

**SERMON NOTES**

Scripture Passage : Matthew 28 :16-20

Message: In Your Going

# ALLEN AVENUE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



**PASTOR STAN STURING  
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00AM  
OCTOBER 9, 2022**

## Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship

Leader: The Spirit gathers us to worship God and builds us up in faith, hope, and love so that we may go into the world to proclaim the gospel and work for justice and peace.

**People: Let us worship God together.**

\*Opening Songs of Praise

*Days of Elijah*  
*Mighty to Save*

LUYH 611

\*Greeting from the Lord

\*We Greet One Another

## Forgiven and Renewed

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Almighty God, you poured out your Spirit upon your disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith.

We confess that we often resist the power of your Spirit among us and are reluctant to share the good news of your love.

**People: Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Song of Commitment

*I Love to Tell the Story*

LUYH 262

Prayers of the People

Sherrie Wolffis

Children's Blessing (in unison)

**As you go out to hear God's story, may you listen with open ears, see with open eyes, and go out - ready to share God's story with others.**

## God Speaks, We Listen

\*Song of Preparation

*Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness*

LUYH 766

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Responsive Prayer of Application:

Prayer for the Mission of the Church

LUYH 265

Leader: Lord God, We bless you for your charge to us to "make disciples from every nation and to teach them to obey all that you have commanded us."

**People: How grateful we are for your promise to never leave us or forsake us.**

Leader: As we seek to plant the seed of your word, and to water the seed once planted,

**People: Teach us to trust and to testify that you are the source of all the growth.**

Leader: As the seed of your Word is planted in our hearts,

**People: Help us—and all those around us—to be good soil,**

**Receptive to all that you desire for us to know, to love, and to do.**

Leader: By your Spirit, increase our love and "knowledge and depth of insight:"

**People: So that "we may discern what is best, and be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus, to the glory and praise of God." Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

## Sent Out to Share God's Good News

Offerings

\*Song of Response

*Go to the World*

LUYH 925

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Parting Song of Dedication

*Our God Reigns*

PsH195

\*Postlude

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



### NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



\*\*\*Notice that some Nursery helpers have been rearranged due to conflicts with Sunday School & Catechism weeks!

10/09: Nursery: Toni and Lily

Coffee Fellowship: Jack and Sherrie W

10/16: Nursery: Karen and Tayla

Coffee Fellowship: Case and Judy V

10/23: Nursery: Susan and Emily

Coffee Fellowship: Jim and Sue S

10/30: Nursery: Carol and Maelin

Coffee Fellowship: Phil and Charry S

### ALLEN AVENUE MISSIONARIES



Stephan and Alicia – Kenya

Rev. Jerry – Back to God Ministries

Angel Community Church – Muskegon

Zuni Christian School – Zuni, New Mexico

Stan & Bessie – Philippines

Eric and Judith – Western Asia



### ALLEN AVENUE CARE LIST

Nella B	Joann D	Wilma D	Jim D	Vicky F
Lois G	Pearl K	Joel S	Betty T	Joyce V
Ro V	June W	Tillie W	John W	

- We pray for everyone on our care list and for all the care-givers who so lovingly serve and help them in ways no one else is able to...God, bring them strength, wisdom, patience, love and kindness.

**Welcome Visitors, Guests, Members** – We are glad you have come to join us in worship today! There will be Sunday School and Catechism today for our youth. Please fill out the Welcome card located in the pew rack, and place it in the offering plate as you leave the sanctuary. We would love to meet you! Please join us for refreshments after the service in the lower level.

**Live streaming** of our worship service is slated to begin at 9:55am on Sunday morning. The live stream will be located under the videos section of the YouTube page. The worship videos will continue to be available as a recording if you are unable to watch the service live.

## COUNCIL NEWS

The **special offering for Office of Church Relations** will be received on Sunday, October 16.

**The deacons are grateful for September gifts and offerings** of \$19,092 for General Fund, \$186 for Reach the Forgotten Ministries, and \$215 for Starlight Ministries.

**The war in Ukraine** has displaced over 13 million people. By God's grace and with the generous support of donors like you, **World Renew** and its partners are showing God's love in tangible ways to these refugees. Your donation allows them to coordinate with partners on the ground in Ukraine and surrounding countries to provide food, shelter, hygiene kits, cash to address the immediate food needs, and medical care & supplies, and refugee resettlement programs. Please go to **worldrenew.net** to continue to give and being the hands and feet of Christ to people displaced by war.

