



May 14, 2017

8:45 & 11:15 am • Pastor John Groen

Matthew 25:31-45; Mark 1:40-45

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## *Loving God, Serving People*

**We welcome you into our community and our lives.** Following this morning's worship, we invite you to join us for a cup of coffee in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Babies & Young Children**

A nursery for children 2 years and younger is next to the kitchen off of the Fellowship Hall. Children, 3, 4, and 5 years old who have not started Kindergarten will be dismissed before the sermon to room 27 for Preschool Church Hour.

### **Aids to Worship**

Hearing assistance devices are available in the narthex. Please ask our greeters for assistance.



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# 8:45 worship

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## We Gather to Worship Our Risen Lord

**Prelude:** *Variations on Psalm 150*

Raymond Haan, Simon Landsman

**Choir:** *Praise God! Earth and Heaven Rejoice*

Red Hymnal 952:1

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship (responsive)**

*God is King: let the earth be glad!*

**Christ is victor: his rule has begun!**

*The Spirit is at work: creation is renewed!*

**Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!**

**\*Hymn:** *O Worship the King*

Red Hymnal 2

**\*We Receive God's Greeting and Greet One Another**

**Children's Time**

(Children in the Preschool Church Hour Class dismissed to Room 27.)

## We Are Renewed By God's Grace

**Responsive Litany**

inspired by Wendell Berry's book *Mad Farmer's Liberation Front*

*We are urged to love the quick profit and the quick fix.*

*Jesus urges us to love long, slowly, powerfully—*

*over a long time, through the years of childhood into old age.*

**It is sometimes best to be seen by the world as confused  
and dazed, and in love with the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and to follow him wherever he leads  
and to whomever he guides us.**

*Our lives are invaded by calls to purchase,*

*to pay, to layaway, so that we can have it now.*

**Jesus says, love someone who is poor and forgotten.**

**Give to the one who is praying and working hard to  
find a few cents to buy supper for four children.**

**Live in freedom, says Jesus;**

**love in ways that are generous in the abundance he gives.**

*Jesus—he was the one who disturbed the absurd call to follow  
the lie and give our lives to that which would destroy us.*

**Lord, give us freedom to follow you,**

**and to find life in your ways,**

**your love, your grace, your mercy,**

**in God's abundant, free, always faithful,  
life-nurturing, life-thriving love. Amen.**

\*Please stand if you are able.

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**Song:** *Take Our Silver and Our Gold*

Red Hymnal 880

vs. 1: choir; vs. 2: all

### **Prayers of the People**

**We Present our Gifts & Offerings for:** The Lord's work through AACRC

**Choral Offertory:** *Have We Any Gift Worth Giving*

Red Hymnal 872

## **We Are Fed by God's Word and Table**

**Scripture:** Matthew 25:31-45; Mark 1:40-45

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**Message:** "Finding Jesus"

**\*Hymn:** *When Asked, Who Is My Neighbor*

Red Hymnal 294:1  
tune: Gray Hymnal 472

When asked, who is my neighbor? We hear the Savior say:  
the one in need of mercy, both near and far away.  
O Christ, still come in mercy to everyone in need,  
your Spirit working through us, your love in word and deed.

### **We Celebrate the Lord's Supper**

#### **Institution and Invitation**

This morning we celebrate communion. All who love Jesus Christ, trust in him alone for their salvation, and agree to be his disciple are invited to join with us in this celebration.

With thanks and joy, take the bread and dip it into the cup. If you are unable to proceed to the front of the sanctuary to partake of communion, remain seated and the elements will be brought to you.

