

April 14, 2024

Morning Worship

CALLED AND GATHERED

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship

*Song: **In Christ Alone vs 1-4**

*God's Greeting and Greet One Another

*Song: **Lord, I Need You**

CONFESSION AND OFFERING

God's Will For Our Lives: Exodus 20

Prayer of Confession

Offering: Capital Improvement; General Fund

Song: Still vs 1 & 2

Congregational Prayer

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

*Song: **Oh the Deep Deep Love of Jesus vs 1 & 2**

FROM THE BOOK WE LOVE

Series: You'll Get Through This

Scripture: *Genesis 37: 12-36*

Message: **The Pit**

Prayer

HE SENDS US OUT

*Benediction

*Song: **Across the Lands vs 1-3**

*Postlude and Christian Fellowship

Pastor Dave
Accompanist: Tonia Westmaas
Worship Team: Tom Caryl, Dustin Cook,
Eric Laansma, Marc Van Berkum

*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 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

NEXT SUNDAY:

AM: Genesis 39: 1-23 Series: You'll Get Through This: The Story of Joseph
Message: **Tempted and Tried** In Temptation is always present and can lead to life-altering pain and devastation. In this message we'll discover how to develop greater resilience in the face of sin's persuasion power.
First offering: Benevolent Fund; second offering: General Fund

PM: 1 Peter 2: 4-10 Series: Sound Doctrine: Understanding and Living What We Believe
Message: **You Need a Church Home** The message title says that we need church home. But what is the Church? And why should you be a part of it? We'll dive into these questions and more next Sunday night.
Offering: Unity Christian HS

THIS WEEK:

- New Member Class, after morning worship.
- Pop! Snr High, Sunday, 6:00PM
- Admin Council, Monday, April 8, 7:00PM

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

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 !

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!!!

Coat Rack - There are some lonely winter coats (three adult and two kids sweatshirts) on the coat rack in the Narthex, please check to see if they're yours and bring them home so they aren't lonely anymore!

Kids Hope Family Dinner - A huge THANK YOU to all who supported this night in prayer, to those who helped set up and kitchen helpers/servers. I appreciate everyone who made this wonderful evening happen. Cheri Huisman-Kids Hope Director

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

- Praise God for the opportunity to engage with college students to discern God's call to missions.
- Pray for more opportunities to engage in spiritual conversations with international students.
- Pray for Tim as he facilitates an 8-month long leadership training program.
- Praise God for the MentorMe program which includes 45 staff and 50 youth.

FIRST CRC/PINE REST PARTNERSHIP April is Stress Awareness Month Stress can become overwhelming, and when left untreated it can lead to physical ailments including digestive issues, headaches, muscle pain, and even cardiovascular concerns. Take control of your mental and physical health through our Pine Rest/First CRC Partnership.. Behavioral health experts can help navigate life stressors and teach healthy coping skills to overcome stress. 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

Nursery: The Nursery is open for morning services.
This Week: Alissa Stuive, Kelly Caryl, Emery Brouwer
Next Sunday: Cindy Palmbos, Sandy Helms, Hazel Laansma

Ushers for April:

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

Coffee Server: This Week: Sylvia Aukeman
Next Week: Natalie Timmer

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

A birthday to remember! Happy birthday to **Betty Snow**, who celebrates her birthday on Thursday, April 18!

Concerns and Praises:

- **Donna Machiela** – hospitalized due to complications from cancer
- **Mike Krikke** will have knee replacement surgery this Wednesday.

Shut-ins: Henrietta Dyke, Wilma Johnson, Juliana DeYoung, and Gert Holwerda.

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.

THANK YOU to Pastor Dave and the congregation for all the cards and prayers to the passing of my sister and niece. - **Arlene Krikke**

FROM THE DENOMINATION

Kids Corner: Imagine When... - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. How do you like to use your imagination? Maybe you imagine the characters in a book you're reading. Perhaps you can imagine a treehouse you want to design. Though your imagination is something only you can see, it can also help you shape your ideas. New inventions, solutions, and creations can all stem from your imagination! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like The Spring Scavenger Hunt, and go for a hike!

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

National Day of Prayer - May 2: Prayer is a powerful thing, and each year a day is set aside for a nation-wide day of prayer. South Grandville CRC (4130 Wilson Ave) invites you to join us for a community-wide prayer service on the National Day of Prayer, May 2 at 7PM. We will be praying for the many needs of our world, nation, and local community. "As for God, his way is perfect: The LORD's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him." (2 Samuel 22:31)

Post Family Farm in Hudsonville is looking to hire energetic ADULTS for seasonal work for our spring season. Our Spring season runs from May 1, 2024-May 18, 2024. Opportunities include donut makers, tour guides, and Saturday festival workers. Donut making involves working with several others in our bakery making donuts, filling orders and running the cash register. Tour guides take a group of children, teachers and parents around the farm both on and off a tractor (training provided). Festival workers may work in donuts, office, tickets or drive tractor to the pumpkin patch. No previous experience is required for any position. Work days and hours are very flexible to fit your schedule. Please contact Julie at Post Family Farm, if you have any interest in working in a fun, farm atmosphere. Phone: 616-669-1964; email: tours@postfamilyfarm.com

MentorMe GALA - It is our hope that you will join us at our MentorMe GALA on Wednesday, May 1 at 6PM at Watermark Country Club to Celebrate and Share all God is doing; lives being changed, identities being restored, truth being taught and captives being set free! We are excited that our guest speaker will be Dean VanderMey, Executive Director of Set Free Ministries. Business casual attire, please RSVP by April 15 at mentormeofwestmi.org or 616-540-3383. There is no cost to attend.

FROM LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

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 14, 2024 - Evening Worship

GATHER

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship

*Song: **Ten Thousand Reasons vs 1-3**

*God's Greeting

*Scripture: Psalm 23

*Song: **He Leadeth Me vs 1, 3, 4**

PRAYER

Congregational Prayer [Prayer Requests]

OFFER

Offering: Unity Chr. HS

Song: **Jesus is Lord vs 1-4**

WORD

Series: Sound Doctrine – Understanding and Living What We Believe

Scripture: *Philippians 1: 20-24*

Message: **Life After Life**

Prayer

SENT

*Benediction

*Song: **By the Sea of Crystal vs 1-3**

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