



**September 23, 2018**

**9:30 am • Pastor Ryan • Matthew 22:34-40**

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***We are a purposeful community transformed by the love of God and engaging the world with the grace and truth of Jesus through the practice of Christian hospitality.***

**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 the Triune God

Prelude

Welcome

**\*We Receive God's Greeting**

**\*Song:** *God of Wonders*

Red Hymnal 4

**\*Beatitudes**

Matthew 5:3-16

*Blessed are the poor in spirit,*  
**for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

*Blessed are those who mourn,*  
**for they will be comforted.**

*Blessed are the meek,*  
**for they will inherit the earth.**

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,*  
**for they will be filled.**

*Blessed are the merciful,*  
**for they will be shown mercy.**

*Blessed are the pure in heart,*  
**for they will see God.**

*Blessed are the peacemakers,*  
**for they will be called children of God.**

*Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,*  
**for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

*Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

**We are Salt. We are light. Oh God, help us shine our light that we may speak of your love. You are our king! Let us sing of your praise!**

\*Please stand if you are able.

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## **We Are Renewed by the Spirit**

**\*Song:** *King of Love* (see insert)

**\*We Greet One Another**

**Children's Time**

(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

**Offertory:** *Give Thanks*

Red Hymnal 358

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

**Scripture:** Matthew 22:34-40

**Sermon:** "Oikos: The Posture of Love"

**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.

**Communion Songs:**

*What Wondrous Love*

Red Hymnal 164

*Satisfied* (see insert)

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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

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

**\*Song:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Red Hymnal 964

**\*Postlude**

Pastors: Ryan Boes & John Groen

Worship Team: Mike Wilson, Nigel Fenandez, Veena Kulkarni,  
Dane Peterson, Carolyn Wurster

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## Sunday Morning • 9:30 am

- Preacher: Ryan Boes
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  - Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-22, Romans 15:7, Romans 16:1-16
  - Big House Sunday with Brent Hoover
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## 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.
- Sunday School Nursery (Infants through 2 years old)
- 10:50–Preschool (3 and 4 year olds) in Room 27
- 10:50–Sonshine Singers (K through 1st grade) in Room 28, then dismissed directly to Sunday School rooms
- 10:50–Shepherd’s Singers (2nd – 5th grade) in Room 23, then dismissed directly to Sunday School rooms
- 10:50–Savior Servant Singers (6th-12th grade) in Room 18, then dismissed directly to Sunday School rooms
- 11:50 – Sunday School Dismissal

### Sunday School Rooms

- Preschool (3&4’s) – Room 27
  - K/1st – Room 29
  - 2nd/3rd – Room 21
  - 4th/5th – Room 22
- Downstairs:**
  - 6th – Room 13
  - 7th/8th – Room 12
  - REACH (HS) –Youth Room

## Adult Sunday School

- Sunday Morning House Groups - meet in your designated room. (10:50-11:50)
- Next week will be a Big House Sunday (large group adult education) with Brent Hoover presenting his unique and exciting ministry.
- Downstairs in Room 17, BESEL Sunday School, studying the Bible in English, sing Gospel songs in different languages. Teachers: Mark Schult and Naomi Nah Schult, Yang Liu, Jukie Wilson.

### New to Ann Arbor or AACRC?

- If you would like to be added to the AACRC Weekly email or have a mailbox assigned, please contact Rachel in the church office: [office@aacrc.org](mailto:office@aacrc.org).
- Have you heard about our House Groups? We would love to have you join us for a time of fellowship and studying God’s Word in a small group format. Groups meet at various times. Contact Ross Weener for more information: [rweener@aacrc.org](mailto:rweener@aacrc.org).

# announcements & reminders

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## Embodying the Text

Hey Friends. You are invited to an exciting opportunity this October. On Saturday, October 13, Dr. Travis West will be here to lead a workshop on enacting the story of scripture. The group will be invited into the story of Exodus 17 to explore its meaning and how it is we interpret the text with our whole selves. Part of this group may also perform their interpretation in worship on Sunday. Space is limited as we only have 25-30 slots available so don't wait to sign up for this incredible opportunity of discipleship and bible study. Contact pastor Ryan if you are interested at [rboes@aacrc.org](mailto:rboes@aacrc.org). Or call the office at 734-665-0105.

Housing will be needed for 3-4 of our guests from this group. If this is a need you can help with, please contact Pastor Ryan, [rboes@aacrc.org](mailto:rboes@aacrc.org), or the church office, [office@aacrc.org](mailto:office@aacrc.org).