#### **Communion Song**

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

Red Hymnal 299

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **We Go Out in God's Peace**

**\*Sending Litany (responsive)**

*If it means serving others—*

*Let us forgo the coffee*

**if it means serving others.**

*Let us work overtime*

**if it means serving others.**

*Let us be willing to be laughed at and ridiculed*

**if it means serving others.**

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*Let us be marginalized*  
**if it means serving others.**  
*Let us cry out for justice*  
**if it means serving others.**  
*Being created in God's image*  
**we will serve others.**  
*Because God blesses us each day,*  
**we will sing out our joy and share freely.**  
*Because Jesus loves us and we follow him,*  
**we will serve others.**  
*Because Jesus died and was raised from the dead,*  
**we will tell the world.**  
*Because Jesus ascended to heaven and rules,*  
**we will live holy lives.**  
*Because the Spirit has come into our lives,*  
**we are empowered to serve others.**  
*Because Jesus is coming again,*  
**we will sing with joy and gratitude.**  
*Because God loves us,*  
**we will serve others.**

**\*We Receive God's Parting Blessing**

**\*Song:** *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

Red Hymnal 936:2

**\*Postlude:** *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

Dale Wood

Pastors: Ryan Boes & John Groen  
Piano/Organ: Jan Musch; Choir: Paul Herrema

# 11:15 worship

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## We Sing for Joy to the Lord, the Rock of Our Salvation

Psalm 95:1

**Prelude:** *As the Deer/Come, Let Us Worship*

### \*Call to Worship (responsive)

*Come, worship with me our glorious King,  
whose might is without measure, whose love never changes.*

**Our thankful songs will tell of God's might and grace.  
Our grateful praises will shout God's power and love!**

**\*Song of Praise:** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* Red Hymnal 581

### \*Welcome

**\*We Receive God's Greeting and Greet One Another**

### Children's Time

(Children in the Preschool Church Hour Class dismissed to Room 27.)

## We Bow Down in Worship before the Lord Our King

Psalm 95:3,6

**Song:** *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* Red Hymnal 299: refrain

### Teach Us to Love: a Responsive Prayer for Faithfulness

*Holy God, we just sang, "teach us how to love each other." We might as well have asked, "teach us how to serve each other," because that's what it means to love. Serving each other means setting ourselves aside, putting the needs of others ahead of our own interests and preferences.*

**Just like Jesus did when he walked with us on the earth.  
Just like Jesus did when he died for us.**

*Walking with us, Jesus healed the sick, welcomed the marginalized, challenged the status quo to bring God's righteousness into the injustices of our sin-broken world. Jesus identified with us in every way, while living justly and mercifully among us, walking in sinless obedience to God the Father, as we were created to live.*

*Dying for us, Jesus freed us from death; rising from death, Jesus raised us up to live new lives. Alive now in us, Jesus blesses us with freedom and power to live justly and mercifully in this world, working with him to bring the fullness of his love to every home and neighborhood, every school and marketplace, every courtroom, every public square—wherever they are.*

\*Please stand if you are able.

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**Song:** *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

Red Hymnal 299

*If we would truly love Jesus, we must walk with him, serving others wherever he leads us, all of our life long.*

**Sovereign God—Maker, Defender, Redeemer, Friend—forgive the timidness of our love. Free us to walk faithfully with you, learning to be servants as we work with you. Renew us to receive with joy your abundant, free and faithful love, love that we share generously and fearlessly. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Song:** *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

Red Hymnal 299

### **Prayers of the People**

**We Present our Gifts & Offerings for:** The Lord's work through AACRC

**Sung Offertory:** *Take Our Silver and Our Gold*

Red Hymnal 880

**Scripture:** **Matthew 25:31-45; Mark 1:40-45**

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**Message:** "Finding Jesus"

**\*Song:** *When Asked, Who Is My Neighbor*

Red Hymnal 294:1  
tune: Red Hymnal 656

## **We Come before Our Maker—King with Thanksgiving**

Psalm 95:2,3,6

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#### **Communion Song**

*Behold the Lamb*

Red Hymnal 840

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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# **We Go Out to Care for the World as Our Shepherd—King Cares for Us**

Psalm 95:7-8

**\*We Receive God's Parting Blessing**

**\*Song for Departure:** *Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness*

Red Hymnal 766:1,3

**\*Postlude**

Pastors: Ryan Boes & John Groen

Worship Team: Victor Chen, Sue De Zeeuw,  
Tim Geerlings, Chase Lancaster, Teressa Streng,  
Mike Wilson, Carolyn Wurster, Joe Yunkman



