#### **SERMON NOTES:**

Passage: Exodus 13:17-14:31 Sermon Title: Deviced: Moving From Sloth

# **ALLEN AVENUE CHRISTIAN** REFORMED CHURCH



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PASTOR MARK HOFMAN **JANUARY 12, 2025** WORSHIP 10:00AM

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

Pastor Mark Hofman January 12, 2025 – 10:00am

## We Gather to Worship

Prelude Welcome and Announcements Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship from Psalm 77

Leader: Your ways, God, are holy. What god is as great as our God?

People: You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.

Leader: With your mighty arm you redeemed your people,

the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

People: The waters saw you, God, the waters saw you and writhed; the very depths were convulsed.

Leader: The clouds poured down water, the heavens resounded with thunder; your arrows flashed back and forth.

People: Your thunder was heard in the whirlwind, your lightning lit up the world, the earth trembled and quaked.

Leader: Your path led through the sea, your way through the mighty waters, though your footprints were not seen.

People: You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

\*Opening Songs Be Still, For the Presence LUYH 532
Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer LUYH 43

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

Call to Confession Responsive Reading of the Law (from the Psalms) PsH 1015

Sung Prayer Change My Heart, O God SNC 56

Assurance of Pardon ~~ 2 Peter 1:3-7

Leader: His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

People: For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

Children's Message

Children's Blessing

The Lord loves you. He promises to go with you in this new year. Praise him for being so good. May he bless you as you worship him.

Prayers of the People Pastor Mark

**God Speaks To Us** 

\*Song of Preparation Be Still and Know LUYH 907

Scripture Passage Exodus 13:17-14:31

(Leader: "This is the Word of the Lord." **People: Thanks be to God.")** 

Message Deviced: Moving From Sloth

**Prayer of Application** 

#### **We Are Sent Out**

Our Offerings: General Fund

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

\*Song When I Survey the Wondrous Cross/The Wonderful Cross LUYH 175/176

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Parting Song of Praise We've Come This Far by Faith LUYH 341

\*Postlude

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

Believe. Love. Evangelize.

Support Christian Instruction. Serve.



#### **NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

1/12: Nursery: Laurie DeJonge & Deb Anderson Children's Church: Judy Vaandering & Jill Schuitema

Coffee Fellowship: Bob & Elaine Holwerda

1/19: Nursery: Carol Peterman & Maelin Vlasma

Sunday School & Catechism

Coffee Fellowship: Jack & Sherrie Wolffis 1/26: Nursery: Amber Johnson & Becki Fisher

Children's Church: Beth VanRees, Bob & Susan Vanderlaan

Coffee Fellowship: Freezer Ministry Ladies

(Refreshments by Marijean Schuitema Smith in honor of Michael)

2/2: Nursery: Susan Vanderlaan & Addie Maat

Sunday School & Catechism

Coffee Fellowship: Bob & Susan Vanderlaan



### **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 – 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," June! 12300 Quincy St., Room 111, Holland, MI 49424

Psalms 71:17-19 – "O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and grey hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come." We love our Care List Members!



## A Warm Welcome to Our Visitors, Guests, & Members!

We are rejoicing that you have come to join us in worship this Sunday as we eagerly serve the Babe of Bethlehem and the King of Kings! During the months of January & February, we're going to learn from the story of Israel in Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers. And

their vices will be on full display, revealing to us our own. We'll look at how "these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did...and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come." (I Cor. 10: 6 & 11) Join us after the service for a time of gathering in the lower level with the family of God as we do life together and get caught up on one another's lives and the week! Blessings

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

**The 2024 Giving Statements** have been sent out via email. If you did not receive yours or have any questions, please contact Jean or Amber. Thank you for your faithful support of Allen Avenue.

The deacons are thankful for December General Fund gifts and offerings of \$23,029 and for the special offering for Resonate of \$122 and the Christmas offering for Love INC of \$352.

