

*Allen Avenue Christian
Reformed Church*

THE LORD IS
GOOD
and his love
**ENDURES
FOREVER**
Psalm 100:5

*Pastor Benjamin Oliveira
April 15, 2018*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements – Deanna Vander Ploeg

THE APPROACH TO WORSHIP

Opening Prayer

Invitation to Quiet

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

*Hymns of Praise

How Great Thou Art

LUYH #553

vs. 1-4

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Children's Message - Steve Morris

RENEWING GOD'S COVENANT IN CHRIST

Confession and Assurance of Pardon: PsH, p. 1014 & Romans 5:1-5

Offering - General Fund

Congregational Prayer - Dave VanRees

THE MINISTRY OF GOD'S WORD AND SPIRIT

Song of Preparation:

Ancient Words

LUYH #762

vs. 1-2

*Scripture: Psalm 100

Sermon: *The Reasons*

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Response

Praise and Thanksgiving

LUYH #873

vs. 1-3

OUR DEPARTURE IN THE BLESSING OF GOD

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow PsH #638

*Postlude

*If you are able, please stand

Sermon Outline - Psalm 100

I. Please list some reasons why you are here today?

II. List the imperatives in Psalm 100

A. v. 1 _____

B. v. 2 _____ with joy! _____ with exultation!

C. v. 3 _____

D. v. 4 _____ His gates... _____ to Him!
_____ His name!

III. The Reasons for the imperatives above!

A. v. 3b _____

B. v. 5 _____

IV. Application: how do your reasons from (I.) compare to what Psalm 100 teaches us?

A. So why do we come to worship?

B. Who makes worship important (Hint: not us!)?

V. Additional Comments/Thoughts:

WELCOME TO ALLEN AVENUE CRC

Welcome to all members and visitors who are worshipping with us today! We encourage any visitors and those who may be seeking a new church home to join us regularly for worship. Please join us for a cup of coffee/juice and cookies in the fellowship hall after the service.

Visitors – Please fill out one of the “Welcome” cards you will find in the cardholders on the back of the pews. After filling out the card, please place it in the offering plate as it is passed.

Leading us in worship is Pastor Benjamin Oliveira

OUR FAMILY

Please lift up in prayer our missionary of the week –

*** Matt & Katie DeKam**

Our shut-in of the week is –

***Wilma Doctor: her contact information: PH: 231.773.6877
3637 Whispering Woods Dr., Muskegon, MI 49441.**

Please remember Wilma with prayers, cards, and phone calls.

***Kathy Niemeyer turned 88 on April 9th. Happy Birthday, Kathy!**

OFFERING INFORMATION

Today's Offerings – General Fund

April 22-General Fund & World Renew

April 29-General Fund & GEMS

The offering for the General Fund on April 1st was \$4807.00. The offering for LOVE Inc. was \$162.75 and the offering for Resonate was \$295.00. The offering for the General Fund on April 8th was \$4131.00. Thank you for your faithful support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Willing (or unwilling) Servants are needed to help with Line Dancing on Thursday evenings. Please see the sign-up sheet by the coffee window.

Mary/Martha will be meeting on April 26th studying Rev. 21-22:5.

Perhaps your church would like to bring a group to the **Grand Rapids Symphony's Picnic Pops** this summer. We have a fantastic line-up of terrific music of varied types at this year's Picnic Pops. The line-up is as follows:

July 12/13-Classical Fireworks

July 19/20-Eighties Rewind

July 26/27-Beethoven v Coldplay

August 2-Tito Puente, Jr and his Latin Jazz Band

August 3-Ben Folds (special event)

Golf League Anyone interested in golfing for the summer, please speak with Randy Fisher.

Freezer ministry will meet on Friday April 20 from 9-11. If you have a donation of dessert, jello salad or bread please contact Kellie at 638-3506.

