



October 7, 2018

9:30 am • Rev. Noah Livingston • John 6:1-15

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.



Ann Arbor Christian Reformed Church

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9:30 worship

We Gather to Worship the Triune God

Prelude/Call to Worship: *In the Name of God the Father*

Words: Henry Allon
Music: The Ironsides, © 2011

***Songs:**

Holy is the Lord

Red Hymnal 597

Prayer

Mighty to Save

Red Hymnal 611

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

We Are Renewed by the Spirit

Children's Time

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

Song of Confession & Assurance: *Bless the Lord, My Soul* (Choir)

Red Hymnal 836

Refrain 1

*Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not resisted the Life that you died to bring.*

Refrain 2

*In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Refrain 3

*It is God who forgives all our guilt,
who heals us, who rescues our lives from the power of the grave,
who crowns us with love and compassion.
Hear the good news: In Christ, we are loved and forgiven.*

Refrain 4

Prayers of the People

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

*Please stand if you are able.

We Are Fed by God's Word and Table

Scripture: John 6:1-15

Sermon: "Fearless Need"

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:

Eat This Bread (Choir leads)

Red Hymnal 818

All the Poor and Powerless

David Leonard & Leslie Jordan
© 2011 Integrity's Alleluia! Music

All the poor and powerless, and all the lost and lonely,
and all the thieves will come confess
and know that you are holy, and know that you are holy.

*And all will sing out, "Hallelujah!"
And we will cry out "Hallelujah!"*

All the hearts who are content, and all who feel unworthy,
and all who hurt with nothing left
will know that you are holy.

Refrain 2x

Shout it. Go on and scream it from the mountains,
go on and tell it to the masses
that he is God.
(sing 4x)

We will sing out, "Hallelujah!"
And we will cry out, "Hallelujah!"
We will sing out, "Hallelujah!"
And shout.

Shout it.
Go on and scream it from the mountains,
go on and tell it to the masses
that he is God.
(sing 2x)

We Go Out in God's Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*We Receive God's Blessing

*Song: *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

Words: George Matheson
© 1997 Christopher Miner Music

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

*Postlude

Pastors: John Groen, Ryan Boes

Worship Leaders: Noah & Kristen Livingston

Preacher: Rev. Noah Livingston

Worship Team: Mike Wilson, Logan Frewen, Dawn Zinsser,
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Sunday Morning • 9:30 am

- Preacher: Rev. Noah Livingston
- Scripture: John 6:1-15

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- Preacher: Dr. Travis West
 - Scripture: Exodus 17
 - Big House Sunday with Dr. Travis West
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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 19, 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 our weekly email, Connections, or have a mailbox assigned, please contact Rachel in the church office: 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.



announcements & reminders

We Welcome the Livingstons

This morning we welcome Noah and Kristen Livingston and their children Rowan (7), Brennan (4), and Micah (1). Noah and Kristen are the pastoral couple we are considering for a call for the Pastor of Worship Arts and the Pastor of Congregational Care. Yesterday they met with various groups relating to worship and pastoral care and today both Noah and Kristen will be leading us in our worship service. Please greet them during fellowship time after the service. If you still need a copy of their resumes there are a limited number in the church office.

The congregation is also encouraged to attend a meet and greet time tonight from 7:00 to 8:00 in the sanctuary where Noah and Kristen will answer questions submitted by the congregation and Council. The meeting will be preceded by a fellowship time with cake and coffee at 6:30.

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. 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, or the church office, 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 or call the office.

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?".

Upcoming Gray Matters Event

Our Gray Matters event for October will be at the Ann Arbor Christian School. The previously announced appearance by the Yale Whiffenpoofs has been cancelled, but we are delighted to have the opportunity to attend a concert by the honors choir from Father Gabriel Richard High School who will perform for the Ann Arbor Christian School community on Oct 10 from 2-3 pm. Called the Madrigals, they are an audition-only Honors choir made up of sophomores, juniors, and seniors and have a strong reputation for their talent.

Those of you who need a ride or would prefer carpooling, please meet at church in time to organize into groups for a 1:30 PM departure to the school.

Note: If you ordered apple pies from the school, they will be available for pickup that afternoon.

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.

You can sign up to provide the items at the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4AACAC283-2018>

Please contact Arnie & Dawn Geldermans to find out more information. geldermans@comcast.net or 734-995-5463.

Hospitality Opportunities with Internationals

(1) Dinner at your home (one time event); (2) Conversation Partner. Volunteers are needed. Please visit table in Fellowship Hall after Sunday worship to sign up for one or both of these opportunities to serve. Or send an email to nfichtenberg@gmail.com.

Have you seen the orange fish?

Our students are collecting their Sunday school tithe for World Renew's Passion Project, BEE-A Life Changer (<https://www.myworldrenew.net/bealifechanger>). Our goal is to raise \$200. The students may turn in their collection at the beginning of Sunday school on Sunday, October 21. Please bring the coins or bills collected in an envelope or Ziploc bag labeled BEE collection and list the amount enclosed. Do not bring in “the fish”. Thank you for your support.

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.

AACS - Job Opening

Serving students from preschool through 8th grade, Ann Arbor Christian School has one job opening for this year: a coordinator for a new after school program (3:00-5:30pm, \$30 per hour). 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 and job description are available on our website: annarborchristian.org

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation month in all of the churches in the Christian Reformed denomination. We would like all of you to join with us in expressing our appreciation for the work and ministry of Pastor John and Pastor Ryan. Please look for an opportunity to do so in the days and weeks ahead.

AACRC Weekly Calendar

Today, October 7

- 9:30 AM Morning Worship
10:50 AM Sunday School
11:10 AM Soup Group
3:00 PM Wedding - Erin Karr
6:30 PM Meet & Greet with Livingstons

Monday, October 8

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

Tuesday, October 9

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening
9:30 AM Coffee Break
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, October 10

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening
8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
9:00 AM Side By Side Bible Study
1:30 PM Gray Matters @ AACRS
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Missions Team Meeting

Thursday, October 11

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

Friday, October 12

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

Saturday, October 13

- 9:00 AM Embodying the Text

Sunday, October 14

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

Assisting This Week 10/7

Coffee Servers

- 9:30 John & Rachel Bush
Ken & Phyllis Timmer

Nursery

- 9:30 Sean Kim, Mary Herrema,
Sara Bush
SS Barb Okonkwo, Melanie Bolhuis

Preschool Church Hour

- 9:30 Grant Schoenebeck,
Melanie Bolhuis, Kate Van Ee,

Assisting Next Week 10/14

Coffee Servers

- 9:30 Dirk & Elly Evans
Al & Dorothy Vegter

Nursery

- 9:30 Leanne Groen
Ron & Sharon Reimink
SS Marian Ijzerman, TBD

Preschool Church Hour

- 9:30 De Anna Stephenson, Yang Liu,
Dre Hubers, Jack Stephenson

Communion Servers

- 9:30 Paul & Michelle Machiele
Bruce & Susan Furr



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