## New Members Class

Are you new to the AACRC or interested in its ministry? Would you like to join the AACRC by becoming a member? Are you curious what membership means and involves for you and your family? Pastor Ryan will be leading a class the 1st and 3rd Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 throughout the fall. If you are interested, please reach out to him at [rboes@aacrc.org](mailto:rboes@aacrc.org) or call the office.

## House Groups

Our small group ministry, House Groups, has started. It isn't too late to join a group. Please contact Ross Weener ([rweener@aacrc.org](mailto:rweener@aacrc.org)) for more information.

## Staff News

In alignment with Oikos and the budget approved for FY 18-19, Council affirmed the hiring of Mary Admiraal to fill half of the hours allotted for youth ministries, as the Children's Ministry Coordinator.

## Soup Group TODAY

Soup Group meets today at 11:10AM in Room 23. (*Note the new time!*) Come for fellowship and a lunch of delicious homemade soup, bread, fruit and dessert! Whether you're a student, working, single, married and in your 20's (give or take).....we'd love to have you come and check it out.

## Reverse Offering of Names

Last Sunday each person and family had opportunity to take a name of a student here at AACRC to pray for throughout the year. If you would still like to take a name, there are extras in a basket in the church office.

## Special Offering

Last Sunday's special offering for the Christian School Tuition Assistance Fund was \$1,289.00. Thank you for your generosity!

## Office News

The church office hours are M-Th, 8:30-2:30. If you have any bulletin announcements, please email them to [office@aacrc.org](mailto:office@aacrc.org) by noon on Wed.

## Become a Stephen Minister: An Opportunity to Learn, Serve, and Grow

Stephen Ministers are members of the Ann Arbor CRC who go through 50 hours of caregiving training and then work alongside our pastors in providing emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness. We'll be training a new class of Stephen Ministers beginning on January 7, 2019. If you are interested in being part of this class, complete the Stephen Minister Application and return it to Louise Gruppen or Marian Ijzerman by October 14, 2018. Applications are available by e-mailing [stephenministry@aacrc.org](mailto:stephenministry@aacrc.org).

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## Post-High Care Packages

The word oikos means “house” or “household”. Our Post-High members may not be here but they are still part of our household. We can show them hospitality by sending them a care package. The packages are full of small items that they need; some baked goods, maybe a fun item, snacks and a note of encouragement from AACRC. We have been doing this for the last several years and it has been greatly appreciated. We will be assembling the care packages on the night of October 17 so mark that date on your calendar.

Watch your e-mail for opportunities to sign up.

Please contact Arnie & Dawn Geldermans to find out more information. [geldermans@comcast.net](mailto:geldermans@comcast.net) or 734-995-5463.

## CROP Hunger Walk--September 30

Your participation in the Ann Arbor CROP Hunger Walk on September 30 will help victims of Hurricane Florence.

When natural disasters such as Hurricane Florence occur, CWS (the parent organization of the Walk) is ready to assist with funds. In addition, they are actively planning to make sure people have extra support when the storm passes. They are working to pre-position CWS Hygiene Kits, Emergency Cleanup Buckets and Blankets along the coast so that supplies can be quickly distributed as needed.

It's not too late to sign up to be either a walker or a sponsor (or both). Please stop by the table in the Fellowship Hall to do so.

## Christian School Tuition Fund

AACRC offers tuition assistance from the Christian School Tuition Assistance Fund. To receive assistance, a written letter requesting assistance must be delivered to your service deacon or the service deacon chair (Phil Palmbos). You may also email a written request to the service deacons ([ppalmbos@med.umich.edu](mailto:ppalmbos@med.umich.edu)). Assistance is provided on a first come, first served basis and is limited to \$500 per student / \$1000 per family. Funds are available until they are exhausted. Please return your request by October 7.

### You're Invited

Headquartered in Ann Arbor, Haiti Nursing Foundation (HNF) improves health in the Republic of Haiti by supporting quality nursing education in that country. You're invited to show your support for this work at HNF's third annual "Support a Healthier Haiti" fundraising event on Friday, September 28, 2018 from 5:30-8:30 pm at the Ann Arbor City Club. You can register and purchase tickets for the event at <https://www.biddingforgood.com/auction/communicate/eventtickets.action?auctionId=334117217>. Thom Bales, who worships regularly with us, is the Executive Director of HNF and would welcome the opportunity to answer any questions that you might have.

