

SERMON NOTES:

Scripture: Romans 11: 33-36; Romans 12:1-2

Message: Worship in the Body



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**ALLEN AVENUE CHRISTIAN
REFORMED CHURCH**



**PASTOR MARK HOFMAN
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00AM
MAY 14, 2023**

Come...Now is the Time to Worship

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Pastor Mark Hofman

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

The Call to Worship (Isaiah 1:3; Rev 1:7-8)

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the LORD almighty,

People: The whole earth is full of his glory.

Leader: "Look, he is coming with the clouds,"

and "every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him";

and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of him."

People: So, shall it be! Amen.

Leader: "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God,

People: "Who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

*Songs of Praise

You Are Holy

LUYH 598

Jesus, All for Jesus

LUYH 738

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

All Sing

Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult

LUYH 121:1-2

Scripture

Deuteronomy 12:8-14

All Sing

Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult

LUYH 121:3-4

Scripture

Mark 10:26-31

All Sing

Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult

LUYH 121:5

Prayers of the People

Pastor Mark

Children's Blessing

Jesus is Lord of all.

Love him with all your heart,

all your strength,

and all your mind.

Praise and worship him alone.

WE LISTEN TO GOD SPEAK

*Song of Preparation

Knowing You, Jesus

Scripture Passage ~ Romans 11: 33-36 ; Romans 12:1-2

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Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering: General Fund & Bethany Christian Services

[offerings may be given online at allenavechurch.org

or placed in the baskets at each entrance]

*Song of Response

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

LUYH 175

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*God's Parting Blessing

*Parting Song of Dedication

Step by Step

LUYH 743

*Postlude

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

Believe. Love. Evangelize.

Support Christian Education. Serve.



NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

- 05/14: Nursery: Charry Snyder & Beth VanRees
Coffee Fellowship: Scott & Toni Schuitema
- 05/21: Nursery: Carol Peterman & Becki Fisher
Coffee Fellowship: John & Carol Schuitema
- 05/28: Nursery: Sherrie Wolffis & Deb Anderson
Coffee Fellowship: Russ & Deb Vlasma
- 06/04: Nursery: Amber Johnson & Addy Maat
Coffee Fellowship: Ron Friday & Sandy Volkers



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
Paul & Charlotte – Mission French Africa



ALLEN AVENUE CARE LIST

Joann Deitz Wilma Doctor Jim Doornbos

Vicky Fisher Lois Grinwis Pearl Kitchen

Joel Stefanits Betty TenBrink Ro Verheul

June Walcott **-We love and pray for all
the families on our care list and for their caregivers
who so lovingly serve and help them...Bless them!**

WELCOME TO ALLEN AVENUE CRC

A Warm Welcome to Our Visitors, Guests, Members!
So thankful for our special mothers on this Mother's Day!! We are very glad you have come to join us in worshipping our Savior today! If you are visiting, please fill out the Welcome card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate as you leave the sanctuary. **Join us in the Fellowship Hall in the lower level for refreshments after the worship service.**

COUNCIL NEWS

The special offering for today, Mother's Day, is for Bethany Christian Services. Family changes everything. At Bethany Christian Services, we believe every child deserves to be safe, loved, and connected through family. Bethany is a global nonprofit that supports children and families with world-class social services, all designed to help families thrive.

"Thank you, Allen Avenue, for your recent gift to the Calvinist Cadet Corps. We rely on the financial support of churches to develop our ministry materials, which are then used in over 500 churches across North America, and by Cadet clubs around the world. Our mission is to help boys grow more Christlike in all areas of life. Your gift will allow Christian men to build relationships with boys, mentoring them towards a lifetime of living for Jesus. We are thankful for the monies and prayers your congregation has offered for us, and may it further the Kingdom." - Steve Bootsma, Executive Director of Calvinist Cadet Corps

Allen Avenue CRC now has a hearing loop system installed to help those who need help hearing the service better. This system uses telecoils, also known as t-coils which are small copper wires coiled discreetly inside hearing aids or cochlear implants. They can receive electromagnetic signals from our sound system and are generally activated easily with the touch of a button. There is one unit which may be used without a hearing aid that is available at the sound booth. If you have questions about the system, or determining if your hearing device has a t-coil please see a sound tech after the service. They will be at the booth after the service to answer questions.

