

SERMON NOTES

Scripture: Ephesians 2 :19-22 Pew Bible Page #1666

Message: " *The Spirit's Dwelling Place* »



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You are no longer strangers
and foreigners, but you are
fellow citizens with the saints,
and of the household of God,
being built on the foundation
of the apostles and prophets,
Christ Jesus himself being
the chief cornerstone.

Ephesians 2:19-20 talktotheword.com

Pastor Mark Hofman

August 2, 2026

Worship 10:00AM

Come Now is the Time to Worship!

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GATHERED TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship (from Psalm 150)
Leader: Hallelujah!

People: Praise God in the highest heavens!

Leader: Praise Him for His acts of power

People: Praise Him for His surpassing greatness!

Leader: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

All: Hallelujah!

*Opening Songs of Praise with VBS Update
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah!
Jesus Loves Me (GEMS version)
This Little Light of Mine

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Celebration of Baptism Alkinna Marigold Laylani Snyder

Song *Jesus Loves Me* Charry & Emily Snyder

(LUYH 709 - congregation joins on stanzas 2 & 3)

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

Bob Holwerda

GOD SPEAKS TO US

*Song of Preparation *Be Still, for the Presence* LUYH 532

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

Message *The Spirit's Dwelling Place*

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response *Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit* LUYH 745

WE ARE SENT OUT

Our Offerings General Fund & Thrive
*[offerings may be given online at allenavechurch.org
or in the baskets at each entrance]*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Parting Song of Praise *We Are Called* LUYH 296:1,2

*Postlude

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

Believe. Love. Evangelize.

Support Christian Instruction. Serve.



NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



8/2: Nursery: Karen Alphenaar & Addie Maat
Children in Worship: Kristen Vlasma and Jill Schuitema
Coffee Fellowship: Jim & Barb Malda, Kelly D, Mike & Marcia B
8/9: Nursery: Carol Peterman & Toni Schuitema
Children in Worship: Mary Wolff and Amber Johnson
Coffee Fellowship: Kristen Vlasma &
8/16: Nursery: Nancy Rop & Becki Fisher
Children in Worship: Beth VanRees & Kelly Dauser
Coffee Fellowship: ???
8/23: Nursery: Beth VanRees, Annabell Snyder, August Hofman
Children in Worship:
Coffee Fellowship: Jim & Barb Malda

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) **Wilma Doctor** *Please call or send a card
- 2) Joel Stefanits to Care List Member, **Wilma!**
3637 Whispering Woods Dr.
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 on Baptism & King's Kids Sunday!

We are so grateful you are here worshiping with us this morning as we celebrate the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Kings Kids, & Alkinna's

baptism!!! This Sunday we continue our summer sermon series "Under Construction: God's Ongoing Work on Us." Pastor Mark will be focusing on "The Spirit's Dwelling Place" from Ephesians 2:19-22 and how we rise to become a holy temple in the Lord.

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

This Sunday, August 2, **Annabell & Devin Snyder will present their infant daughter Alkinna Marigold Laylani Snyder** to be baptized. We look forward to this precious child of God receiving the sacrament of baptism and all that it means and promises this little one and her parents! To God be the glory great things He has done! Join us after the worship service for a celebration with another cake reception in the lower level!!!

The special offering on Sunday, August 2, is for Thrive. Thrive, which encompasses nine ministries of the CRC, seeks to provide churches with one-stop access to support resources that are fully integrated, and responsive to the changing needs of local congregations.

