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**ALLEN AVENUE
CHRISTIAN
REFORMED CHURCH**



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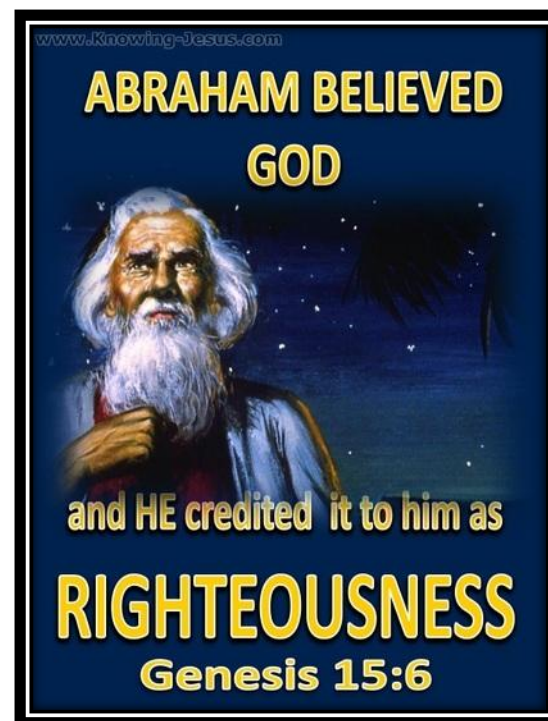


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Pastor Mark Hofman
April 19, 2026
Worship 10:00am

Come...Now is the Time to Worship!

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We Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship

Leader: Your word, *Lord*, is eternal;

People: it stands firm in the heavens.

Leader: Your faithfulness continues through all generations;

People: you established the earth, and it endures.

Leader: You are my refuge and my shield;

People: I have put my hope in your word.

*Opening Hymn of Praise *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)* LUYH 693

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession

Responsive Prayer of Confession (from Psalm 82)

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Dedication *See My Hands and Feet* LUYH 929

Children's Message

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.

Worship the Lord with praise and thanksgiving.

Prayers of the People

Pastor Mark

God Speaks To Us

*Song of Preparation

You Are My All in All

Scripture Passage

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Prayer of Application

*Song of Response

You Are Our God; We Are Your People

LUYH 35:1-3

We Are Sent Out

Our Offerings

General Fund

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

*God's Parting Blessing

*Parting Song of Praise

You Are Our God; We Are Your People

LUYH 35:4

*Postlude

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

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



NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



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
5/3: Nursery: Karen Alphenaar & Serenity Alphenaar
Children in Worship: Denise Kanaar, Bob & Susan VDL
Coffee Fellowship: Brian & Jill Schuitema
5/10: Nursery: Becki Fisher & Susan Vanderlaan
Sunday School/Catechism
Coffee Fellowship: Theresa Mason, Bob & Susan VDL



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, Betty!
- 3) Joel Stefanits 1350 W. Hackley Ave., Apt. 113
- 4) Wilma Doctor Muskegon, MI 49444

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!

We are so blessed to have you worshipping the King of Kings and Lord of Lords with us! During Eastertide at Allen Avenue, we will

be studying appearances (theophanies) of God in Genesis. God's way of calling and directing his people from the earliest generations included visitations of a variety of forms. We will ponder how our Triune God walked with us on this earth while still being the one whom "no one has ever seen." Jesus remains our post-Easter guide to remembering how the Spirit works to reveal his presence even as he ascends to the Father. We can still learn from Abraham, Hagar, Isaac, & Jacob that the LORD is with us. After the worship service, please join us downstairs in the fellowship hall for a time of refreshments and reconnecting with your brothers and sisters in Christ here at Allen Avenue CRC!

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

The special offering on Sunday, April 26, is for GEMS International. GEMS International is the go-to ministry for girls' spiritual growth, providing real answers to the challenges girls face. We praise God for our GEMS program, the counselors, and the girls' lives that are changed because of this ministry!