### got truth.

As you read, meditate on, and pray the Scripture(s). Please share them with the community of faith at AACRC. Please print the Scripture you are committing to memory on a 3x5 piece of paper, print your name, and clip the paper to the board across from the church mailboxes. On occasion, over coffee in the Fellowship Room or prior to a facilitator beginning a House Group discussion, ask a friend “got truth?”.

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## AACRC Weekly Calendar

### Today, September 23

- 9:30 AM Morning Worship
- 10:50 AM Sunday School
- 10:50 AM House Groups
- 11:10 AM Soup Group

### Monday, September 24

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening
- 7:30 PM Women's Bible Study

### Tuesday, September 25

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening
- 9:30 AM Coffee Break
- 12:30 PM Staff Meeting
- 1:15 PM Coffee Break
- 7:00 PM Dinner at Lindquist's House
- 7:15 PM Worship Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Tuesday Tutoring

### Wednesday, September 26

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening
- 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 AM Side By Side
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, September 27

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening
- 10:00 AM Morning Prayer Group
- 10:00 AM Crafters
- 6:45 PM New Life Group

### Friday, September 28

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening
- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 PM ISI Bible Study
- 7:30 PM FaHoLo

### Saturday, September 29

No events scheduled

### Sunday, September 30

- 9:30 AM Morning Worship
- 10:50 AM Sunday School
- 10:50 AM Big House Sunday

## Assisting This Week 9/23

### Coffee Servers

- 9:30 Bryan & Amber Diemer  
Arnie & Dawn Geldermans

### Nursery

- 9:30 Andrea Bennink, Rita Aagenas,  
Sarita & Grant Schoenebeck

### Preschool Church Hour

- 9:30 Tanya Boldenow, Justin Schiller,  
Kira Brehob, Dane Hubers

## Assisting Next Week 9/30

### Coffee Servers

- 9:30 Mark & Leslie Doorlag  
Tom & Claudia Larson

### Nursery

- 9:30 De Anna Stephenson,  
Theresa Tanin, Sara Bush

### Preschool Church Hour

- 9:30 Mary Admiraal, Barb Buiten,  
Eva Doorlag, Eliza Van Ee

### Communion Servers

- 9:30 Mark & Leslie Doorlag  
John & Rebecca Cooper



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# Missionaries of the Week – Ruth & Jim Padilla DeBorst Resonate Global Mission (Costa Rica & Beyond)

## Light in the midst of darkness?

One would have to cover ones eyes to not become keenly aware of the cloud of darkness descending on our world. Children held in cages. People of color brutalized. Nation after nation closing its doors to the millions of uprooted people who are fleeing untold violence. Waters rising, deserts growing, fires raging uncontrollably. Hundreds dying in the Northern hemisphere during the hottest summer in recorded history. Not a bright picture by any means.

What then? What are common people like you and me called to feel, say and do in the midst of such dense dark? ...

## ***Acknowledging the darkness***

Much as we might rather insulate ourselves and fabricate bubbles of brightness, responsible living in the creation community demands awareness, painful acknowledgment and deep-felt lament. No room for this:



We *must* see. We *must* hear. We *must* cry out! The Psalmist of old, prophets and poets of yesterday and today can give words to our heart-felt lament for all that is depriving people and the whole of creation of the full life God intends. As long as our planet is wrapped in darkness we not only *can* but *must* groan along with the whole of creation!

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## ***Sowing seeds of hope***

Our lament and our acknowledgment of the facts need not paralyze us. Instead, they can become incentives for us to become agents of change. Martin Luther is known to have stated: "Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree."

We are convinced that even if we cannot push the darkness out of the whole world—and are not even called to do so—we can sow seeds of hope in the place where we're planted. So the [Casa Adobe Association](#) continues walking with our neighbors in Santa Rosa de Santo Domingo. English and math classes help kids stick to school and not drop out. Guitar lessons and community art projects refresh their imagination. Community gardening and seed sharing open new ways of relating to food and the land. A newscast with children journalists increases their sense of dignity.

We are grateful for the work of volunteers sponsored by the [Cohort of Missioners](#) and Wheaton College [HNGR program](#)! Also, in June we received a team of leaders of [Resonate Global Mission](#) at Casa Adobe for a time of fellowship and visioning. We are grateful for partnerships such as these, and invite you to explore other such possibilities with Casa Adobe.

With gratitude,  
Jim & Ruth Padilla DeBorst

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