

# Lent

Fourth Sunday  
in

March 11, 2018

9:30 am • Pastor Ryan Boes • John 3:14-21

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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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# 9:30 worship

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## We Gather to Worship God

### Prelude

*Oh, How He Loves You and Me*  
*Avinu Malkeinu*

### Choir: *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*

Theodore Dubois

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever,  
for on the holy cross has thou the world from sin redeemed.  
Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever.

### Call to Worship

Bruce Prewer

Inspired by John 3:14-21 and Ephesians 2:1-10

*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son*  
*that whoever believes in him should not perish*  
*but have eternal life.*

**Let those who know they are redeemed celebrate it!**  
**Those who have been reclaimed from deep trouble!**

*Though we were as good as dead,*  
*God made us alive with the grace of Christ*  
*through whom we are rescued and healed.*

**O give thanks to God for such unswerving love,**  
**for such wonderful deeds for the children of earth.**

### \*Songs of Praise

*I Will Sing of My Redeemer*  
*Forever*

Red Hymnal 568:1,4

Red Hymnal 578

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

### Children's Time

**Sonshine Singers:** *Oh, How He Loves You and Me*

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

\*Please stand if you are able.

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## We Are Renewed by God's Grace

### Old Testament Reading: Numbers 21:4-9 NRSV

From Mount Hor the people of Israel set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

### \*Song of Response: *You Have Redeemed My Soul* (chorus)

Don Chaffer © 1999 Blue Renaissance Music

(team: 1x; all: 3x)

You have redeemed my soul  
from the pit of emptiness.  
You have redeemed my soul  
from death.

### Prayers of the People

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

### Offertory

#### Shepherd's Singers

*Part of the Plan*

Natalie Sleeth

*As Moses Raised the Servant Up*

Marie J. Post, arr. Hal Hopson  
Gray Hymnal 219 (under pews)

(congregation sings the echo on vs. 4)

For God so loved the world he made,  
he gave his own beloved Son;  
all who believe in him will live—  
not die, but live forevermore.

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# We Are Fed by God's Word and Table

**Scripture Reading:** John 3:14-21

**Message:** "Love and Rejection"

**Choral Response:** *God So Loved the World*

Bob Chilcott

## We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

### Institution and Invitation

### Communion

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.

### Music for Meditation (solo)

*For the Joys and for the Sorrows (For This I Have Jesus)*

Graham Kendrick

For the joys and for the sorrows, the best and worst of times;  
for this moment, for tomorrow, for all that lies behind;  
fears that crowd around me, for the failure of my plans;  
for the dreams of all I hope to be, the truth of what I am:

*For this I have Jesus, for this I have Jesus,  
for this I have Jesus, I have Jesus.*

For the tears that flow in secret, in the broken times;  
for the moments of elation or the troubled mind;  
for all the disappointments, or the sting of old regrets,  
all my prayers and longings that seem unanswered yet:

For the weakness of my body, the burdens of each day;  
for the nights of doubt and worry when sleep has fled away;  
needing reassurance and the will to start again;  
a steely-eyed endurance, the strength to fight and win:

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

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## We Go Out in God's Peace

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

**\*Hymn:** *What Wondrous Love*

Red Hymnal 164:1,2,4

**\*Postlude:** *What Wondrous Love*

Wilbur Held

Pastors: Ryan Boes, John Groen

Adult Choir: Paul Herrema

Worship Team: Victor Chen, Nigel Fernandez, Paul Herrema,  
Veena Kulkarni-Rankin, Jan Musch, Don Streng, Teresa Streng,  
Ann Van Zomeren, Mike Wilson, Carolyn Wurster, Joe Yunkman

Sonshine Singers (preschool-grade 1): Laura Boonstra

Shepherd's Singers (grades 2-5): Louise Gruppen



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### **Sunday Morning • 9:30 am**

- Preacher: Ryan Boes
- Lectionary Texts:  
Numbers 21:4-9;  
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22;  
Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

### **Youth Ministry**

- Preschool Church Hour class will meet during worship 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.
- 10:50–Sunday School (pre-K through 1st grade) in Room 28
- 10:50–Sunday School (2nd – 5th grade) in Room 23
- 10:50–Savior Servant Singers in Room 24
- 11:10 AM–Middle School Sunday School in Rooms 12-13
- 11:10–REACH in Room 18
- 11:50–Sunday School Dismissal

### **Adult Sunday School • 11:10 am**

- In Room 24, led by Norm Fichtenberg, see inside for details.
- in the Sanctuary, Vital Worship Team, see inside.
- In the office conference room, continuing study of Galatians, led by Tom Trevethan and George Lindquist
- 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.

### **Sunday Morning • 9:30 am**

- Preacher: John Groen
- Lectionary Texts:  
Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12 or  
Psalm 119:9-16; John 12:20-33

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# announcements & reminders

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## **Adult Ed Today & 3/18**

*Do the Right Thing: The Social Conscience of the Early Church.* Norm Fichtenberg will present a two-part intro into the social ethics of Christians in the first five centuries, exploring both guiding principles of Christian behavior and their application to specific societal challenges.

