#### **SERMON NOTES:**

**Passage:** Matthew 13:31-35 **Sermon Title:** *Living with Yeast of the Kingdom* 

# **ALLEN AVENUE CHRISTIAN** REFORMED CHURCH



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**GUEST SPEAKER ERIC TULS WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00AM OCTOBER 13, 2024** 

# **Come...Now is the Time to Worship!**

Sunday, October 13, 2024 -- Guest Speaker Eric Tuls

#### **GATHERED TO WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Quiet

Call To Worship —based on Revelation 7:9-10, NRSV

Leader: I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count,

from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,

People: standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

Leader: They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

People: "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Leader: Today our voices join this ongoing heavenly hymn of praise.

In Jesus' name, let us worship God.

\*Songs of Praise Come, Now is the Time to Worship Shout to the Lord

LUYH 526 LUYH 603

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

### **RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE**

Prayer of Confession

Song Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love LUYH 299

Mission Trip Highlights

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 your whole heart.

Prayers of the People Pastor Mark

LISTENING TO GOD SPEAK

\*Song of Preparation Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak **LUYH 754** 

Scripture Passage Matthew 13:31-35

Living with Yeast of the Kingdom Message

Prayer of Application

**OUR RESPONSE** 

Our Offerings: General Fund

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

\*Song Song for the Nations Celeb 439

**SENT OUT** 

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology Our God Reigns PsH 195

\*Postlude



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

**B**elieve. **L**ove. **E**vangelize. **S**upport Christian Instruction. **S**erve.

# **NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

10/13: Nursery: Renee Vlasma & Beth VanRees Coffee Fellowship: Judy, Karen, & Sue Secord 10/20: Nursery: Dale Johnson & Serenity Alphenaar Coffee Fellowship: Jack & Sherrie Wolffis 10/27: Nursery: Amber Johnson & Melisa Vlasma

Coffee Fellowship: Randy & Becki Fisher 11/3: Nursery: Toni Schuitema & Asher Hofman Coffee Fellowship: Bob & Susan Vanderlaan



\*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**

- 1) Betty TenBrink 4) Lois Grinwis 7) Joel Stefanits
- 2) June Walcott 5) Ro VerHeul
- 3) Wilma Doctor 6) Jim Doornbos

\*Please call or send a card to "Care List Member," Wilma! 3637 Whispering Woods Dr., Muskegon, MI 49444

We pray for you, our Care List Members, and thank God for each one of you. No matter what you face, Jesus is present and each one of you matters and is never forgotten. You are LOVED!



# A Warm Welcome to Our Visitors, Guests, Members & Eric & Judith Tuls as they lead God's people in worship today!

We are rejoicing that you have come to join us in worship this Sunday as we serve our Savior. Please join us after this for a time of gathering in the lower level with our brothers and sisters in Christ to catch up and be a blessing to one another.

#### **COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS**

**Pray for Our Council.** Pray for vision, wisdom, leadership, steadfastness, and unity...for Brian Schuitema Sherrie Wolffis, Gabe Vlasma, Jean Botting, Pastor Mark, Judy Vaandering, Dave Miedema, Scott Schuitema, Charry Snyder. Barb Malda, Mary Kortman, Amber Johnson, & Nate Schout. Also, for the **PVC Team**-Pastor Mark, Jean Botting, Steve Rop, and Stan Rop.

World Renew Hurricane Helene Response - World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is preparing to respond to Hurricane Helene in the most affected communities from Florida to North Carolina. You can help people whose homes and property have been flooded or destroyed since Helene made landfall on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024. Donate online at: worldrenew.net/hurricanehelene, call 1-800-552-7972, or make out your check to World Renew DRS, with Hurricane Helene written in the memo line, and mail to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr., SW, Byron Center, MI, 49315.

**CRC Kids' Corner: Beatitude 2: Blessed By Sadness?** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. As Jesus taught his followers in the Sermon on the Mount, He said, "God blesses those people who grieve. They will find comfort!". Grieving means someone is really, really sad. When you think about someone grieving, how do you think God blesses them? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net

**CRC Groundwork: What it Means to be God's Chosen People** - When we're through challenging times, we may find ourselves wondering: "Does my life matter? Am I making a difference?" Join Groundwork as we study 1 Peter 2:4-25 to see how Peter comforts Christians experiencing suffering by affirming their identities in Christ and their intrinsic value as God's chosen people. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

#### **CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES**

Tuesday Night Prayer Time will resume on Tuesday, October 15.

It's not too late to **sign up to pray for a student or staff member during this school year.** Contact Barb Malda by phone or during Sunday coffeetime if you can serve in this role.

All women and girls are invited to a **storybook baby shower at 2:00pm on Sunday, November 3.** As a gift for Lis Miedema, please bring a favorite book(s) for baby-to-be. Mark your calendar to enjoy sweet treats and sweet celebration with our church family.

Angel Community Church is again hosting the annual **Angell Neighborhood Association Trunk-or-Treat** from 6:00-7:00pm on Halloween night. Everyone is welcome to bless our neighbors by passing out treats at this family-friendly event. Just show up by 5:45 pm with some candy to share from the trunk of your car. Don't stress about whether you'll have enough candy. Sponsors are donating candy to supplement what you bring. Holiday decorations or costumes are optional. Can't make it that night? There are bins at both of our church entry doors to collect candy donations in advance.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS**

**The CROP Walk went very well last Sunday!** Thank you to our walkers: Karen, Serenity, Stephanie, Asher, August, Aethan, Gabe, Maelin, Marcia and her niece and friend, Kerri and Shelley. Our church donated \$1120 to the walk this year!!! We thank the congregation for so generously supporting us! Thank you for helping to feed the hungry! --Russ and Deb

**Carol Dirkse** would like to thank her friends at Allen Avenue for the many thoughts, cards, and prayers that were sent her way during her surgery and recovery. She is doing well, and she is so grateful for all of you!

**Al Calderon** is in the Battle Creek Veterans Hospital until November 10, where he is receiving the second of his three 28-day treatments for his disability. Please keep him in your prayers and know he would love to receive cards of encouragement: Al Calderon C/O Battle Creek VA Hospital, Building 22, 5500 Armstrong Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49037-7314

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We rejoice with **Patrick and Aida Fisher & their girls** that Patrick's mass in his neck was removed on Wednesday, and it was benign! They thank the congregation for all of their prayers. Let the healing begin...

**Thanks be to God for the work of our mission team** to Floyd County, KY, this past week. May the fruits of their labors and the folks they met, befriended, and ministered to be a blessing for years to come.

We continue to rejoice and pray for the neighborhood children coming to church: Jalen, Leona, Phoenix, Joey, Hope, Violet, & Myles.

**Pat Madendorp** had surgery on Tuesday, October 8, to remove her kidney stone. Let's remember to lift Pat up in prayer in the days ahead.

**Jim Secord**: Jim's x-rays and breathing test showed worsening of his lung function. He has to have another CT scan, and then to meet with the lung transplant team at Corewell on November 19. Prayers for the transplant visit to be moved up and for wisdom in our decision making. Thank You!



RSVP with QR code or at Eventbrite.com (search Jon Hayes @ Muskegon, MI)

If you would be willing to make a crock pot of chili to feed our concert guests on October 25, please talk to Susan Vanderlaan!