It's that time again, time for the special **UNITY CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL DISCOUNT TICKETS** to go on sale. There is a poster and a sign-up sheet on a bulletin board in the basement of church. This year's lineup includes Stars Go Dim, Ryan Stevenson, Love and the Outcome, Plumb, Casting Crowns, and for King and Country. Oh yeah, MERCY ME will also be there! If you haven't seen the movie about their song, "I Can Only Imagine," get going!! And if you've never gone to the Unity Festival, this is your year! It is a family friendly music festival held at Heritage Landing August 8-11 that is FREE for anyone 5 and under. Special discount tickets for the 3 day event are only \$30.00 for one day and \$50.00 for all three days!! THAT'S CHEAP!! AND for families (parents and children ages 6-18 living in the same household) there are 3-day passes for \$200.00! Check out the poster downstairs and the fliers in your church mailboxes or talk to Jill Schuitema for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CON'T

From the Council-

We are humbled and encouraged by the continued faithful financial support of Allen Avenue. At the end of the first quarter, year-to-date giving is on target with what was projected. (\$75,055 received; \$74,000 budgeted) Expenses are also in line with what was expected. Some costs, like Christian Education, are heavily paid at the beginning of the year, so it appears that we are overspending. But once those expenses are paid, our overall costs level out over the year. (\$81,041 spent; \$74,000 budgeted)

Jim & Pat Madendorp would like to thank those who remembered Jim with cards and calls as shut-in of the week. Also, our thanks for the cards we received for Easter and the plant. Jim & Pat celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, April 11. God has been so good to us and continues to do so.

Council is looking for anyone interested in serving on a soon to be formed "Emergency Response Team". This new team will be responsible for putting together recommendations for new policies and procedures at Allen Avenue concerning potential emergencies that may occur in our church. We are looking to have guidelines and procedures established to deal with medical issues, fire emergencies, severe weather issues as well as active assailant situations. We need to be proactive and vigilant to ensure the safety and care of all of our members. Please contact Pastor Ben, Dave Bishop, Craig Bytwerk, Steve Morris or Charlie Vander Ploeg if you are willing and able to serve on this team.

Requested announcement from First CRC Grand Haven:

We are looking to hire a bookkeeper at 5 hours a week. We wonder if this might pair well for someone who is already doing something similar at a church in classis and would like a few more hours.

<https://network.crcna.org/treasurers/first-crc-grand-haven-bookkeeper>

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday -

*Sunday school and Catechism – No class, please join the hymn sing/spaghetti lunch

Wednesday -

*Prayer Meeting – 5:15 p.m.

Thursday –

*Line Dancing – 5:00 p.m.

Friday –

*Freezer Ministry – 9:00 a.m.

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Children in Worship – Amber Johnson: 231.670.4865

Nursery – Sue Sytsema: 231.750.7331

Coffee & Cookies– Deanna Vander Ploeg

Greeters – secretary

GEMS – Jill Schuitema: 231.733.1430

Cadets – Dale Johnson: 231.286.3404

Freezer Ministry – Kellie Cavanaugh: 231.638.3506

Hearts to Hands Ministry – Vicky Fisher: 231.740.6323

IN SERVICE AT AACRC

Nursery Today: Brittany Schuitema, Zoe Sytsema

April 22: Ashly Schuitema, Devin Snyder

April 29: Marcia Breuker, Travis Snyder

May 6: Sue Sytsema, Daniel Vander Ploeg

Children In Worship Today: Faith Vlasma, Carlie Vander Ploeg

April 22: Amber Johnson, Katelyn Morris

April 29: Amber Johnson, Deb Vlasma

Greeters Today: Cam & Melisa Vlasma Family

April 22: John & Sue Sytsema

April 29: GEMS

May 6: Ruth Kroeze & Betty Zuidema

Coffee Today: Kelly Dauser, Steve & Val Morris

April 22: Chuck & Marie Ritchard, Karen Alphenaar

April 29: Steve & Nancy Rop, Dave & Joanne Bishop

May 6: Jim & Barb Malda, Roger & Laurie Slorf

Congregational Prayer Next Sunday: Charlie Vander Ploeg

Announcements Next Sunday: Bob Vanderlaan

Sound Next Sunday: Aaron Ridings

Children's Message Next Sunday: Deb Vlasma

Projection Next Sunday: Scott Sytsema

Worship Team Next Sunday: Jill Schuitema, Carlie Vander Ploeg, Melisa Vlasma, Katelyn Morris

Accompanist Next Sunday: Arlene DeKam

Ushers for April: Jim Malda, Stan Rop, Dan DeKam