## **Gray Matters**

Our next Gray Matters meeting will be held on Wednesday afternoon March 14, at 1:30 PM, at the Church in the Adult Meeting Room 24. Don Postema will be presenting "The Art of Compassion: in the life and works of Vincent Van Gogh and in the life of Jesus Christ."

## **Habitat for Humanity**

Volunteers are needed to help renovate the House of Faith that are church is sponsoring through Habitat for Humanity on Friday, April 6 and on Saturdays, March 24, April 7, April 21, and May 5. No experience is necessary. We also need volunteers to provide lunch for the workers on April 7, April 21, and May 5. If you are able to help or to provide lunch, please contact Matt Admiraal.

## **Ann Arbor Christian School Job Openings**

Serving students from preschool through 8th grade, Ann Arbor Christian School has two job openings for 2018-2019: fourth grade teacher and part-time learning specialist. In partnership with Christian families, Ann Arbor Christian offers Christ-centered, academically excellent education that challenges students to live and act in society as committed followers of Jesus Christ. To learn more about this position, please call Wayne Sit at 734-741-4948. The application is available on our website: [annarborchristian.org](http://annarborchristian.org)

## **Newsletter Deadline**

The deadline for the April issue of the AACRC newsletter, On Broadway, is March 18. Please send your articles to the church office, [office@aacrc.org](mailto:office@aacrc.org), or call with questions, 734-665-0105. Thank you!

## **Women's Retreat**

Are you thriving in Christ? Come, enjoy away-wining musician Sandi Patty and bestselling author Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth along with speakers Sarah Schrieber and Ben Manthei. Learn of God's faithfulness and be encouraged in your walk with the Lord. Don't miss out. Be sure to come with your friends and experience enriching speakers, uplifting worship, and the ambience of the Grand Hotel on beautiful Mackinac Island. Mark your calendar for the spring retreats May 15 & 16, 16 & 17, and 17 & 18. Register now at [www.wswretreats.org](http://www.wswretreats.org).

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## **Vital Worship Team Learning in March**

Have you been wondering “What exactly is vital worship?” Next Sunday the Vital Worship Team is hosting the first of monthly opportunities to learn more about worship. We had a chance to share in November about our history and experiences as a worshipping congregation. Join us next week as we begin wondering about the dynamics or hallmarks of vital worship. This interactive session will be offered Sunday March 18, 2018 at 11:10 am during adult education hour in the Sanctuary, and then again at 3:30 pm in Room 24, the Adult Ed Room.

Also, we’ve started a weekly email newsletter. You should have received your first one already. We asked “What is a favorite worship hymn or song? Why is it meaningful to you?” Our song stories are fascinating. We’d love to hear from you at [vitalworship@aacrc.org](mailto:vitalworship@aacrc.org)

*Jen Boes for the Vital Worship Team*



Maundy Thursday worship will be at 5:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall and will include a light meal. More details will be communicated as plans develop.



On Easter Sunday, we will worship at 9:00 am and 11:00 am. The services will be identical.

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## AACRC Weekly Calendar

### Today, March 11

Rotating Shelter

9:30 AM Morning Worship

10:50 AM Sunday School

11:10 AM Adult Ed

### Monday, March 12

6:30 AM AA New Awakening

6:30 PM Council

### Tuesday, March 13

6:30 AM AA New Awakening

9:30 AM Coffee Break

1:15 PM Coffee Break

7:00 PM Band/Vocal Team Rehearsal

### Wednesday, March 14

6:30 AM AA New Awakening

6:30 & 8:00 AM Men's Prayer & Study

1:30 PM Gray Matters

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, March 15

6:30 AM AA New Awakening

10:00 AM Morning Prayer Group

10:00 AM Crafters

6:00 PM Friendship

### Friday, March 16

6:30 AM AA New Awakening

### Saturday, March 17

No events scheduled

### Sunday, March 18

9:30 AM Morning Worship

10:50 AM Sunday School

11:10 AM Adult Ed

12:00 PM Soup Group

3:30 PM Vital Worship Team Learning  
in Room 24

## Assisting This Week 3/11

### Coffee Servers

9:30 Jim & Lou Steenstra  
Ron & Sharon Reimink

### Nursery

9:30 Theresa Tanin, Kira Brehob  
Barbara Buiten

### Preschool Church Hour

9:30 De Anna Stephenson  
Edmund/Jana Hodges-Kluck  
Dré Hubers, Kate Van Ee

## Assisting Next Week 3/18

### Coffee Servers

9:30 Arnold & Dawn Geldermans  
David & Mary Vander Yacht

### Nursery

9:30 Sue De Zeeuw  
Bob & Melanie Bolhuis

### Preschool Church Hour

9:30 Mary Admiraal  
Barb Buiten.  
Faith Baker, Jack Doorlag

### Communion Servers

9:30 Ron Heys & Sue Holdaway-Heys  
Chris & Kellie Van Ee



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