

SERMON NOTES:

Sermon: A Pool Party in the Desert **Scripture:** Isaiah 35



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PASTOR MARK HOFMAN
JULY 6, 2025
WORSHIP 10:00AM



Come...Now is the Time to Worship!

Sunday, July 6, 2025
Pastor Mark Hofman

We Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship (from Psalm 29)

Leader: Honor the LORD, you heavenly beings,
honor the LORD for his glory and strength.

People: Honor the LORD for the glory of his name.

Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

Leader: The voice of the LORD echoes above the sea. The God of glory thunders.
The LORD thunders over the mighty sea.

People: The LORD rules over the floodwaters.

The LORD reigns as king forever.

All: The LORD gives his people strength. The LORD blesses them with peace.

*Hymn of Praise *Give Glory to God, All You Heavenly Creatures* LUYH 114:1,2,4,5

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession Jonah 2:2-6 Pew Bible Page #1324

Song *Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

Assurance of Pardon 1 Peter 3:15-22 Pew Bible Page #1730

Song *Baptized in Water* LUYH 790

Children's Message Stephanie Hofman

Children's Blessing
***As you worship the Lord, may he go with you, may his Spirit live in you,
and may his love fill you. Praise him with thanksgiving. Go in peace.***

Prayers of the People Pastor Mark

We Listen to God Speak

Song of Preparation *Nothing But the Blood of Jesus* *Celeb 337:1,2,4*

Scripture Isaiah 35 Pew Bible Page #1021
Leader: "This is the Word of the Lord."
People: "Thanks be to God"

Message: A Pool Party in the Desert

Prayer of Application

We Respond to God's Word

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

*Song *I Will Sing Unto the Lord* *PsH 152*

We Are Sent Out to Serve

*God's Parting Blessing

*Parting Song of Praise *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* *Celeb 808:1,4*

*Postlude

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

Believe. Love. Evangelize.

Support Christian Instruction. Serve.



NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

7/6: Nursery: Sue Sytsema & Maelin Vlasma

Children in Worship: Kristen Vlasma and Amber Johnson

Coffee Fellowship: Bob & Elaine Holwerda

7/13: Nursery: Carol Peterman & Hope

Children in Worship: Dale Johnson & Stephanie Hofman

Coffee Fellowship: Justin & Carolyn Wilson

7/20: Nursery: Susan Vanderlaan & Violet

Children in Worship: Carol Peterman, Bob & Susan Vanderlaan

Coffee Fellowship: Jack & Laurie DeJonge

7/27: Nursery: Becky Schout & Tayla Vlasma

Children in Worship: Beth VanRees & Laurie DeJonge

Coffee Fellowship: ???



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," Jim!**

1900 Surrey Place, Apt. 11, 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!

We are rejoicing that you have come to join us in worship on this beautiful 4th of July weekend. This week we continue with a new sermon series about "Gardens, Water, and Seeds." Pastor Mark will be preaching from Isaiah 35, and we will be focusing on the water aspect. 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

The special offering for this Sunday, July 6, will be for Love, INC. Love, INC mobilizes local churches to offer a holistic approach to caring for people in all areas of life: spiritual, mental, emotional, relational, material and physical.

June Council Meeting Notes:

1. Judy Vaandering reported on the June 3 meeting of Classis Muskegon.
2. Pastor Mark is planning a 4-week August sermon series, "Seeds, Soils, and Scatterers".
3. The council approved the worship committee's congregational survey that will provide input on enhancing our worship experience.
4. Church Bibles that are no longer being used and were kept in long term storage will be donated to "Project Bible Runners."
5. The next rotation of the district missionary contact schedule will be published this fall.
6. Tentative plans for a fall kick-off gathering that will be held instead of a summer church picnic this year.
7. Carpet Bonanza will begin installation on July 22.
8. Pastor Dan Wierenga will lead us in worship on July 13 and August 3.
9. Pastor Don Byker will lead us in worship on July 27.
10. The next council meeting is scheduled for August 27.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

King's Kids (our Vacation Bible School) will be next week, July 14-18 from 6:00-7:30 each evening. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help. We're very excited to get it started. We still need a teacher and a classroom helper so if you think you'd like to serve in that way, please see Jill as soon as possible. Also, please be in prayer as we finalize all the planning and organizing. Thank you for all your support. Pray that God blesses our efforts to share the message of His great love with our neighborhood kids.

John and Carol Schuitema are offering an open invitation for a pontoon boat ride up the Grand River (weather permitting) on Tuesday, July 22, from 11am-2pm or 3pm. Please bring your own lunch or snacks, and we will furnish beverages. We have room for 10 passengers and will leave from Spring Lake. Info as to where to meet will follow. Please call John at 231.557.9829 to put in your reservation by July 20.

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

Elaine & Bob Holwerda-Pray for our friend Dean Kuiper and family who lost his adult daughter in a rollover accident Monday in Grand Rapids. God of all comfort, we lift them up.

Jim Secord-Sue asks we pray for Jim as his breathing is becoming more difficult, and his anxiety level is getting worse. "We are supposed to leave Sunday for our 40th year camping with family and friends on Lake Charlevoix. He really wants to do this one last time and I feel being out of the house and around family, friends and what we call God's Country will boost his spirits!!! (You can toss in a prayer for me!) Thank you for praying Allen Avenue!

We also lift those who have health and aging issues which limits them from traveling far or at all. You are all loved and not forgotten. May you feel our prayers throughout the week as we lift you up in prayer.

Students and Parents:

As they enjoy the summer – may this time of vacations, jobs, and relaxation enrich their lives as they spend time together with family and friends.

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

We Pray for our Church, local and throughout the world:

-Pastor Mark, Stephanie, Asher, August & Aethan-both with church and home life as they balance everything with a move and as the neighborhood and church adapt to this new adventure in home ownership here in Muskegon County!

-Our Church Council & Staff

-Church Committees, Connect and Small Group Studies

Those in trouble in some way, those who are sick whether physically or mentally—those who have turned away from the church and God. Those who mourn, those in need, and those without hope.

God's Presence & Comfort:

- **Psalm 34:18:** "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

God's Strength and Support:

- **I Peter 5:10:** "And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you."

God's Love and Restoration:

- **Jeremiah 31:3** "The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee."

Finding Peace:

- **John 16:33:** "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."