### Sunday Morning • 8:45 & 11:15 am

- Preacher: Pastor John Groen
- Scripture: Matthew 25:31-45; Mark 1:40-45

#### Youth Ministry

- Preschool Church Hour class will meet during this morning's worship services in Room 27 for children 3-5 years of age who have not started Kindergarten. The children will be dismissed to their class during the worship service.
- 9:55—Sunday School (pre-K through 1st grade) in RM 28
- 9:55—Sunday School (2nd – 5th grade) in RM 23
- 10:15—Middle School Sunday School in RM 14-15
- 10:15—REACH in Youth Room

#### Adult Sunday School

- No Adult Ed in Room 24
- In Room 19, study of 1 Corinthians, led by Tom Trevethan and George Lindquist.
- Downstairs in Room 17, BESEL Sunday School, studying the book of Mark in English, sing Gospel songs in different languages. Teachers: Mark and Naomi Nah Schult, Yang Liu, Juki Wilson..

### Sunday Morning • 8:45 & 11:15 am

- Preacher: Pastor John Groen
- Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17;
- Friendship Ministry will be celebrated during 11:15 worship, and a special offering will be received during both morning worship times for this ministry.

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- In Room 24, the class will be led by Pastor Kelly Anderson, see inside for details.
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# announcements & reminders

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## Your Pastoral Team

To contact Pastor John or Pastor Ryan, please use their cell phone numbers:

Pastor John: 734-239-2348

Pastor Ryan: 734-545-4324

Feel free to leave a message, and they will return your call as soon as they are able.

## Adult Ed Next Week 5/21

Pastor Kelly N. Anderson, is a graduate of Luther Seminary and a 2016 recipient of their Graduate Preaching Fellowship. The focus of her fellowship has been the Christian Church's response to the global immigration and refugee crisis. She is spending this academic year traveling around the world and the nation to learn more about how churches and Christian organizations are serving refugees and displaced persons, especially in our current global immigration crisis. She will share with us how we in Washtenaw County can support the resettling of refugees in our community. For more information about her travels and refugee work visit her blog at <https://hope-beyond-borders.net>.

## Save the Dates • Family & Youth

- June 4<sup>th</sup> Family & Youth Ministry, Graduate Blessing during morning worship
- June 21<sup>st</sup> (Volunteer Appreciation Picnic)
- July 19<sup>th</sup> (Serve Set-up CONNECT Night).

## June Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the June edition of the AACRC newsletter, *On Broadway*, is May 18. Please e-mail the church office if you are planning to submit articles. Thanks!

## Congregational Meeting

Copies of the proposed 2017-2018 budget as well as absentee ballots are available in the church office this morning (see insert).

## Youth Choirs

The Sunshine Singers (4 y/o - 1st grade) and Shepherd's Singers (2nd-5th grade) will sing in the 8:45 service on May 21st. Parents are asked to have their children there at 8:20. Sunshine Singers will meet in RM 28 and the Shepherd's Singers should go to the front of the sanctuary. If your child can not be there, please contact either Laura or Louise.

## Amazing Love!

Mark your calendars for this year's Adult Choir finale on Sunday, May 21 at 6:00 pm. We will sing familiar hymns and hear background information about some of them. The choir will share anthems in which those hymn texts have been set to new music by composers such as Dan Forrest, Elaine Hagenberg, and David Rasbach. Please join us, won't you?!

## Sunday School World Renew Collections

Note that the last World Renew collection for Sunday School will be May 21<sup>st</sup>—the last day of Sunday School for 2016-17.

## Pizza Night

Our next (and last) Pizza Night will be May 17th beginning at 5:45 PM with youth programming to follow at 6:30 PM. There will be no Fruit on the Vine study this month.

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**ANN ARBOR  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**

All children 4 years old (as of 6/26/17) through 4th graders are invited as students!

