

one LORD,
one Faith,
one Baptism....
EPHESIANS 4:5

October 22, 2017

8:45 & 11:15 am • Pastor Ryan Boes • Ephesians 2:11-22

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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Church: Becoming and Remaining Human

In Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus, he declares that Jesus is the savior of the world and has launched God's kingdom in his life, death, resurrection and ascension. Jesus has made it possible for us to be a part of that kingdom as the Church. Paul takes this truth and draws out the most startling and affirming conviction: We are the people of God. All of us. When we are the Church, we are God's people. God has drawn us from all places of life and backgrounds and created a people. The implication then is that we are fully human when we live into this identity. To be the Church is to be truly human.

After Paul declares we are the Church, he shows us then how to live as church. It is like he is saying, "now that you see what it is like to be human because you've seen Jesus, be that person! You are human! To be in Christ is what human means! Now live as a human!"

In our lives there are many things, activities, behaviors, relationships, mindsets, that rob us of our humanity. Oppressive cultures or ideologies can rob of us of our humanity. Paul writes to the Church that once we are in Christ there is nothing that can take our humanity. Rather, we live as the people of God! We are free from the humanity robbing ways of life! This fall, we invite you to consider all the things that try to rob us of our humanity, and how God is inviting us to be everything God has called us to be in Christ. We are the people of God! Now it's time to go live that truth!

Pastor John

Pastor Ryan

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8:45 worship

Today we observe All Nations Heritage Sunday,
celebrating the multicultural church of Christ
in our denomination and around the world.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude: *How Firm a Foundation*

Alfred Fedak

Choir: *Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace*

trad. New Zealand, para. Shirley Murray
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Son of God, whose heart is peace,
Son of God, most holy,
to your presence we have come;
give us now your love.

Warm our hearts to love you, Lord,
you who died to save us,
gather us within your arms,
Jesus, on this day.

Welcome and Call to Worship (responsive)

from Psalm 103

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Again today we come together to worship—
the God of creation, of salvation,
of time and eternity;
the God of all peoples, of all nations,
of all conditions of people everywhere.*

Praise the Lord.

**All that is within me,
Praise God's holy name.**

***Hymn:** *O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God*

Red Hymnal 672:1,2,5

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

***Hymn:** *In Christ There Is No East or West*

Red Hymnal 268:1-3

Litany of Belonging in Christ (responsive)

adapted from *In Christ*,
by Sam Hargreaves/RESOUNDworship.org
admin. By the Jubilate group

In Christ we find out who we are and what we're living for.
In Christ we are adopted and our future is secure.
In Christ we have salvation—Jesus' death has set us free.

We are in Christ—a new creation.
Christ is in us—the hope of glory.

In Christ we were chosen before the world began;
In Christ we see the fullness of the Father's perfect plan.
In Christ—uniting everything in heaven and on earth.

We are in Christ—a new creation.
Christ is in us—the hope of glory.

In Christ we are one body with Jesus as our Head.
In Christ we have the power that raised Jesus from the dead.
In Christ we have the Holy Spirit as our guarantee.

We are in Christ—a new creation.
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Thanks be to God—we are in Christ!

Baptism of Joy Irene, daughter of Ross & Deb Weener

Congregational Response: We do, God helping us.

*Hymn: *How Firm a Foundation*

Red Hymnal 427:1,2,3,5

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

Prayers of the People

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

Choral Offertory: *The Church that Is One* A. K. Saragih, (Indonesia) para. JM
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The church that is one in love of the Son
Is strong, committed, true.
Her voice full of joy, her song unalloyed,
she chants the name of God.

O Lord, come and plant desire in our hearts to dwell in unity.
We'll learn to join hands and form herald bands
to lift up high your name.

Make those now estranged repent and be changed
to companies of friends.

The light from your face is sunshine of grace and lamp of unity.

