

April 7, 2024

Morning Worship

CALLED AND GATHERED

Prelude

*Song: **Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing vs 1, 2, 5**

*God's Greeting and Greet One Another

*Song: **Alleluia! Jesus is Risen vs 1-4**

CONFESSION AND OFFERING

Prayer of Confession

Scripture Memory: Psalm 23

The Assurance of Forgiveness: John 3:16

Offering: Faith Promise, General Fund

Song: You Are Mine vs 1-4

Congregational Prayer

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

*Song: **Living Hope**

FROM THE BOOK WE LOVE

Series: You'll Get Through This

Scripture: *Genesis 37: 1-11*

Message: ***Dreamer***

Prayer

HE SENDS US OUT

*Benediction

*Song: **New Doxology**

*Postlude and Christian Fellowship

Pastor Dave

Accompanist: Emily VandeGriend

Praise Team: Kendra Bouma, Coby Dekker,

Cindy Palmbos, Kristin Power, Tonia Westmaas

Scripture Reader: Bill Brouwer

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 37: 1-11 Series: You'll Get Through This: The Story of Joseph
Message: ***The Dreamer*** This morning we begin a journey through the life of Joseph. Along the way we will learn about resilience, forgiveness, and faith in God's sovereign purposes. You'll discover how, even in the depths of hardship and betrayal, you can find hope and encouragement in the assurance that no matter the circumstance, with God's guidance, "*You'll Get Through This.*"

First offering: Faith Promise; second offering: General Fund

PM: Romans 8: 28-32 Series: Sound Doctrine: Understanding and Living What We Believe
Message: ***Held*** You may, or may not, have heard the phrase "*Perseverance of the Saints.*" In this message we'll get insight into what this means and why it makes all the difference. Offering: Unity Christian HS

NEXT SUNDAY:

AM: Genesis 37: 12-36 Series: You'll Get Through This: The Story of Joseph
Message: ***The Pit*** Joseph finds himself, literally, in the pit of despair. Digging into the truth of this story, we'll discover how even in the darkest depths, God's guiding hand can transform our suffering into a pathway toward redemption and fulfillment.

First offering: Capital Improvement; second offering: General Fund

PM: Philippians 1: 20-24 Series: Sound Doctrine: Understanding and Living What We Believe
Message: ***Life After Life*** In this message we will delve into the timeless question, "What happens when I die?" Learn how the hope of resurrection and the sovereignty of God shape our understanding of death, offering comfort and purpose as we navigate life's journey with faith and assurance.
Offering: Unity Christian HS

THIS WEEK:

- New Member Class, after morning worship.
- Pastoral Council, Monday, April 8, 7:00PM

Evening offerings for the month of **April** will go to Unity Christian H.S.

*Congregation stands if able

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

YOUNG AT HEART: Join us for breakfast at Arrows on Wednesday, April 17th at 9:30. Please sign up at the welcome center !

Young Adults (18-35): April 12 from 7-9pm First Hudsonville CRC will be hosting a worship night! It will consist of about a 45 minute gathering filled with singing along with some prayer and scripture reading. Following will be a time of fellowship! We will be serving cookies and if the weather is nice there might be some yard games! The surrounding churches are invited as well! Please sign up using the QR code on the flyer if you would like to use our nursery services so we know about how many people we will need! We are also looking for a piano player to accompany our other musicians! If you are interested in playing with us please let Alyssa Horstman know! Thank you! Questions? Contact Alyssa Horstman (616) 581-0544 or Riley Keegstra (616) 283-5113

Do you like to bake? Young adults is hosting a worship night April 12 and are looking for people to donate cookies or other baked goods for this event! Anybody can donate you don't have to be in young adults! Please sign up at the welcome center! Questions? Contact Alyssa Horstman at (616) 581-0544

Join a Youth and Adult Choir May 5! Join us for rehearsals after the morning service in the sanctuary on April 28 and at 8:30am on May 5. We'll be practicing to sing the Gettys' version of "Oh Shout for Joy" during the morning service on the 5th. Practice at home by searching "Shout For Joy (The New Hundredth)" on YouTube. Sign up at the Welcome Center or by texting Emily Vande Griend at 641-780-4828.