**Dates:** June 26-30, 2017

**Place:** Korean United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor  
1526 Franklin St, Ann Arbor

**Time:** 9:00 AM – Noon

Online registration for students and volunteers is now open at Please register at [www.aavbs.org](http://www.aavbs.org)

**Assisting This Week 5/14**

**Coffee Servers**

- 8:45 Mike & Debbie Cuffle  
Godwin & Barb Okonkwo  
11:15 Roger & Norma Verhey  
Melissa Kloostra

**Nursery**

- 8:45 Leanne Groen  
Martha Kooistra  
SS TBD  
11:15 Andrea Bennink  
Grant Schoenebeck

**Preschool Church Hour**

- 8:45 Debbie Cuffle  
Phil Boonstra, Dré Hubers  
11:15 Lyndsey Chisholm  
Melissa & Kaleb Swieringa

**Assisting Next Week 5/21**

**Coffee Servers**

- 8:45 Jim & Priscilla Carlson  
Tim & Mary Dekker  
11:15 Bill & Marilyn Dahms  
Katrina Brehob

**Nursery**

- 8:45 Joanne Adams  
Anita Lautenbach  
SS TBA  
11:15 Jennifer Visscher  
Nicole Michmerhuizen

**Preschool Church Hour**

- 8:45 Grant Schoeoebeck  
Mary Herrema, Dane Hubers  
11:15 Matt & Mary Admiraal  
Kate Van Ee

**Communion Servers**

- 8:45 Larry & Louise Gruppen  
George & Mary Lindquist  
11:15 Friendship Service TBA

**Offering Assistants**

- 8:45 Paul Steen  
11:15 Sue De Zeeuw

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# AACRC Weekly Calendar

## Today, May 14

8:45 and 11:15 AM Morning Worship

## Monday, May 15

6:30 AM New Awakenings AA

7:00 PM Congregational Meeting

## Tuesday, May 16

6:30 AM New Awakenings AA

7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

## Wednesday, May 17

6:30 AM New Awakenings AA

6:30 AM Men's Prayer and Study

8:00 AM Men's Prayer and Study

5:45 PM Pizza Night

6:30 PM GEMS/Cadets/Roots

7:00 PM Choir

## Thursday, May 18

6:30 AM New Awakenings AA

10:00 AM Weekly Prayer Group

10:00 AM Crafters

## Friday, May 19

6:30 AM New Awakenings AA

## Saturday, May 20

7:30 AM Seasons in Vanity Bible  
Study, Youth Room

## Sunday, May 21

8:45 and 11:15 AM Morning Worship

6:00 PM Choir Year-End Worship



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**Mission Focus – Sara W. Chang**  
**InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (U of M, EMU, WCC)**

*FAQs About Sabbatical Life ....*

**What are you studying and when will you be done?** I'm pursuing a Master of Divinity at Fuller Theological Seminary. This academic sabbatical allows me to take a full load of courses each quarter. I just completed courses focusing on the ethnics of Martin Luther King Jr., Early Church History and Practices of Mission.\*



Spring Quarter began this Monday. I am taking Greek, Women in the Old Testament and Evangelical Perspectives on Women's Theologies. Once sabbatical ends (July 31, 2017), I will have 9 more courses to complete my degree. I'll return to campus as the Area Director for UM, EMU and WCC on August 1, 2017.

**What IV-related things do you do while on sabbatical?** Not that much! I'm grateful to the matrix of staff that have made it possible for me to withdraw from campus and supervisory responsibilities. I do have 2 spiritual directors that I meet with monthly, in addition to monthly meetings with my InterVarsity supervisor.

*Ways to pray:*

**Faithfulness in my coursework:** I love being a student again and especially having more time to devote to reading, writing and assignments. After a long season of discernment, God clearly called me into seminary which is why I'm here now! I want to be faithful and receive as much as I can during my remaining time at Fuller.

**Leadership Selection:** This is the season where many of the chapters choose next year's leaders. Please pray for their discernment, unity of the leadership teams and staff making the decision and for God to give them vision for reaching and loving the campus.

\* Professor Dufault-Hunter impacted me not only through the course content, but the ways she embodies her teaching as a mother and wife, not to mention being a brilliant female academic. Photo: Colorado Springs, Fuller Theological Seminary, Fall 2016

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