

SERMON NOTES:

Sermon: Holy Hope Scripture: Matthew 12 :15-37

ALLEN AVENUE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



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PASTOR MARK HOFMAN
MAY 11, 2025
WORSHIP 10:00AM

Come...Now is the Time to Worship!

Sunday, May 11, 2025
Pastor Mark Hofman

Gathering to Worship

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Invitation to Quiet
Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise *Be Unto His Name*
 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty *LUYH 538:1,3,4*

*God's Greeting
*We Greet One Another

Missionary Update Rev. Charles Oh (Resonate Global Mission)

Song *Jesus, Your Name* *Celebration 119*

Children's Blessing

***You are a gift from the Lord.
He planned you.
He formed you.
He gave you life.
He loves you.
As his precious children, go and worship him.***

Prayers of the People Pastor Mark

Listening to God Speak

*Song of Preparation *Our Father in Heaven* *LUYH 914*

Scripture Matthew 12 :15-37 Pew Bible Page #1390
Leader: "This is the Word of the Lord."
People: "Thanks be to God

Message

Holy Hope

Prayer of Application

Responding to God's Word

*Lord's Day 47

Q. What does the first petition mean?

***A. "Hallowed be your name" means:
Help us to truly know you,
to honor, glorify, and praise you for all your works
and for all that shines forth from them:
your almighty power, wisdom, kindness,
justice, mercy, and truth.
And it means:
Help us to direct all our living—
what we think, say, and do—
so that your name will never be blasphemed because of us,
but always honored and praised.***

*Song *Your Name* *LUYH 375*

Offerings ~ General Fund

*[offerings may be given online at allenavechurch.org
or in the baskets at each entrance]*

Sent Out to Serve

*God's Parting Blessing

*Parting Song of Praise *You Are Holy* *LUYH 598*

*Postlude

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

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



NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

5/11: Nursery: Susan Vanderlaan & Becki Schout
Sunday School and Catechism
Coffee Fellowship: Ron & Kristen Vlasma
5/18: Nursery: Toni Schuitema & Becky Fisher
Children in Worship: Jill Schuitema & Laurie DeJonge
Coffee Fellowship: Randy & Becki Fisher
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

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," Ro!**
1249 Lakeshore Dr., Apt. 339, 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,
Guests, Members
and Reverend
Charles & Hensel
Oh!!!***

We are rejoicing that you have come to join us in worship this Mother's Day Sunday as we eagerly serve the King of Kings. May you be richly blessed today, and may we bring all the honor, glory, and praise to our Lord who is the only One who deserves our all! After worship, please join us in the lower level for a time of gathering and conversation.

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Mother's Day - While Mother's Day is not part of the church calendar, it provides a great opportunity to give thanks to God for the people in our lives—whether they be mothers, siblings, aunts, grandmothers, or friends—who nurture, support, love, and encourage us to be all that God created us to be. Consider who has functioned in this way in your life and take time this week to thank them. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Next week our special offering on May 18, will be for Bethany Christian Services. Bethany Christian Services demonstrates love and compassion of Jesus Christ by protecting children, empowering youth, and strengthening families through quality social services.

40 Days of Prayer for Synod 2025 - It's not too late! "Pray-ers" from around the denomination and the world began praying for Synod 2025 on May 4, but new "pray-ers" are always welcome. With prayers contributed by a wide variety of CRC writers, join us as we seek God's guidance and presence for this year's synod. Learn more and sign up for either daily Scripture and prayers OR a week's worth of Scripture and prayers that will be emailed to you. crcna.org/synod/prayer

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Men's Bible Study will meet Monday, May 12, at 6:00pm. We will meet for supper and then discuss lesson 6 (Psalm 127). All men are welcome to join us!

Women's Bible Study will meet Thursday, May 15, at 1:30pm. We will discuss Lesson 8 in our Proverbs book. (Plan on Lesson 9 for May 29.) What a study!

It's Allen Avenue's turn to assist the residents of Christian Care with their worship and Lord's Supper on Wednesday, May 21. If you are able to serve with Pastor Mark in this meaningful way, please talk to him.

You only have THREE weeks left to get your name on the list for discounted tickets to the UNITY CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL. It will be held Aug. 6-9 at Heritage Landing. Many current Christian artists will be there including Ben Fuller, Josh Baldwin, Matthew West, Seph Schlueter, Steven Curtis Chapman, Andrew Ripp, Sidewalk Prophets, and Crowder. A 1-day ticket is \$40.00, and a 3-day pass is only \$75.00!! If you have any questions, please see Jill Schuitema. The sign-up sheet can be found on a high-top table in the basement by the coffee. Sign up today.

TO ALL SCRIP FANS & USERS! There is one more May date left to buy physical cards from MCS. There will not be summer hours but reloads can be done & ecards as well ordered through the RaiseRight App. Please see Sherrie Wolffis if you have questions.

Allen Avenue Mission Trip: We are confirmed for the week of September 8, 2025, to serve in Sioux and/or Lyon County, Iowa. Our housing will be in Faith Reformed Church in Rock Valley, Iowa. See or contact Steve Rop if you are interested in joining our trip. Email: rop.steven@gmail.com

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

A huge thank you to all who helped last Sunday with cookies for our guests. Some made cookies, some helped set up, and some helped clean up! All of the efforts made a difference and were very much appreciated. Thanks to Sue Secord, Karen Alphenaar, Sonia G., Jim & Barb Malda, Carol Peterman, Becki Fisher, Laurie DeJonge, Judy Vaandering, Deb Vlasma, & Carolyn Wilson. (If I missed naming anyone, I apologize!) Your help was greatly appreciated.
-- **Jack & Sherrie Wolffis**

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

Prayers for **Charry Snyder** as she faces a long road of recovery ahead of her from her extensive foot surgery last Monday. Thank you to all of you who signed up for the Meal Train which filled up quickly! Feel free to contact them if you would like to just bring them a meal later on your own. Charry, we love you...feel better!

Axel Johnson had emergency hernia surgery on Wednesday evening. He is doing very well and pray that his recovery and healing will be soon and complete.

Mary Kortman's mom, Marilyn Jordan, had a fall and suffered cuts, scrapes, and is being monitored for any ongoing injuries. Lord, hold our parents so close!

"We wish to thank the **congregation and Pastor Mark** for the visits, phone calls, texts, and prayers as we recover from the pneumonia and respiratory issues that we have struggled with these past three weeks. We are grateful for daily glimpses of healing but can't wait to feel normal & 'weller!' " 😊 -**Bob & Susan Vanderlaan**

Loving our Council & Praying for them Daily:

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

OUR MISSION STATEMENT IS: WE LIVE TO B.L.E.S.S.

We are called by God to:

Believe – We Believe in One Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We Believe that the Bible is the true and inspired Word of God. Our belief is reinforced by our active, wholehearted worship as the body of Christ.

Love – We Love and care for one another in unity as the body of Christ. As children of God, we show and express that love to those around us.

Evangelize - We Evangelize by sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with our neighbors, coworkers, friends, and those we meet. We support and participate in mission efforts locally, nationally, and across the globe.

Support – We Support Christian instruction of both adults and children, in the church, in the home, and in our Christian schools with our gifts, prayers, and time.

Serve - We Serve those around us with the compassion of Christ allowing opportunities to meet their physical and spiritual needs.