

SERMON NOTES:

**Sermon:** His Kindness & Mercy    **Scripture:** Luke 6:27-36

ALLEN AVENUE  
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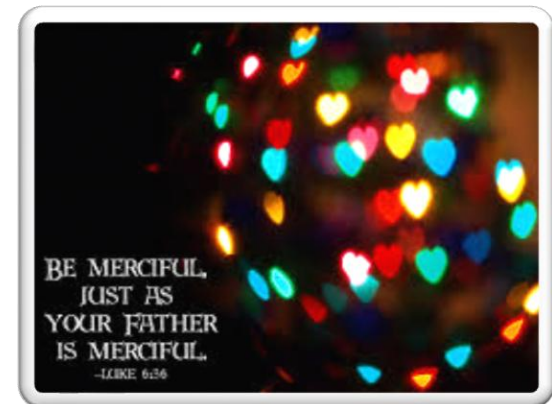
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PASTOR MARK HOFMAN  
JUNE 8, 2025  
WORSHIP 10:00AM

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

Sunday, June 8, 2025  
Pastor Mark Hofman

## We Gather to Worship

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

***People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!***

Leader: This is the day when the Spirit came.

***People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!***

Leader: And again I say—

***All: Rejoice!***

—based on Psalm 118:24; Philippians 4:4

*Hymns of Praise	<i>This is the Day</i>	<i>PsH 241</i>
	<i>There's No God as Great</i>	<i>LUYH 275</i>
*God's Greeting		
*We Greet One Another		

## We Confess Our Sin and Profess Our Faith

"When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:37-38)

Song	<i>You Are My King</i>	<i>LUYH 360</i>
Profession of Faith ~ Maelin Vlasma		
Children's Message		Deb Vlasma
Song	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>	Sally Mokma

## 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

## Peg Rop

## God Speaks, We Listen

Song of Preparation     *We Come to Worship You (Our Father)*

Scripture: Luke 6:27-36 Pew Bible Pg. #1469  
 Leader: "This is the Word of the Lord."  
***People: "Thanks be to God"***

Message:

## Prayer of Application

## We Respond to God's Word

## Lord's Day 51

**Q. What does the fifth petition mean?**  
***A. “Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors” means: Because of Christ’s blood, do not hold against us, poor sinners that we are, any of the sins we do or the evil that constantly clings to us. Forgive us just as we are fully determined, as evidence of your grace in us, to forgive our neighbors.***

## We Are Nourished at God's Table

\*Song *There is a Redeemer* LUYH 833  
(during the singing of this song, the congregation is invited to gather in circles for the celebration of the Lord's Supper)

## We Are Sent Out to Serve

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

### \*God's Parting Blessing

\*Parting Song of Praise *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* LUYH 946:2,3

\*Postlude

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

*Believe. Love. Evangelize.*

*Support Christian Instruction. Serve.*



### NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

6/8: Nursery: Laurie DeJonge & August Hofman  
Children in Worship: Sue Sytsema & Bob and Susan VDL  
Coffee Fellowship: Congregational Life Cake Reception  
6/15: Nursery: Beth VanRees & Aethan Hofman  
Children in Worship: Barb Malda & Deb Anderson  
Coffee Fellowship: Ron Friday & Sandy Volkers  
6/22: Joint Service in New Era w/ Angel Church 10:00am  
6/29: Nursery: Renee Vlasma & Serenity Alphenaar  
Children in Worship: Brian Schuitema & Judy Vaandering  
Coffee Fellowship: Scott & Toni Schuitema  
7/6: Nursery: Sue Sytsema & Maelin Vlasma  
Children in Worship: Kristen Vlasma and Amber Johnson  
Coffee Fellowship: Bob & Elaine Holwerda

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

\*Please call or send a card to **"Care List Member," Wilma!**  
3637 Whispering Woods, Dr., Muskegon, MI 49444

*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 on This  
Pentecost Sunday!***

We are rejoicing that you have come to join us in worship on this beautiful summer Sunday. Pastor Mark will continue his sermon series on The Lord's Prayer. After

worship, please join us in the lower level for a time of gathering, celebrating, and conversation as we live to B.L.E.S.S. and share life as brothers and sisters in Christ!

## COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

Today we will witness with great joy the **Profession of Faith of Maelin Vlasma** and as is our tradition, we will celebrate with Maelin's family with a cake reception in honor of this milestone in the lower level after the worship service!

