

March 17, 2024

Morning Worship

CALLED AND LOVED

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Song: **I Stand Amazed vs 1-3**

How marvelous, how wonderful is my Savior's love for me!

*God's Greeting

*Song: **Give Thanks**

Give thanks with a grateful heart because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

WE ARE NEEDY, CHRIST IS WORTHY

Confession

Offering

Offertory Song: **O Sacred Head, Now Wounded vs 1-3**

What language shall I borrow to thank You, dearest Friend?

THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

Elder and Deacon Installation

Congregational Prayer

[Children ages 2-4 are invited to Children's Worship]

INERRANT WORD

*Song: **Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth vs 1, 2, 4**

Give me a heart that loves Your will, from discontent and envy free.

Series: 7 Deadly Sins

Scripture: *Genesis 4:1-12; Luke 18:9-14*

Message: **Envy**

Prayer

OVERFLOWING GRATITUDE

Ministry in Song: **Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed vs 1 & 2**

Dissolve my heart in thankfulness and melt my eyes to tears.

*Benediction

*Song: **There Is a Redeemer vs 1-2**

Thank you O my Father, for giving us Your Son.

*Postlude and Christian Fellowship

Pastor Dave
Accompanist: Kim Persenaire
Soloist: Kristin Power
Flute: Emily VandeGriend
Violin: Sarah DeVries

Scripture Reader: Jeff Horstman

*Congregation stands if able

Welcome!

*If you have a prayer request or you would like to know more about us, please fill out the Welcome Card and place in one of the Connection boxes as you leave the sanctuary.
To view our services online go to: firstcrchudsonville.org and click the link at the top of the page.*

THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Genesis 4: 1-12; Luke 18: 9-14 Series: 7 Deadly Sins Message: **Envy**
Envy is a particularly corrosive sin. It erodes joy and undermines relationships. Today we'll learn the truth about envy from God's Word. We'll then uncover the transformative power that helps us overcome the grip of envy and embrace a life of contentment. **The Installation of new Elders and Deacons will happen during this worship service.**

First offering: Love Your Neighbor; second offering: General Fund

PM: Romans 3: 21-31 Series: Sound Doctrine: Understanding and Living What We Believe Message: **The Power of Acceptance** In this message we unpack the Biblical truths that reveal our standing as justified and accepted through Christ's redeeming work, inviting us into a life of grace-filled obedience and eternal assurance. Offering: Harmony Communities

NEXT WEEK:

AM: Proverbs 29:11 Series: 7 Deadly Sins Message: **Anger** Sin grows best in the dark. But sin that is exposed to the light of God's Word wilts. Next Sunday we'll wrap up this series by putting anger under the spotlight of God's truth. We'll see how anger can destroy relationships as well as our spiritual well-being. We'll also discover how to remedy ungodly anger and move into healthier relationships with God and others. First offering: Benevolent Fund; second offering: General Fund

PM: Philippians 2: 12-13 Series: Sound Doctrine: Understanding and Living What We Believe Message: **Become What You Are** In this message, we'll learn together how we can grow in Christian maturity so that we, more and more, take on the likeness of Christ. Offering: Harmony Communities

THIS WEEK:

- **Sunday School and Catechism** meets after morning service.
- **Adult Sunday Education** meets after morning service.
- **Pop! Snr High tonight**, 6:00PM.
- **Cadets, GEMS Derby Race** - Wednesday March 20, 6:30PM @ Immanuel CRC.
- **Euchre Game Night**, Saturday, March 23, 6:45PM.

Evening offerings for the month of **March** will go to Harmony Communities.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men selected for Council 2024-2027, **Elder** – Jeff Persenaire, Bill Brouwer; **Deacon** – John Bosscher, Jake Horstman, Mike Krikke. Full Council, non-retiring current and newly selected men, please meet in the downstairs Deacon room after the morning installation service to organize and elect officers. **Special thanks** to our retiring Elders and Deacons. Retiring officers are: Elders – Mark Byker, Doug Krikke; Deacons – Brad VanDragt, Levi Schut, Joe Perenaire.

FIRST CRC NEW MEMBER CLASS If you want to become a member of First CRC or simply have questions about our ministry, we invite you to our next *New Member Class!* This 2-session class will meet on Sunday, April 7 and Sunday, April 14 after the morning worship service. To reserve your spot, contact Pastor Dave.

Greeters: We are looking to add to our list of those willing to greet. If you would be willing once every 3-4 months, morning service, the sign up sheet is on the welcome center. Thank you!

ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE, Wednesday, March 13 @ Messiah CRC, 5:30PM. Synod has designated the second Wednesday of March (March 13, 2024) as the Annual Day of Prayer. On this date each year, all CRC congregations are requested to take time to ask for God's blessing upon the world, our nations and communities, crops and industry, and the church worldwide.

Sunday Adult Education on the book of 1 Peter - Sunday mornings, 11 a.m., in the Upstairs Fellowship room. Everyone is welcome. No books or pre-reading; just show up! Leader: Pastor Marc VanBerkum

Women's Bible Study - our last day will be March 26. We will not be meeting on March 19 or April 2 as previously scheduled. We will be covering Lessons 11 and 12 that evening.

FIRST CRC/PINE REST PARTNERSHIP Overcoming Behavioral Addictions
When we hear the word addiction, we usually think about alcohol and other drugs. However, addiction can take on many forms. Behavioral addictions such as gambling, shopping, gaming, and unhealthy eating patterns can also cause problems at work or school, with finances, or in relationships. If you or someone in your household wants help changing a behavior, simply call 800.442.0809 (press 1) or send an email to eap@pinerest.org . There is no co-pay or out-of-pocket cost.

