

SERMON NOTES:

Sermon : Changed by God's Word from the Inside Out
Scripture: Romans 12 :1-2

**ALLEN AVENUE
CHRISTIAN
REFORMED CHURCH**



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PASTOR Mark Hofman
APRIL 27, 2025
Worship 10:00AM

Come...Now is the Time to Worship!

Friday, April 25, 25April 27, 2025

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We Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Quiet

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 150)

Leader: Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.

**People: Sing to him, sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonderful acts.**

Leader: Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**People: Look to the LORD and his strength;
seek his face always.**

*Songs of Praise What the Lord Has Done in Me LUYH 800

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Ministry Celebration: GEMS

GEMS Year in Review Jill Schuitema

Songs Change GEMS
Jesus Is All The World To Me
~ all GEMS/Calvinettes (Praise 510:1,4)
(congregation joins on stanza 4)

Video: GEMS 2024-25

Children's Message Amber Johnson

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

Charry Snyder

The Word

*Song of Preparation Ancient Words LUYH 762

Scripture ~ Romans 12 :1-2

Message : Transformed: Changed by God's Word from the Inside Out

Prayer of Application

Response

Offerings ~ General Fund

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

*Song of Response Change My Heart, O God SNC 56

Sent Out

*God's Parting Blessing

*Parting Song of Dedication: My Friends, May You Grow in Grace LUYH 938

*Postlude

Please stay after the service for today's congregational meeting and then join us downstairs as we celebrate Mike Fonger's 60th birthday.

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

Believe. Love. Evangelize.

Support Christian Instruction. Serve.



NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

4/27: Nursery: Karen Alphenaar & Serenity Alphenaar
Sunday School

Coffee Fellowship: Jack & Laurie DeJonge

5/4: Nursery: Amber Johnson & Maelin Vlasma

Children in Worship: Kristen V. and Beth VR

Coffee Fellowship: Jack & Sherrie Wolffis

5/11: Nursery: Susan Vanderlaan & Becki Schout
Sunday School and Catechism

Coffee Fellowship: Ron & Kristen Vlasma



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 – Philippines**



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 |

Psalms 71:17-19 – “O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and grey hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come.” We love our Care List Members!

A Warm Welcome to Our Visitors, Guests, & Members!!!

We are rejoicing that you have come to join us in worship this Sunday as we eagerly serve the King of Kings!

After worship, please join us in the lower level for a time of gathering and conversation over a cup of coffee and some sweet treats!

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

April 2025 council meeting notes

1. The council is grateful for the many willing servants of all ages who blessed our church family in joyful fellowship and praise at our Easter breakfast and worship service. God is good!
2. A less expensive alternative to the "One Call Now" messaging system is still being researched.
3. An updated version of the council guidebook was approved.
4. Elder/deacon teams met to discuss district matters.
5. Plans were made to accommodate extra guests when two WMC choral groups join us in worship on May 4. (See the sign-up sheet downstairs for how you can help.)
6. The council meets again on May 28.

Giving for the first quarter of 2025 to the general fund was \$84,619, up \$18,369 from our budget. In addition, \$5,058 was donated in memory of Alan Wolffis. Special offerings included:

Allen Ave Cadets \$473

Resonate Global \$161

Muskegon Christian School \$979

While we tend to run higher in the first quarter, with the timing of annual and semi-annual gifts, we are still trending to be slightly favorable to our budget for the year. Thank you, Allen Ave, for your generosity and support as we continue to B.L.E.S.S.

The council has approved the following proposal and is bringing it to the members of the congregation for their **vote after the worship service today.**

"The building committee proposes the purchase of carpeting (with installation) for the church offices, library, east stairways, east entrance, and basement coatroom area. The carpeting would be provided by Carpet Bonanza of Zeeland at a quoted estimated cost of \$22,813. The building committee (with guidance from the finance committee) requests approval of funding not to exceed \$25,000 from the estate fund."

Note that this quote includes removal of the old carpet. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the council or the building committee. You are welcome to view carpet samples in the library.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Men's Bible Study – Monday, April 28 @ 6:15 pm. We will be discussing lesson 5 on Psalm 34. Brian has a couple of books available if anyone would like to join us.

Allen Avenue Mission Trip: We are confirmed for the week of September 8, 2025 to serve in Sioux and/or Lyon County, Iowa. Our housing will be in Faith Reformed Church in Rock Valley, Iowa. See or contact Steve Rop if you are interested in joining our trip. Email: rop.steven@gmail.com

UNITY CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL: Check out the information posted in the lower level regarding the UNITY CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL which will be at Heritage Landing Aug. 6-9. Amazing Christian artists will be there, and tickets are crazy affordable!! A one-day ticket is only \$40.00, and a three-day pass is only \$75.00!! For many concerts, that's the price to see only one artist. But, at Unity, for \$75.00 you'll be able to hear from Josh Baldwin, Matthew West, Cochren & Co., Steven Curtis Chapman, Johathan Traylor, Andrew Ripp, Sidewalk Prophets, Crowder, and more!! Be sure to put this on your list of things to do this summer and get signed up for tickets on the order form in the basement by the coffee. If you have any questions, please talk to Jill Schuitema.

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

From the family of Kathy J. Lindsay:

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our heart's we thank you so much for being a part.

Kay L. Lindsay

Please keep Bob and Susan in your prayers as they recover at home from a nasty respiratory virus.

Remember Ron Friday and Sandy in your prayers as Ron deals with some adverse side effects from his surgery.