Johnson, & Nate Schout. Also, for the **PVC Team**-- Pastor Mark, Jean Botting, Steve Rop, and Stan Rop.

Today is Reformation Sunday, when churches in a variety of Reformed denominations celebrate the work of Martin Luther and others who influenced generations of Reformed churches like those in the CRCNA. The "five solas" provide a helpful summary of Reformed faith teaching: solo Christus (Christ alone), sola gratia (grace alone), sola fide (faith alone), sola scriptura (Scripture alone), and soli deo gloria (glory to God alone). Spend time reflecting on these solas this week, thinking individually or discussing as a family how important these are in your relationship with Christ. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

All women and girls are invited to a storybook **baby shower at 2:00pm on Sunday, November 3**. As a gift for Lis Miedema, please bring a favorite book(s) for baby-to-be. **Sign up now on the poster in the fellowship room** to enjoy sweet treats and sweet celebration with our church family.

Angel Community Church is again hosting the annual **Angell Neighborhood Association Trunk-or-Treat** from 6:00-7:00pm on Halloween night. Everyone is welcome to bless our neighbors by passing out treats at this family-friendly event. Just show up by 5:45 pm with some candy to share from the trunk of your car. Don't stress about whether you'll have enough candy. Sponsors are donating candy to supplement what you bring. Holiday decorations or costumes are optional. Can't make it that night? There are bins at both of our church entry doors to collect candy donations in advance.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Men's Bible Study will meet in the basement at church on Monday, October 29, at 6:15pm.

Ladies Bible Study will meet next on Thursday, November 7, at 1:30pm.

GEMS and Cadets will meet in the church basement for a pumpkin carving night on Wednesday, October 30, from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. GEMS, remember to bring items for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes if you took any tags at our last meeting.

This is your last Sunday to take a tag (or more) for the **Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes. Thank you so much for helping the GEMS with this service project. We will be putting the boxes together at our meeting on November 6, so please be sure to get your items to church by Sunday, November 3. There are boxes at the front and back of church where you can put your items. Again, thanks so much for your help in blessing 25 girls with a special shoebox this Christmas. Also, if you would like to help with the shipping costs for these boxes, please see Jill Schuitema. Thank you!

Kids Corner: Beatitude 4: Filling Up with Obedience - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. What does it mean to do what's right and listen to God? God can ask us to do things that might seem hard, like being patient or helping others. Obeying God means knowing and loving God and doing things that improve the world. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Liz and Friend Story Podcast Trust and Obey.

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

Peg Rop had successful foot surgery this past Tuesday. Pray for healing and patience as God knits her back together!

Jack & Sherrie Wolffis are so grateful that granddaughter **Faith** has turned the corner after having two brain surgeries on October 8 & 10. She is home after spending many days in the hospital and is resuming her normal activities.

Thanks to the ladies of Freezer Ministry who faithfully make such delicious meals for our sick and shut-ins. We appreciate you caring for God's people in such a practical way. Congregation, remember if you have a friend or neighbor in need as far as meals go, there are extras in the freezer for you to share as well.