Listening for the Word

Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-22

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Message: “Breaking Down Barriers”

Responding to the Word

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

Communion Song: *He Is Our Peace*

Kandela Groves
© 1975, Maranatha! Music

1st time—choir; 2nd time—all

He is our peace, who has broken down every wall,
He is our peace, he is our peace. (repeat)

Cast all your cares on him, for he cares for you,
He is our peace, he is our peace. (repeat)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bearing the Word into the World

*We Receive God’s Parting Blessing

*Hymn: *In Christ There Is No East or West*

Red Hymnal 268:4,5

*Postlude: *In Christ There Is No East or West*

Dale Wood

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

11:15 worship

ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE NATIONS WILL WORSHIP THE LORD

(Psalm 22:27-28)

Let All Who Fear the Lord Honor and Revere Him

(Psalm 22:23)

Prelude: Heaven Meets Earth

*Opening Songs

*Heaven Meets Earth
Holy, Holy, Holy, vs. 1*

*Call to Worship (responsive)

adapted from Psalm 107

*Come, all you who fear the Lord—
praise and honor our holy, Triune God.*

**We will declare God's name to our brothers and sisters;
we will praise God in the congregation of those who seek him.**

*Song of Praise: *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

Red Hymnal 538:2-4

Welcome

*Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our
God, and the authority of Jesus Christ, who is the Light of the whole
world.*

*Out of every nation, tribe, people and language God has built for himself
a dwelling. Dear Church, once you were many peoples; now, in Christ
Jesus, you are one people—the people of God! Join me in this litany
affirming our identity as one people in Jesus Christ.*

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Song of Response: *Celtic Alleluia*

Green Songbook 148
(Easter stanzas 1,2,4)

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

Children's Time

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

The Lord Hears Our Cry for Help

(Psalm 22:24)

Call to Confession

Silent Prayer of Confession

Song: *Goodness Is Stronger than Evil*

Red Hymnal 707

Prayers of the People

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Offertory: *Goodness Is Stronger than Evil*

Rich and Poor Alike Will Feast and Worship

(Psalm 22:29 *The Message*)

Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-22

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Communion Song: *Behold the Lamb*

Red Hymnal 840

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We Will Fulfill Our Vows Among All the People

(Psalm 22:25)

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

***Song for Departure:** *Salaam/Peace*

Red Hymnal 298

***Postlude**

Pastors: Ryan Boes, John Groen

Worship Team: Victor Chen, Veena Kulkarni-Rankin, Chase Lancaster,
Don Streng, Teressa Streng, Mike Wilson,
Carolyn Wurster, Joe Yunkman

Sunday Morning • 8:45 & 11:15 am

- Preacher: Ryan Boes
- Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-22
- Joy Irene, daughter of Ross & Deb Weener, will receive the sacrament of baptism during 8:45 worship.

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 Room 28
- 9:55–Sunday School (2nd – 5th grade) in Room 23
- 9:55–Savior Servant Singers in Room 19
- 10:15–Middle School Sunday School in Rooms 12 & 13
- 10:15–REACH in Youth Room

Adult Sunday School

- In Room 24, Ancient Rome, Ancient Rome from a Christian Perspective, with Eric Wright.
- Adult Ed downstairs in Room 18, led by George Lindquist and Tom Trevethan.
- At 10:10 am, downstairs in Room 17, BESEL Sunday School, studying the Bible in English, sing Gospel songs in different languages. Teachers: Mark and Naomi Nah Schult, Yang Liu, Jukie Wilson..

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announcements & reminders

Farewell

This is the last Sunday that Audrey & Harvey Stob will be worshipping with us. Their fellowship group will serve cake following both morning worship services as we say goodbye.

Calendar of Worship Discussion Opportunities

Today—A town hall opportunity to share the vision for this year of focus on vital worship. Council will also share thoughts about how going to one service for a year will create more space for this conversation. 5:30–7:00 pm.

November 12—A congregational meeting with small group breakout sessions to discuss what our hopes and dreams are for worship. 3:30–5 pm.

Sunday School Offering

Our students are collecting their Sunday school tithes for “kid selected” World Renew Gap Gifts. Our goal is to raise \$500.00 this program year. The students may turn in their collection at the beginning of Sunday school **today**. Please bring the coins or bills collected in an envelope or Ziploc bag labeled World Renew collection and list the amount enclosed. Thank you for encouraging this “holy habit” of stewardship.