March Missionary Highlight: The Gemmen Family, InnerChange Missions

Prayer requests:

Praise - being allowed into Mel Trotter once a week to interact with the unhoused.

- having an intern work alongside with the unhoused in the downtown area.

Request - Doors will be opened for the gospel with the downtown unhoused population.

- Lisa learns her leadership role with the Staff Care and Development team.

Nursery: The Nursery is open for morning services.

This Week: Jen VanDragt, Becca Williams, Aubrey Palmbos

Next Sunday: Kendra Bouma, Rochelle Kuyper, Cora Hoezee

Ushers for March:

AM: Jim Plooster, Keith Rillema, Rog Spoelma, Rog Van Loo

PM: Dale VandeGriend, Jack Vugteveen, Adam Westmaas

Coffee Server: This Week: Judy Ponstein

Next Week: Ann Sterk

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

Concerns and Praises:

- **Marguerite Smeda** continues her recovery from a car accident.
- **The Los family** as they live with the effects of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome
- **Sharon Walters** as she continues her recovery from PML/Brain Infection
- **Charlie Elgersma** as he continues therapy for melanoma

Shut-ins: Arlene Schut, Fran Nederveld, Henrietta Dyke, Wilma Johnson.

If you have any needs or prayer requests, please contact your Care Group Elder/Deacon or Pastor Dave.

Our Prayer Coordinator, Tammy Schnyders, produces a monthly prayer sheet, "Partners in Prayer", sends out prayer emails, and regularly updates the Praise and Prayer Line [669.5548]. If you have a prayer need contact Pastor Dave, your Care Group Elder, or Tammy Schnyders.

Dear church family, thank you for all the love and concern during and after my foot surgery. The notes, cards, phone calls, emails and impromptu food drop-offs were SO appreciated. My surgery went perfectly. Now 2 more weeks of wearing my large glamorous shoe 24/7 and I should be running races. - Marilyn Driesenga

FROM THE DENOMINATION

Kids Corner: Healing Love - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Jesus goes to the tomb where Lazarus' family laid him to rest, and miraculously restores Lazarus to life. Jesus also healed Lazarus' family's broken hearts. It restored their joy. We might not be able to heal physically those we love as Jesus did. But, like Jesus, we can come alongside them and demonstrate God's never-ending, always-present love. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

The **Christian Reformed Conference Grounds**, 12253 Lakeshore Drive, Grand Haven, MI, invites you to Join us for our annual **Spring Fundraiser Dinner and Concert** on Saturday, April 20. The doors will open at 5:30 pm. At 6 pm we will serve a delicious Conference Grounds dinner. After dinner, you can sit back and enjoy the music of the Burgess Brothers, Kendra Walters, and Julie Baylor. You will be blessed and challenged by our speaker who is a longtime Grounds camper, Pastor Jeremy Krueze. He will inspire and challenge you to come alongside us as we seek funds for our new Ministry Center. Tickets for the dinner are on sale now for \$15 per person! Call 616-842-4478 to reserve your spot today!

Community Good Friday Service: Seventh Reformed Church invites you to our 54th annual service on March 29, 12:00-3PM in which seven local pastors will each preach from one of the last seven words of the cross. You are welcome to join us for all or part of the service. Refreshments following the service. (950 Leonard St. NW, Grand Rapids)

Job Opening - Part time Administrative Assistant: Immanuel CRC is looking to fill the Administrative Assistant position. Responsibilities include: Office management, Recordkeeping, Publications, Staff Support, etc. Accounting/Payroll experience a plus but not required. For more information, contact Allen Vedders, chair of Administrative Committee at avedders@att.net

FROM LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Simply Give - Hudsonville Meijer is partnering with Love for Simply Give. Want to help fill Love's food pantry? Grab a Simply Give Card and head to the Hudsonville Meijer. Scan the Simply Give card at the Meijer checkout for \$10 and Meijer will MATCH your donation. That \$20 goes directly to Love Your Neighbor's Food Pantry. Can't head to Meijer? Give online through this link: <https://bit.ly/lovesimplygive24>

Annual Pickleball Event - May 18 is Love Your Neighbor's 2nd Annual Pickleball Tournament in Hudsonville! Sign up to play or consider sponsoring this unique, local event to raise funds for local families in Love Your Neighbor's Life Skills Programs. Sign up to play: <https://bit.ly/pickleballwithlove24>

March 17, 2024 - Evening Worship

BECAUSE THE SINLESS SAVIOR DIED

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship from Romans 5:8-11

*God's Greeting

*Song: **Man of Sorrows – What a Name vs 1-3**

In my place condemned He stood. Sacrificed to set us free: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

*Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

*Song: **Glorious Day vs 1 & 2**

Rising, He justified freely forever.

MY SINFUL SOUL IS COUNTED FREE

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Offertory Song: **My Jesus vs 1-3**

Who would take my cross to Calvary? Pay the price for all my guilty?

Who would care that much about me? Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.

FOR GOD THE JUST IS SATISFIED

Series: Sound Doctrine

Scripture: *Romans 3:21-31*

Message: ***The Power of Acceptance***

Prayer

TO LOOK ON HIM AND PARDON ME

*Benediction

*Song: **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross with
Before the Throne of God Above**

*Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free; for God the Just is satisfied to look on
Him and pardon me.*

*Postlude and Christian Fellowship

Pastor Dave

Organ: Kim Persenaire

Guitar: Josh Horstman

Vocals: Alyssa Horstman, Josh Horstman

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