

**SERMON NOTES:**

**Scripture:** John 21 :1-14 Pew Bible Page #1546

**Message:** « Seeking His Face »



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# **ALLEN AVENUE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**



**Pastor Mark Hofman**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**April 5, 2026--10:00am**

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

Easter Sunday—April 5, 2026

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## We Gather to Worship Our Risen Savior

Prelude

Welcome

Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship      The Easter Story (John 20:1-10)      Pew Bible Page #1545

\*Easter Hymns      *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*      *PsH 388*  
*Lo, In the Grave He Lay*      *PsH 396*

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: He has given us new life and hope.**

**He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

Leader: God has claimed us as his own.

**People: He has brought us out of darkness.**

**He has made us light to the world.**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

—based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

\*Greeting from the Lord

\*We Greet One Another

\*\*anyone wishing to participate in the bell choir may come forward at this time\*\*

Bell Choir      *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

\*Song      *Alleluia, He is Risen*

Children's Blessing

***Jesus is risen! He's alive!***  
***May his love cover you.***  
***May his joy fill you***  
***May his peace be with you.***  
***Worship him with gladness.***

Prayers of the People

Pastor Mark

## God Speaks, We Listen

\*Song of Preparation      *O Lord, You're Beautiful*      *Celeb 643*

Scripture Passage      John 21 :1-14      Pew Bible Page #1546

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

Message:      « Seeking His Face »

Prayer of Application

Offering      General Fund

\*Sung Response      *Living Hope*

## We Go Out to Serve

God's Parting Blessing

\*Song      *I Serve a Risen Savior*      *PsH 405:1,3*

\*Postlude

Heartfelt thanks to the following participants in our joy-filled Easter Service:

Organist: Joanne Bishop

Pianist: Mary Kortman

Guitar: Roger Slorf

Bass: Pastor Mark Hofman

Trumpet: Brian Schuitema

Trombone: John Kortman, August Hofman

Bell Choir Director: Jill Schuitema

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

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



### NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



4/5: Nursery: Susan Vanderlaan & Beth VanRees  
Children in Worship: Laurie DeJonge and Carol Peterman  
Coffee Fellowship: Continental Easter Breakfast 9-10am  
4/12: Nursery: Sue Sytsema & Tayla Vlasma  
Children in Worship: Kelly Dauser & Jill Schuitema  
Coffee Fellowship: Jack & Laurie DeJonge  
4/19: Nursery: Carol Peterman & Melissa Vlasma  
Children in Worship: Barb Malda & Kristen Vlasma  
Coffee Fellowship: Dave & Joanne Bishop  
4/26: Nursery: Amber Johnson & Maelin Vlasma  
Sunday School/Catechism  
Coffee Fellowship: Scott & Toni Schuitema

### ALLEN AVENUE MISSIONARIES



#### ***\*Pray for the \* Missionary this Week***

Eric & Judith Tuls – Operation Mobilization  
Rev. Jerry An – Back to God Ministries  
Pastor Jeffery Hough – Angel Community Church  
***\*Paul & Charlotte Mpindi–Mission French Africa***  
Charles & Hensel Oh – Japan



### ALLEN AVENUE CARE LIST

- 1) Betty TenBrink \*Please call or send a card
- 2) Ro VerHeul to Care List Member, Joel!
- 3) **Joel Stefanits** OPTALIS -1061 W. Hackley
- 4) Wilma Doctor Muskegon, MI 49441

*Heavenly Father, thank you for your great care for our loved ones on the care list. Today, we come to you and ask you to shine Your light into the lives of these dear people. Reveal Yourself as their Protector, Provider, & King. You overcame sin and death on the cross, and we pray that your victory will surround our loved ones and offer them hope and peace and Your love! Amen!*



**A Warm Welcome  
to Our Visitors,  
Guests & Members  
on this Glorious  
Easter Sunday!**

*We are so blessed to have you  
worshiping the King of Kings  
and Lord of Lords with us on this Easter morn! Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed! What a joy it is to gather together at this  
Easter service as the family of God in celebrating the  
Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!*

## COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

**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, & 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.

**Remember to Support, Encourage and Pray for our Council.**

**Pastor:** Mark Hofman

**Officers:** President-Jack DeJonge, Vice President-Bob Holwerda, Clerk: Barb Malda, Assistant Clerk-Bob Botting, Treasurer-Amber Johnson, Assistant Treasurer: Cam Vlasma

**Elders:** Jack DeJonge, Mary Kortman, Barb Malda, Bob Botting, Bob Holwerda, Susan Vanderlaan

**Deacons:** Amber Johnson, Nate Schout, Cam Vlasma, Karen Alphenaar, Dale Johnson

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES



**You've Got Mail!!!** Recently the church mailboxes in the lower level have been updated; and since adding new families, your mailbox location might have changed! Check this out and remember to utilize these mailboxes to send notes of encouragement, leave messages for your district members, send birthday cards, etc...all for FREE 😊 You're welcome!!!

**Muskegon Christian School** has been very blessed with members from AACRC watching staff kids during Monday staff meetings and faith integration training. We are prayerfully looking for volunteers on the following dates from 2:50-4:30pm: April 13, and May 4 & 11.

**CONNECT** Group meets April 12 and 26 after church in the lounge downstairs.

If you haven't gotten to the **Love Cafe** yet, please put that on your calendar. It's a pay what you can restaurant with a job skills training program operated by Love INC. Just go to [lovecafemuskegon.com](http://lovecafemuskegon.com) to make reservations. It's located at 557 W. Western AND a new spring menu is out!

**Are you looking to donate** some furniture or household items or clothing or sporting goods or jewelry or wall decor or tools or just about anything else? **Dibs! on Resale** is happy to take what you would like to donate. Simply drop off your items Mon. - Sat. at our location just down the road from church at 1279 E. Apple. If you have furniture that needs to be picked up, give Dibs a call at 798-2252 and arrangements can be made. Also, come in and shop!! Proceeds from sales benefit Muskegon Christian School and WMCHS.

**The GEMS would like to thank you once again** for the support of our ministry that you have shown by purchasing our baked goods a couple of weeks ago. The previous announcement gave a total profit of \$674.00, which is a great amount! But now that the IOUs have been collected, we are ecstatic to report that you have blessed us with \$874.00!! Again, THANK YOU SO MUCH!! Your generosity is overwhelming! We are humbled and cherish your prayers as we are now even more motivated to share the love of our Savior with our precious GEMS.

## PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

**Sandy Volkers** had successful hip surgery on Monday, March 30, and was able to return home on Tuesday after spending a night in the hospital. We pray that this procedure alleviates the pain she has been experiencing for quite some time.

Continue to pray for **Judy Vaandering's sister Annette** from Hamilton, ON, who has been having tests and complications from a blood clot in her leg.

**Mike Fongers** is still battling a nasty virus in his head and chest. Prayers for a quick recovery for Mike and thanks that his other housemates have recovered and are back to their day programs. Continue to pray for Carol's Place. May the new resident be a good fit and the Lord provide three more residents to fill the new space.

**Charry Synder's father, Orven Nicholes**, is home from the hospital and continues to weaken from heart/kidney issues that are inoperable. Pray for peace, acceptance, and God's guidance as they prepare for the end of his earthly life.

Continue to pray for **Melissa Vlasma's dad, Steve Rinks**, who underwent testing this week that showed his cancer is progressing. The family is talking to hospice for help in his care. Please pray for good pain relief for Steve as he struggles, and peace and strength for his family, too.

Prayers for **Peg Rop's niece Julie** who had gall bladder surgery on Wednesday. May God heal her and restore her strength in the days and weeks ahead.

**Kids Corner Devotions** - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Resurrection People," at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Early on a Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene felt very sad; in fact, she felt hopeless. Her teacher and friend had been crucified on Friday, and now, mysteriously, his tomb was empty. Read what happens next. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.