CROP Hunger Walk

Thank you for your prayers, donations and participation in last Sunday’s walk. We had 26 walkers who together raised over \$3,000, and 25% of the funds will benefit local agencies, such as Hope Clinic, St. Andrew’s breakfast program, Emmanuel House, Avalon Housing and others. The other 75% will be used by Church World Service for domestic and international projects. Right now, they are focusing on hurricane relief in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico. Thanks for making a difference!

Church Directories

Printed copies of the 2017-2018 AACRC Church Directory are available on a table in the Fellowship Hall.

Adjust: To adapt or conform to new conditions

Have you—or has someone you know—recently had to adjust to any of these situations: a new job, a new baby, a new boss, a new house, a separation, a grown child moving back home, a seriously ill parent, a death, a best friend who has moved? Be caring and helpful to those around you who are having to make adjustments in their lives. You can make a difference and really help by encouraging them to talk to someone. Also, remember that our Stephen Ministers are trained and available for listening to and helping people as they face changes in their lives. For more information about Stephen Ministry, please contact one of the pastors, Louise Gruppen or Marian Ijzerman.

Benefit for Humanity for Prisoners

Humanity for Prisoners presents Duo 1717: Justice & Love **today** at 3:30 pm at the Ann Arbor Christian Reformed Church.

Baritone Jean Bernard Cerin & pianist Veena Kulkarni-Rankin celebrate the amazing compassion, action & advocacy of Humanity for Prisoners with a benefit concert for HfP with songs of Logan Skelton & Stevie Wonder, spirituals arr. by Duo 1717 & Damien Sneed and music of Franz Liszt. Special guest will be HfP founder & author Doug Tjapkes.

You may donate at <https://www.humanityforprisoners.org/donate.html> or at the recital (cash or check only).

Annual Pancake Breakfast at Ann Arbor Christian School

Please join us on Saturday, Oct 28 from 8:30 am–10:30 am for our annual pancake breakfast. Featuring delicious and freshly made hot pancakes and sausage, this is always a wonderful morning of fellowship and sharing our support for Christian education. Donations will be accepted.

Prayer Request

Continued prayers are appreciated for my 2 year old grand-niece Anna De Zeeuw. She has been inpatient at Seattle Children's hospital now for 137 days and on the heart transplant waiting list now for 106 days. She has had cardiac arrest, multiple blood clots and strokes, infections, seizures, and medication reactions. Much prayer and many miracles have kept her with us thus far as well as remaining a transplant candidate.

Darren De Zeeuw

AACRC Weekly Calendar

Today, October 22

- 8:45 & 11:15 AM Morning Worship
9:55 AM Sunday School
3:30 PM Benefit Recital for
Humanity for Prisoners
5:30 PM Town Hall Discussion
on Worship

Monday, October 23

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening
7:00 PM Stephen Ministers

Tuesday, October 24

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening
9:30 AM & 1:15 PM Coffee Break
7:00 PM Tuesday Night Dinner
at Lindquist's home
7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
7:30 PM Tuesday Tutoring

Wednesday, October 25

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening
6:30 & 8:00 AM Men's Prayer & Study
7:00 PM Choir

Thursday, October 26

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening
10:00 AM Prayer Group
10:00 AM Crafters

Friday, October 27

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening

Saturday, October 28

No events scheduled

Sunday, October 29

- 8:45 & 11:15 AM Morning Worship
9:55 AM Sunday School

Assisting This Week 10/22

Coffee Servers

- 8:45 Dirk & Elly Evans
Bruce & Susan Furr
11:15 Edmund & Jana Hodges-Kluck
Phil & Jeanne Palmbos

Nursery

- 8:45 Leanne Groen
Mark & Leslie Doorlag
11:15 Theresa Tanin
Ron & Sharon Reimink

Preschool Church Hour

- 8:45 De Anna Stephenson
Mary Herrema, Zachary Redder
11:15 DeAnna Stephenson
Nicole Michmerhuizen
Eliza Van Ee

Assisting Next Week 10/29

Coffee Servers

- 8:45 Art & Elaine Henke
Don & Marie Heys
11:15 Paul & Michelle Machiele
Marian Ijzerman

Nursery

- 8:45 De Anna Stephenson
Dane Peterson, Debbie Cuffle
11:15 Sue De Zeeuw
Megan Boes

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