Spring Has Sprung! It's time to celebrate with an all church potluck on Sunday, April 28 at 11:45 AM in the church basement. Meatballs, rolls, dessert, beverages and tableware will be provided. Please bring a hot or cold dish to share. Sign up at the Welcome Center! Happy Spring!!!

Kids Hope Family Dinner - Thursday is our annual Kids Hope Family Dinner! Please keep this evening in your prayers. In all of the conversations and connections we have with our families we want the light of Jesus to shine and also be the hands and feet of Jesus. Above all, we pray that God will be honor and glorified!

April Missionary Highlight: The Sliedrecht Family, Global Outreach International Prayer requests:

- For the Global Outreach team in Uganda
- The ongoing reunification of the Freedom Boys

Praise:

- Praises of thanks for finding and purchasing a home.

Nursery: The Nursery is open for morning services.

This Week: Cheryl Brouwer, Kelly Hoezee, Alivia Bouma
Next Sunday: Alissa Stuive, Kelly Caryl, Emery Brouwer

Ushers for April:

AM: Ben Bouma, Braden Bouma, Jake Vlietstra, Brett Wassink
PM: Dave Aukeman, Andrew Bard, Mark Byker

Coffee Server: This Week: Gayle Rillema

Next Week: Sylvia Aukeman

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

Concerns and Praises:

- **Donna Machiela** was hospitalized last Wednesday.
- **Jim Schreur** is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- **Dan Koopman**, a former member of First CRC passed away last week. A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 13 at 4 p.m. at First Hudsonville CRC. Friends may meet with the family one hour prior to the memorial service, from 3:00 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Shut-ins: Andy Machiela, Bob/Marie Heyboer, Arlene Schut, Fran Nederveld.

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.

Financial Report – March 2024						
	03/31/24	03/31/24	Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date	\$	%
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget		
General Fund	25,089.25	31,315.67	88,957.55	93,947.00	-4,989.45	94.7%
Capital Impr.	2,667.00	2,500.00	7,304.80	7,500.00	-195.20	97.4%

FROM THE DENOMINATION

Kids Corner: I Wonder - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Jesus' friends were filled with wonder when they witnessed his miracles and teachings. When he told stories, he painted a picture in their imaginations of a better world where there would be no more pain or sadness, a world where people with their whole hearts would love God and love their neighbors. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like The Spring Scavenger Hunt, and go for a hike!

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

UC Celebration Banquet 2024: Please join us on Monday, April 29, at Unity Christian High School (5900 48th Avenue, Hudsonville) for an evening of fellowship and celebration! We will be entertained by the very funny Jolene DeHeer and plans will be shared about the "Expanding Our Mission" project! Arrive between 6:00 and 6:30pm with dinner served promptly at 6:30pm. RSVP by calling 616.662.4011, or email development@unitychristian.org. We hope you can join us. This is a night to thank all of you – our wonderful community of givers – by providing dinner in your honor, and the enjoyment of fellowship with one another.

The Rehoboth Christian High School Band is excited to bring music and worship to Hillcrest CRC in Hudsonville the evening of Monday, April 8. We are looking for host families to help with lodging for the 60 students and 12 chaperones. If you are able to host the night of **Monday, April 8**, please reach out to Cindy Ippel at cippel@rcsnm.org. Please let her know where you are from, how many you can host, and include your phone number and also if you have any pets. Pickup will be after the 7pm program, and students will need to be dropped off at Unity Christian High School at 7:45 am on Tuesday morning. If you have any other questions, please contact Ken Zylstra at (505) 488-3900 cell.

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>

April 7, 2024 - Evening Worship

GATHER

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship

*Song: **Let All Things Now Living vs 1, 2**

*God's Greeting

*Song: **This is My Father's World vs 1-3**

*Confession of Faith: Philippians 1:3-6

*Song: **Behold Our God**

PRAYER

Congregational Prayer

OFFER

Offering: Unity Christian H.S.

Song: **O God, Our Help in Ages Past vs 1-6**

WORD

Series: Sound Doctrine – Understanding and Living What We Believe

Scripture: *Romans 8: 28-32*

Message: **Held**

Prayer

SENT

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*Song: **Give Thanks**

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