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - As you continue to celebrate Eastertide—50 days of practicing resurrection living—pick one area of your life in which you want to live more fully into resurrection hope. Perhaps it's in how you handle conflict, care for your body, or serve your community. Invite Jesus into that space, recognizing his risen presence. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Kids' Corner Devotions: Go On a Microadventure - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Go on a Microadventure," at www.kidscorner.net. Big adventures don't have to be far away—exciting discoveries are waiting right outside your door! Grab your family, explore nearby paths and places, and see how much fun a little adventure can be. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Earth Day collection.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Get ready to celebrate with the Snyder family! **All women and girls are invited to a dessert baby shower for the new moms, Annabell and Jasmine, on Sunday, April 26, at 1:45pm.** Please bring storybooks as gifts to bless their precious baby daughters, Alkinna and Kacey. Sign up now on the poster in the fellowship room to enjoy sweet treats and sweet celebration.

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

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: May 4 & 11.

The deadline for The Allen AveNews is Sunday, April 19, 2026! Please get your newsworthy articles to Sandy Volkers by then.



"Hearts on Fire" Ladies Bible Study will have our final luncheon to celebrate our year of study and all God's goodness to us on **Thursday, May 7, at 12noon** at Love Café, 557 W Western Ave, Muskegon, MI 49440. Please RSVP to Susan Vanderlaan by Sunday, May 3, so that reservations can be made. If any ladies of the church would like to join us and check out the Love Café, you are warmly welcomed...just let Susan know!

You know summer is almost here when the UNITY CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL tickets go on sale! And that is happening right now! The Festival will be held August 5-8 at the Heritage Landing here in Muskegon. If you have never attended, please consider making this year be the year you take in "Michigan's Premier Christian Event." Christian artists including Tenth Avenue North, Cochren & Co, for King & Country, Josh Wilson, Crowder, Leanna Crawford, and We Are Messengers will be leading us in worship and praise. Tickets are only \$50.00 for a 1-day pass and \$80.00 for a 3-day pass! That's really cheap!! And kids 5 and under are FREE!. The sign-up sheet is in the basement and payment can be made to Jill Schuitema before June 1. You can also see her if you have any questions.

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

May God be ever present in our schools and with the staff, students, parents, & boards as they begin winding down the 2025-2026 school year. May all finish with excellence whatever role they play in educating our precious children. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he/she are old, they will not depart from it!" - Proverbs 22:6

Thank you, Allen Avenue, for the prayers and cards when I had my hip replacement surgery. Also, thank you, Pastor Mark, for meeting us at the hospital and praying with us. - **Sandy Volkers**

Carla Kieft is asking for prayer for her sister Barb who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She will need chemo and possibly radiation.

Ron Bol is asking for prayers as he deals with the possibility that his neuropathy which will continue to worsen to the point of not being able to walk. He is grateful that his orthopedic doctor reassured him that his left knee and hip are still good!

John & Mary Kortman are asking for prayers for their daughter **Janna** who is 37 weeks along with their fourth child. The baby is breech and the prayer is that the baby will flip on her own without medical intervention or a c-section.

"First, thank you to everyone who continues to pray for my family as we navigate this transition with my dad. We admitted my dad into the hospice program on Wednesday. He's able to be at home for which he is grateful. He slept in bed last night for the first time in months. He's also is breathing better with the help of oxygen. Praises for those things! He continues to grow weaker. And my mom is a great caregiver! Pray for her continued strength - she needs it! I am so thankful that I am able to help them out and spend this time together with them."

--**Melisa Vlasma**

Continued prayers for these dear brothers & sisters in Christ:

- ♥ **Judy Vaandering's sister Annette's** recovery from blood clots/stints
- ♥ **Sandy Volkers** after hip surgery
- ♥ **Ron Friday's** heart procedure a few weeks ago
- ♥ **Ron Vlasma's** day-to-day cancer journey
- ♥ **Jim & Sue Secord** as they manage Jim's ongoing breathing issues
- ♥ **Charry Snyder's dad Orvin Nicholes** in kidney failure at home
- ♥ **Pastor Mark & Council** and their meeting on April, 27 @6:00pm