We give thanks and pray for those who are serving on our church council: Brian Schuitema, Bob Vanderlaan, Sherrie Wolffis, Stan Rop, Gabe Vlasma, Kelly Dauser, Karen Alphenaar, Jean Botting, Judy Vaandering, Scott Schuitema, Dave Miedema, Charry Snyder, and Pastor Mark Hofman.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

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Discussion Time: Interested in going deeper in your faith? Have questions you want to discuss with other believers? Come join us on Sunday, May 21 after church for a discussion time in the lounge (room next to the kitchen). These are the questions we are hoping to converse around:

1. What areas of faith do you struggle with?
2. Are you ready to give a defense for your faith?
3. Do you have any doubts about your faith?
4. Are you prepared to tackle contradictions in the Bible?
5. Do you know how to address the issue of suffering under a good God?

Coffee Time Outreach: Would you like to be part of a new Muskegon Classis outreach at Muskegon Community College? It's simple, you just need to pour coffee and smile :). Tuesday and Thursdays 9am-2pm. Contact Brian Schuitema if you plan to go!

Mission Trip? Stan and Steve Rop are putting together another mission trip through DRS (Disaster Response Services). We are looking to go on this trip somewhere in the timeframe of August - October. Possible sites include Madisonville, KY, Rollingfork, MS and Detroit, MI. Skills utilized on the trip include painting, drywall, simple construction, electrical, plumbing, demolition and of course cooking. Don't have any of these skills? We will gladly train you! If interested, talk to Stan or Steve.
P.S. - DRS usually covers the cost of lodging at the site.

Pray for Synod 2023 - Join believers across the denomination for 40 days of prayer in preparation for Synod 2023. Beginning on April 30 and concluding on June 8, 2023, each day readers will receive a Bible text, a prayer, and some suggested questions for reflection or conversation. All of the prayers are intended to reflect the theme of Synod 2023: Longing to be Like Christ, which is based on Philippians 2:1-11, summarized by verse 5: "In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus." Learn more and sign up at www.crcna.org/longing-to-be-like-christ

Did you know that Allen Avenue CRC has a FREE Church Assistance Program (CAP) with Pine Rest? Contact Pine Rest COUNSELING SERVICES by calling **800-442-0809 and PRESS 1** to access their 24-hour Hotline and to schedule appointments. Please remember that the key to FREE services is when you make your call, please say, "I have a CAP with Allen Avenue CRC." (Otherwise, you will receive a bill in the mail.) Our CAP Benefits Include:

- 3 sessions of free, confidential counseling per episode of care
- Psychiatric Urgent Care Center services for ages 18+
- 24/7 hotline for crisis calls
- Free 30-minute legal consultation
- Free 30-minute financial consultation
- Free elder care consultation
- Personal Advantage online library access
- All benefits are available to the congregation member and EVERY person in their household.



PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

-Pray for Our Care List Member of the week – **Joann Deitz**

-Allen Avenue Missionaries of the week – **Stephan an Alecia - Kenya**

-We pray for our school children of all ages- Simon, Nora, Yeabsira, Tekalegn, Maelin, Tayla, Emily, Devin, Travis, Katelyn, Molly, Kayla, Taylor, Danny, Luke, Adele, Joe, Matthew, Carlie, Daniel, Serenity, Lily, Riley, Jessica, Pao, Asher, August, and Aethan.

-For MCS and WMC as well as all schools, teachers-Lis, Dave, Nate, Becky, Stephanie

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-**Kelly Dauser's sister, Kim**, lost her job and is in a deep depression. She is in a very dark place. Thank you.

-**Prayers for Mary Kortman's sister and her husband Hubert**. Hubert is very weak and unable to walk without help (lung cancer with metastasis to liver, pancreas, brain). Still refusing hospice--Sharon is a wonderful caregiver but getting worn out. He won't let anyone but Sharon help him.

-**Jim Secord-Sue** is asking for continued prayers as Jim has been in so much back pain for a long time. Pray that the upcoming CAT scan and Ultrasound will show what needs to be done to alleviate the cause and the pain. Pray for relief, patience, and endurance.

-**Pastor Stan's brother Marv** was put on dialysis, and it didn't go well. No more treatments for his cancer. He is in hospice care with renal failure likely to end his life in 3-6 months. Stan hopes to be traveling to see him this week.