August is National Make-A-Will Month - You don't have to be wealthy to establish an estate plan. If you own a house, have any investments or special collections, you should have a plan. August is National "Make A Will" Month and a great annual reminder to set up a trust or gift a charity in your will. The CRC has resources to help. Learn more by visiting the CRC Heritage website at crcna.org/foundation

Kids Corner Devotions: Talking About Sin: Big & Bigger News for You - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Talking About Sin: Big & Bigger News for You" at www.kidscorner.net. In this week's devotion's Bible reading, Romans 5:18-21, we learn that sin—the things we think, say, or do that don't please God—is big and powerful. Sin separates us from God. But the good news is that bigger news about Jesus is coming.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY IS THE DAY! The church picnic is finally here! After the worship service, please head down to enjoy the baptism cake with the Snyder Family to allow the Congregational Life Committee time to head to John & Sue Sytsema's, 958 Mona Brook, to get set up. Then please join us at 12:30pm with your dish to share for the festivities, food, and boating/water fun! (Bring suits & towels if you wish 😊) The committee will provide the main dish, lemonade & water, and table service. Join the fun & remember to wear **red-white-blue!**



Ahoy, Mates! John and Carol Schuitema are offering an open invitation for a pontoon ride up the Grand River into Grand Haven and Lake Michigan. Outing is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, from 11:00am-2:00/3:00pm. Please bring your own lunch, snacks, and we will furnish beverages! First ten to call John at 231.557.9829 by August 2, get to take this fun voyage! Make your reservation now.

Women and girls, come to celebrate "around the clock" at Ashly Schuitema's bridal shower luncheon at 11:30am on Saturday, August 8. When you arrive, please tag your package with the time of day your gift will be used. You're welcome to search the zola.com registry for suggestions. RSVP on the poster in the fellowship room.

Mission Trip Participants - Please fill out and return your registration to DRS. If you did not receive a registration email, please see Steve. If anyone is still interested in going with us to Madison County, North Carolina to serve the week of September 28th, please see Steve Rop.



Groundwork: What Happens After We Die? - What happens after we die? Where do we go? Where do our bodies and souls go while we're waiting for Jesus to return on Judgment Day? Join Groundwork as we study Luke 23:39-43; Philippians 1:20-26; Ecclesiastes 9:5-6; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; 2 Corinthians 5:1-9, 16-17; Romans 8:34-39; and Philippians 3:20-21 to better understand three Christian views on life after death, and to receive the rich assurance and deep comfort God's Word provides. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

*****If you have exciting news to share, have something to praise God for, or would like the congregation to be in prayer for you or your family, please contact Pastor Mark or Secretary Susan Vanderlaan, so it can be added to our weekly bulletin!**



Warmest congrats to Devin & Annabell Snyder who were united in marriage on Friday, July 31, in our church with Pastor Mark Hofman officiating! We wish you God's richest blessings as you continue on your life's journey as husband and wife. May your love ever be like your wedding bands...

Endless to Eternity! "For who God had joined together, let no one separate."

Thankful praise for the **children** God brought to King's Kids this week! May the truths that they heard grow down deep in their hearts and change them forever. Continue to pray for their spiritual growth in the days ahead...they are so loved!

Beth and Dave VanRees are grateful for the baptisms of their three youngest grandchildren, Jonathan Joseph Pyper, Charlotte Olivia Donkersloot, and Monroe Parker VanRees! Please pray for these three precious children with roots to Allen Avenue CRC.

Our families want to express our sincere thanks for all of the cards, well wishes, visits at the funeral, etc. Feeling the love of our Church family has helped us so much. So thankful that we were able to celebrate Mom's 100th birthday and to hear our Church family sing happy birthday to her just melted my heart. Thanks for all the love shown to our families during this time. Thank you, too, Pastor Mark for a wonderful funeral service and also to Mary Kortman for honoring us with her gift of music. – **Rog and Laurie Slorf**

Mike Fongers' housemate Bill is going to have surgery on August 4, to have a cancerous kidney removed. Mike would appreciate prayers for his friend.

Please keep **Russ & Deb Vlasma** in your prayers as they have had three weeks of the parasite illness and are having a hard time getting rid of it. Pray the medications they received will restore them to health once more.

Evan & April Vanderlaan's 6-year-old son Reid fell and broke two bones by his right elbow. He also has a very painful hip issue going on that will require much healing in the months ahead. Please pray for our sweet grandson that God will heal his body quickly and perfectly. – **Bob & Susan Vanderlaan**