Our annual **goal-setting breakfast workshop** for all council and committee members will be held on Saturday, January 18, at 9-11 am.

Full council will meet on Wednesday, January 22, 2025.

**Notice of Address Change** - The CRC denominational offices in the US have moved. Here is their new address if you would ever like to send correspondence or a financial gift to Thrive, ReFrame, Resonate, or The Banner: 300 East Beltline NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506-1208 for all mail. More information can be found at: crcna.org/contact

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

**Tuesday Night Prayer Time will restart on January 14, 2025**. We will continue to take prayer requests through the text groups, One Call, emails and bulletins.

It's Allen Avenue's turn to assist the residents of Christian Care with their worship and Lord's Supper on Wednesday, January 15. If you are able to serve with Pastor Mark in this meaningful way, please talk to him.

**Cadets will meet on Wednesday, January 15, at 6:00pm** for bible study and an astronomy craft.

**GEMS** will be meeting at church with the Cadets for a special astronomy event on Wednesday, January 15, from 6:00-8:00pm. Since we will be working on a badge, please remember to bring your badge book with you. If you forget or don't have one, copies will be available. Special thanks to Jim Malda for putting this special event together!

**Ladies Bible Study** will be studying "A Woman's Wisdom – How the Book of Proverbs Speaks to Everyone." We meet on the first and third Thursdays at 1:30pm in the lounge. See you on Thursday, January 16, for our first lesson. See Marcia Breuker or Judy Vaandering for more information and pick up our new book in the church office and complete Chapter 1 & the study questions.

It's that time again!! Time to order your SUBS AND CROISSANTS from the GEMS. The price has stayed the same so for only \$3.00, you can receive a delicious 3 meat/2 cheese sub or a ham and cheese croissant or a turkey and cheese croissant. They are perfect for easy lunches, and they freeze well. Be sure you get your order in before Jan. 22. Watch for an order form in the basement somewhere! And, thanks for supporting the GEMS program. Some of the money we make from our fundraisers this year will go towards our outing to Fredrick Meijer Gardens in March where we will cap off our Transformed year with a visit to the butterfly exhibit.

**Kids Corner: Loving My Enemy** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. As you listen, remember that what bullies say about you doesn't define you. God has already said who you are. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS**

Heartfelt thanks to the **outgoing AACRC Council members** Gabe Vlasma, Jean Botting, Brian Schuitema, and Sherrie Wolffis for your dedicated, tireless service to our congregation and our Lord. May you have been blessed as we have been blessed by you!

Warmest congrats to **Dave Rop and Ronda Clark** who were united in marriage at Allen Avenue on Saturday, December 28. May God fill their hearts and home with much love and happiness!

**Melanie Fisher** had successful surgery on January 6 and spent some days in the hospital. May God heal her quickly so that she can return to school. If you would like to send Melanie a get-well card, here is her address: Melanie Fisher, 1961 Calvin, Muskegon, MI 49442.

**Becki Fisher** is battling pneumonia, sinus infection, and ear infections. More concerning than this is that it prevents her from visiting with her Melanie! Please heal the Fisher Family, Father.

**Sally Mokma** has been struggling health-wise and is having trouble sleeping. Please pray for God to minister to her and keep her safe from other illnesses.

Continue to lift **Jim & Sue Secord** up as they make decisions regarding going ahead with the lung transplant or not. May God fill them with His peace.

**Anita Ward** has picked up the winter "crud" and is having a hard time getting over it. May God hold her close during the long days and nights and heal her.

**Betty TenBrink** is presently at Trinity Hospital with Influenza A. May the medications, her medical team, and all those who care for her be effective.

**Alan Wolffis** – is under hospice care at the Poppen House. Please pray for him and his family as they care for him in this season.

We know that there are many more of **our members and their families** that are suffering will so many illnesses and issues...Lord Jesus, hear our prayers for them. May they know how much we care and will continue to storm the Throne Room on their behalf.