

## SERMON NOTES:

Sermon: *"I Surrender: Letting Go and Letting God"* Scripture: *James 4:1-10*



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# ALLEN AVENUE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



CHAPLAIN DAN WIERENGA  
AUGUST 3, 2025  
WORSHIP 10:00AM

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

Sunday, August 3, 2025  
Chaplain Dan Wierenga

### We Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship (Galatians 2:20)

Leader: it is no longer I who live,  
**People: but it is Christ who lives in me.**

Leader: And the life I now live in the flesh,  
**People: I live by the faith of the Son of God,  
who loved me and gave himself for me.**

\*Hymn of Praise      *Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me (City Alight)*  
*I Am Not My Own (Peterson)*

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

### We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession

Sung Prayer      *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*      LUYH 737

Children's Message      Deb Vlasma

Children's Blessing

***Jesus loves the little children of the world. May his blessing be upon you.  
May his love surround you. May his joy fill you. Go in Peace.***

Prayers of the People

Bob Vanderlaan

### We Listen to God Speak

Scripture      James 4:1-10      Pew Bible Page #1724

Leader: "This is the Word of the Lord." **People: "Thanks be to God."**

Message      *"I Surrender: Letting Go and Letting God"*

Prayer

Song      *Let Go and Let God*      Peg Rop

### We Are Sent Out to Serve

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Parting Song of Dedication      *Jesus, All For Jesus*      LUYH 738

\*Postlude

### Heartfelt Thanks to the Following Folks for Their Contributions to our Worship:

Organ: Joanne Bishop

Piano: Mary Kortman

Guitar: John Kramer

Vocals: Roger Slorf, Jill Schuitema, Peg Rop, Sue Secord, Bob Vanderlaan

Media Shout: Stan Rop

Sound: Brian Schuitema

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

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

### **NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

8/3: Nursery: Amber Johnson & Serenity Alphenaar  
Children in Worship: Sue Sytsema & Sherrie Wolffis  
Coffee Fellowship: Karen Alphenaar & Sonia  
8/10: Nursery: Renee Vlasma & Becki Fisher  
Children in Worship: Jill Schuitema  
Coffee Fellowship: Pastor Mark & Stephanie Hofman  
8/17: Nursery: Toni Schuitema & Addie Maat  
Children in Worship: Judy Vaandering and Kristen Vlasma  
Coffee Fellowship: Jack & Sherrie Wolffis  
8/24: Nursery: Mary Maat & Renee Vlasma  
Children in Worship: Amber Johnson and Deb Vlasma  
Coffee Fellowship: Sue Secord + Someone 😊



### **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) Wilma Doctor   | 6) Jim Doornbos |

\*Please call or send a card to **"Care List Member," Lois!**

Christian Care #212, 1530 McLaughlin, Muskegon, MI 49442

*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,  
and Chaplain Dan  
& Elizabeth Wierenga!*

We are rejoicing that you have come to join us in worship on this beautiful summer Sunday!

We welcome back to our pulpit Chaplain, Dan Wierenga. After serving as HR Director at Wedgwood Christian Services and Our Daily Bread Ministries in Grand Rapids for 30 years, Dan was Ordained as a Commissioned Pastor and began ministering through Workplace and Hospital Chaplaincy, also serving as Church Development Coach/Consultant through the CRC Thrive (Church Resources) Office and the Center for Church Renewal. Living in Spring Lake, Dan and his wife, Elizabeth, are active members of Ferrysburg Community Church. 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**

**Pastor Mark, Stephanie, and the Triple A's** will be on vacation to Neskowin, Oregon with the rest of the Hofman Clan from July 27 through August 3. If a need arises, please contact your district elders and deacons.

**A "Council Appreciation Picnic" is being planned by the Congregational Life Committee** for our council members (& spouses) on Wednesday, August 20. Arrive any after 3:00pm/Supper at 6:00pm. The event will be held at Randy & Becki Fisher's Cottage – 2000 West Lake Rd., Twin Lake, MI 49457. Please sign up on the clipboard in the council room if you are able to attend. We look forward to showing you our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for your selfless hours of service to our congregation and our Lord! More information to follow...

**Kids Corner Devotions: God's Grand Story: David's Confidence in God** - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "God's Grand Story: David's Confidence in God" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Discover how God used young David to do something incredible and how he can use you, too! Be inspired to trust God's strength in every challenge, no matter how big it seems. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the Kids Corner Bible Story Podcast Series.

## COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

The congregation is invited to plan ahead for our four-week series in August on **"Spiritual Composting"** (The Parable of the Sower, Seed & Soils).

August 10 - Matthew 13:1-23 "Satan's Target: Trampled On & Eaten Up" (The Road)

August 17 - Mark 4:1-25 "Happy, But Rootless: Scorched and Shallow" (Rocky Soil)

August 24 - Luke 8:1-21 "Wealth & Worry: Choked by Thorns" (Thorny Soil)

August 31 - Matthew 13:16-30 "Fruitful Harvest: 30-60-100 Fold (Good Soil)

Our theme verse for the whole parable series will be **Matthew 13:16** --

***But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear.***

Pastor Mark has made a Spotify playlist for your inspiration and enjoyment as we prepare: <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/0OsJ8hB7orBpBzBagtBNYy?si=d538ffe4a0f64884>

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

**This is the week for the UNITY CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL!** If you ordered tickets, please check your email if you haven't already. If for some odd reason you do not see them there, please call Jill as soon as possible. August 6-9 will be hopping at Heritage Landing with some very gifted Christian artists and with folks just praising and worshipping our great God. Please pray that this event draws people who don't know God into a loving relationship with Him and that it revives believers to a stronger commitment to our King and for living for Him.



**HELP WANTED:** Currently there are 12 people who help on Sundays with Children in Worship. Each Sunday morning, the curriculum is ready in the Children's Church room with very detailed instructions. No preparation is necessary for the volunteers except a heart for sharing the love of Jesus with kids. Please consider helping out with this ministry. If you think you'd like to add your name to the list, please let Jill know. If you'd like to observe before committing, we can

make that happen too. There are always 2 people scheduled to help each Sunday. Usually, your commitment will be once every 2-3 months. So, please call or text 740-2747 and Jill will be happy to answer any questions and/or get you on the schedule to help. Thanks!

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - As another school year approaches, spend some time in prayer for teachers, administrators, and students from preschool through graduate school. Pray that students may turn their ears to wisdom, apply their hearts to understanding, and find the knowledge of God (Prov. 2:2,5). Pray that administrators and teachers may model God's wisdom, love, and compassion as they support and instruct students. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)



Every year we look forward to summer in West Michigan. No more homework or after-school activities. Nothing consuming our extra time and preventing us from enjoying the day. But here it is August already, and you want to make a few memories before school starts! Here is a fun little bucket list template that you can use. Gather the whole family and allow each person to come up with a few reasonable things that you all can do as a family. Write it on your list and hang it somewhere so that you all can see it. At the beginning of each week, make a plan to do a couple of those items!