Last week **Pastor Stan Kruis** recommended two helpful resources for "**Seeking the Lostest of the Lost.**" They were the app "Unreached of the Day," and the world maps of the lost can be seen at "Joshua Project."

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

**Allen Avenue Prayer Ministry Prayer Time** will be Tuesday's from 7-8PM. Updates: Join us by selecting this link: Passcode: 573272  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81035650227?pwd=cUhpVTdzTVlUbEMyVGs3UTBjLWE5pQT09> Meeting ID: 810 3565 0227

**Ladies of All Ages: Join us for our brand-new Bible study that we just started!** We will meet Thursday, 10/6 & 10/20, at 1:30pm in the lounge. We are studying "Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story." If you would still like to join us and need a study guide (\$12), please see Judy V, and read Weeks 1&2 Daily Lessons. We can't wait to learn & grow together!

**Our congregation is again partnering with Angel Church** and the Angell Neighborhood Association to provide a safe and family-friendly "**Trunk-or-Treat**" on **Halloween night**. This year our event will be held in the parking lot of Angel Church. Plan now to attend! Bins for candy donations will be available at both entrances of our church beginning on October 9.

Advanced Notice: **Freezer Ministry** will meet on **Friday, October 21**.

The **deadline for the AllenAveNews** is **Sunday, October 23**. Please send all your articles and newsworthy items to Sandy V by then.

**There will be a Right to Life Dinner on Thursday, October 27** in Muskegon. Please contact Pastor Stan for details and if you would like to sign up to attend.

Due to a severe paper shortage, the **TODAY devotionals** will not be printed and available for distribution until the end of October.

**"We Are Messengers,"** with special guests Jordan St. Cyr and David Leonard, will be performing at the **Frauenthal Theater on October 20**, as part of their Wholehearted Tour. Tickets and information are available at [www.unitychristianevents.com](http://www.unitychristianevents.com).

Our church is cordially invited to the **Muskegon Rescue Mission Fall Dinner** to celebrate the impact you have made this year and the expansion you made possible on **Thursday, October 20**. The dinner will be held at Olivet Evangelical Free Church, 6790 Harvey Street with doors opening at 5:45pm and dinner/program beginning at 6:30pm. Kindly **RSVP by October 14**, by email to [info@muskegonmission.org](mailto:info@muskegonmission.org) or call 231.727.6090 to reserve your place.

**Pray for those who have been adversely affected by Hurricane Ian**, and for the health, safety, and strength for World Renew DRS staff, volunteers, and all those stepping up to the work of recovery and rehabilitation.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS**

-Pray for **Betty T** – Our Care List Member of the week

-Allen Avenue Missionary of the week – **Stephan and Alicia**

What an exceptional church! **This year's CROP Walk is completed** and in the books! Our faithful walkers were Deb, Russ, Karen, Marcia and Marcia's niece, Kerri. We enjoyed a beautiful afternoon walking around downtown Muskegon. **Because of your GENEROUS support, we were able to contribute \$875 to the Walk - amazing!!!** With grateful hearts and happy feet, we thank you EVER SO MUCH!!!

-Our sympathy to **Dan and Arlene DeKam** (previous members) in the home going of Dan's dad on Monday, October 3.

-**Pat M's granddaughter, Kristin**, continues to need our prayers.

-**Sandy V's** second procedure to correct her heart issue did not work. Pray for answers and direction as to what to do next.

-**Marcia B** had surgery to correct a hole in her heart that has been there for some time. It was very successful and she is so grateful.

-**John W** is in rehab at Mc Auley Place, Room 611. Let's shower our favorite centurion with cards and visits to brighten his days as he heals.

-Continue to **pray for the people of Ukraine** and the **workers and volunteers** providing emergency aid. In the coming months, shelters damaged in the conflict will be winterized, so refugees are better prepared for the cold months ahead.

-**Remember our Council** -Jack D, Bob V, Sherrie W, Brian S, John K, Stan R, Dave V, Gabe V, Kelly D, Karen A, Dean J, Jean B, and Pastor Stan as they serve at this very important time in our church's history.

-**Continue to lift up our Search Team** - Steve R, Pastor Stan, Mary K, Dave B, Tim M, Sandy V, Amber J, John S., Jim M, Stan R as they continue to pursue God's direction for who will be our next pastor.