**Our council met Wednesday evening, May 28, and have decided to institute a policy regarding worship services and safety in the church building.**

Beginning on subsequent Sundays, we will be locking BOTH the east side door near the parsonage AND the Allen Avenue doors shortly after the service starts at 10:00am. We will soon post a sign that encourages any latecomers to still come through the Allen Avenue doors, but they may have to be let in by the elder posted in the narthex (back of the sanctuary). This locked-door policy is being implemented to enforce our Safe Church policies as well as to prevent distractions during service times. Thank you for your prayerful support of keeping our church a safe place for all to worship.

An invitation to joint worship: New Era CRC has invited Angel Community Church and Allen Avenue to join them for worship on Sunday morning, June 22 **at their church in New Era**. Their normal service time of 9:30AM is being adjusted so that we can all join together at **10:00am**, possibly outdoors (weather permitting). More details about possibly carpooling and if chairs are needed will be forthcoming. \*\*Please note that we will NOT be having morning worship that Sunday morning, June 22, here at Allen Avenue. All are being invited to attend up in New Era\*\*

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

**Prayer time will not be held on Tuesday, June 10 or 17**, but will resume again on Tuesday, June 24. Prayer requests and thanksgivings will still be texted.

**Advanced Notice: Connect Group will not meet on June 15...Father's Day!**

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.

**Our annual Angell neighborhood picnic** will be held at 4:30-6:30 pm on Thursday, June 26, at McCrea park. All are invited to come and help promote our GEMS, Cadets, and King's Kids VBS. Call Barb for details.

## PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

Preparations for our **annual King's Kids VBS** to be held in partnership with Angel Community Church at our location are well underway. July 14-18 will soon be here, and we need many helpers. Please prayerfully consider answering the call to serve and B.L.E.S.S. our precious neighborhood children when the invitation is extended in the next few weeks. Watch for more details...

**Heartfelt thanks** to our Sunday School/Catechism teachers, Children in Worship assistants, GEMS leaders, Cadet counselors, Bible study leaders, small group facilitators, nursery workers, coffee fellowship volunteers, King's Kids helpers, and all those who serve this congregation tirelessly and behind the scenes. God's church could not function so beautifully if they were not using their gifts and talents for Him! **If you are new to Allen Avenue**, have been blessed by these members as they ministered and served you, and would like to help out or volunteer in any way, please contact Pastor Mark or any member of council to discuss the many areas God could use YOU!

We are thankful that **Allen Avenue was able to host the MCS graduation 6th grade graduation** this year! Praise God for allowing us to be a part of this ministry!

## PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

**Profession of Faith**-We praise God for those who are or are in the process of professing their faith. We rejoice with God and all of creation when each one confesses that God is their Savior. **Asher & Maelin**, we are so blessed to have you join in the beauty of the body of Christ!

**Classis Delegates**-We thank God for **Pastor Mark, Ron Vlasma, and Judy Vaandering** who represented AACRC at the classis meeting at Reeman CRC on Tuesday. Grateful for all the people who carry on the work of our classis.

**Volunteers**-The hands and feet of Jesus. Committees, Teachers, Leaders, Council Members, behind the scene workers. From coffee/cookie prep to closing, calling, visiting, card sending, meal providing, decorating, Allen Ave News, Prayer, Singing, organizing, smiling, offering a hand, cleaning up, greeting, offering rides to and from church, encouraging, offering a kind word, and stepping in when a need is seen. We thank God for this church. We praise God that you are a part of this family.

**Church Staff**-You are the foundation that brings us together in Christ. You provide the needs of this church. Thank you for all you do to make our church a beautiful example of Christ!

**Council**-We thank you Father God for each council member. We praise You for their leadership and ask for wisdom, strength and blessing as they serve. We pray for each meeting that Your will is done, and You are glorified. May our church unite together in praying, listening and helping them in their service and as they serve in so many capacities. We pray for the upcoming June 25th meeting and the summer month schedules. Be with them as they institute this new policy regarding worship services and safety in our church building.

**Lord**-We also pray for those who are finding it more difficult to keep up with what they used to be able to do. Those who mourn from a loss. We pray for all the pains, loss, and feelings of discouragement or sadness. We pray for the broken, the low in spirit, the unspoken and unknown prayers. God hears your prayers, may we also. We pray that our Spirits will open our eyes, hearts and hands to provide support, love and whatever is needed to give you confidence that you are not alone in your hardships or pain. You are worthy to be helped and heard. May we be open to helping and hearing. May we be Jesus to each other.