

SERMON NOTES:

Sermon : *It's Time: the "Arrest" of Jesus* **Scripture :** John 18 :1-14

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***CHAPLAIN TOM WALCOTT
PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 13, 2025
WORSHIP 10:00AM***

Come...Now is the Time to Worship!

Palm Sunday—April 13, 2025
Chaplain Tom Walcott

Gathering to Worship

Prelude
Welcome and announcements
Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship
Leader: Wave palms of victory.
People: Jesus is Lord!
Leader: He came to give his life
People: that we may live forever.
Leader: Let's worship him with thankful hearts.

*Hymn of Praise Hosanna Loud Hosanna LUYH 145

*God's Greeting
*We Greet One Another

Scripture Reading ***The Triumphal Entry (John 12:9-19)***
Denise Koetje & Halo Tibbitts

Song All *Glory, Laud, and Honor* PsH 376

Children's Blessing
Jesus loves you.
He suffered for you.
He died on the cross for you.
He paid the price of sin for you.
May you worship him with thanksgiving.

Prayers of the People Steve Rop

Listening to God Speak

*Song of Preparation *Go to Dark Gethsemane* LUYH 161:1,2

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

People: "Thanks be to God"

Message: *It's Time: the "Arrest" of Jesus*

Prayer of Application

Responding to God's Word

Offerings ~ Allen Avenue General Fund and World Renew
*[offerings may be given online at allenavechurch.org
or in the baskets at each entrance]*

*Song *What Wondrous Love* LUYH 164:1,2

Going Out to Serve

*God's Parting Blessing

*Parting Song of Praise *What Wondrous Love* LUYH 164:3,4



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

Believe. Love. Evangelize.

Support Christian Instruction. Serve.



NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

4/13: Nursery: Sue Sytsema & Tayla Vlasma
Children in Worship: Barb Malda & Judy Vaandering
Coffee Fellowship: Ron Friday & Sandy Volkers
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:



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

- 1) **Betty TenBrink**
- 2) June Walcott
- 3) Wilma Doctor
- 4) Lois Grinwis
- 5) Ro VerHeul
- 6) Jim Doornbos
- 7) Joel Stefanits

*Please call or send a card to "**Care List Member,**" **Betty!**
1350 W. Hackley Ave., Apt. 113, Muskegon, MI 49441

Psalms 71:17-19 – "O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and grey hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come." We love our Care List Members!



A Warm Welcome to Our Visitors, Members and to Chaplain Tom & Jaci Walcott as he leads us in worship!!!

We are rejoicing that you have come to join us in worship this Palm Sunday. After worship, please join us in the lower level for a time of gathering and conversation over a cup of coffee with the family of God at Allen Avenue!

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

Holy Week Services:

Palm Sunday, April 13—Chaplain Tom Walcott will lead us in worship. Special offering will be for World Renew. World Renew is compelled by God's deep passion for justice and mercy, joining communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation.

Good Friday Service and Potluck—Friday, April 18, at Celebration Church, 1260 W. Sherman Blvd. The potluck will begin at 5:30PM. Bring a dish to share (but you don't have to!) to accompany the main dishes that will be provided. Pastor Mark will be delivering the message at the 6:30pm worship service.

Easter Sunday Celebration, April 20—Congregational Life Committee will be serving the Continental Breakfast from 9:00-9:45am followed by the Easter service for our Risen Savior & King!

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.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Palm Sunday - Today we remember that Jesus rode into Jerusalem as the crowds sang, "Hosanna! Hosanna!" Imagine being there in the crowd that day. What would you be thinking about or feeling? What could you do today or this week to help bring Jesus' kingdom of peace here on earth right now? Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

"Please enjoy the following **Lent/Easter** Spotify Playlist. I thought it might be a good one for Holy Week as we reflect on all that Christ did for us." –Pastor Mark

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/5XAi2NJOJjojFB1xRSxRmg?si=28976aeedfa646d6&pt=07813d9d54e93e876b339893999eee9f>

GEMS will meet Wednesday, April 16, at 6:00pm, in the basement for our special our Mother-Daughter Night. This is our final scheduled meeting for the year and we're hoping you can come along with your moms or grandmas or caregiving adult female in your life. We will be enjoying a meal together and you will receive the badges you have earned throughout the year. We will also work on a craft and prepare for GEMS Sunday. Please get this on your calendars and we will see you there!

Ladies Bible Study will meet Thursday, April 17, at 1:30pm, Chapter 6.

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.

"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

MCS is looking for "Grace-Filled Grannies and Grandads" who are available during the school day hours 8:00am-3:10 pm to help out in our Early Childhood wing. Volunteers would be assisting with littles ranging from 18-months to age 5 as needed. Coverage is needed on short notice (day before or the morning of) to assist in a classroom and maintain staff ratio. Our challenge is when staff have sick children of their own or an appointment that comes up. A call would go out to volunteers, and the need would be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis. Hours will vary based on needs and volunteer availability. Please talk to Nate Schout about this awesome opportunity to "Live to B.L.E.S.S." in such a practical way!

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PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

"Thank you to everyone who has sent me such kind and thoughtful cards and messages in the past couple of weeks. Thank you those as well who have been thinking of me and keeping me in your prayers. It means so much to have such a supportive and loving church family! I am almost cleared to put weight on my leg and hopefully will be getting around better. With that said I hope to be back to church soon!" Much love & thanks, **Emma Pekar**

"Dear Allen Ave Family, I'm so grateful for all the love, support, food, cards, texts and visits concerning my Mum's passing. You are truly a church who lives to B.L.E.S.S in Christ," -- **Sally Mokma**

Please lift up our Council for great wisdom, unity, vision, and dedication.

Pastor: Mark Hofman

Officers: President: Jack DeJonge, Vice President; Scott Schuitema Clerk: Barb Malda, Assistant Clerk: Mary Kortman Treasurer: Amber Johnson Assistant Treasurer: Cam Vlasma

Elders: Jack DeJonge, Mary Kortman, Barb Malda, Scott Schuitema, Judy Vaandering, Susan Vanderlaan

Deacons: Amber Johnson, Nate Schout, Charry Snyder, Cam Vlasma, Russ Vlasma