-**Continued prayers for Patrick and Aida Fisher** as they continue to handle the grief of Aida's brother's death and worry about Aida's mother in Mexico. Guide them, Father. May they feel your presence and strength. Be with **Becky and Randy** as they do their best to support the family.

-**Prayers for clarity for Laurie Slorf and Kelly Dauser** as they plan crafting events at church. Thanks for the beautiful ministry they both prepared for us with the Stone Painting. Pray that the ideas be God's and that these events are a fun place for women of all ages can gather to grow friendships within our church, but even more importantly, so we can bring more women into our church through crafting.

-**The WMC and GH communities lost a beautiful girl, Alia Zuidema**, who was a senior. Prayers continue for peace and healing for the families, students, teachers, and schools who feel the loss and grief in losing someone so young and vibrant.

-**Stan and Steve Rop visited Pastor Jeffrey** at Angel church on Monday to look at water damage in their church. Please pray that God will guide us as we look at ways to help them.

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-The Muskegon Community grieves over the loss of a **baby last week and a 15-year-old boy the week** before from gun violence. Be with the Angel community and those families hurting and grieving. **Give Pastor Jeffrey peace** and the words to say as he talks with the mother of the 15-year-old boy-he is doing the funeral service. Also, pray for the minister who is doing the funeral for the little baby that was killed in error and for the family. The father was holding him and was supposed to be the target.

-**Prayers for wisdom in dealing with sin**. Sin we see so blatantly put in front of us daily. Help us as a community of believers in the C.R.C. Pray for Synod and God's Spiritual guidance as to how to deal with the lifestyles and behaviors, political and moral practices that we recognize as unbiblical. Pray that we may be Jesus to others without turning our face from Jesus but instead speak truth in love.

-**Angel Church-Prayer for Evelyn and Pastor Jeff as they face the loss of Rose**. Bring young people in to help grow the Spirit of the Gospel into the neighborhood. Equip servants for the Harvest. Give wisdom as to how to reach the lost in the neighborhood and bless the plans for a possible reading program for the summer, King's Kid's, a picnic at McCrea Park and the National Night out are planned the first Tuesday in August. Prayers for the Pop-Up Popcorn ministry that Angel helps us with. Prayers for Evelyn as she is in pain and healing from a broken toe.

-**WMC: Dave Miedema asks us to pray for a spirit of unity for staff and students**. We've had plenty of emotions, reactions, and behaviors the past week and a half, and I pray we will grow closer to the Lord and each other.

-**MCS: Lis Miedema** asks us to pray for joy and peace during the last few weeks for both staff and students. Thanks!

-**Evan Vanderlaan**, oldest son of **Bob and Susan Vanderlaan**, suffered severe injuries and many broken bones after falling 25 feet from a roof on his job construction site and landing on concrete. It is nothing short of a miracle and God's grace and mercy that he was not killed or suffered a spinal cord injury. Please continue to pray for **Evan, April, and little Reid** as the road ahead of them will be long and painful. Thank you for all your prayers and concern!

B.L.E.S.S. PRAYER SECTION

-We live to B.L.E.S.S.: Believe; Love; Evangelize; Support Christian Education; Serve. As a church, we are coming out of a time where we've grown together as a church body and developed a new mission and vision statement. We now have a new pastor, and the council is starting to bring opportunities before us to put our faith in action.

PRAY FOR:

-Vision and wisdom to see where God is leading Allen Ave.

-Officers of the council, the council members and Pastor Mark.

- Prayers that congregation members **will support the council in developing new faith and outreach initiatives with their prayers, time, and talents.**

- Prayers that members step up and support the **coffee ministry at MCC.** That God might give the members a listening ear and graceful words when talking to the students.

- **Mission trip plans may come to fruition,** and members may volunteer to serve on the mission trip.

- That **Pastor Mark may work alongside the council** and support their efforts by his preaching of the Word, in the teaching of the congregation, and by applying his past experiences.

-Pray for AACRC VISION-We Live to B.L.E.S.S. and for our committees:

-Building Committee-Please pray for **Phil S and LaRaya** and their contributions to our church.

-Discipleship

-Worship and Music

-Technology

-Education

-Decorating

-Missions

-Finance

-Congregational Life