



October 14, 2018

9:30 am • Dr. Travis West • Exodus 17:1-7

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

We Gather to Worship the Triune God

Prelude: *Oceans*

Joel Houston, Matt Crocker, Saolmon Lighthelm
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***We Receive God's Greeting**

***Call to Worship**

*People of the Covenant! Rejoice and be glad!
Our God is here and bids us come!*

We worship and give thanks for our God has done mighty things!

*The love of God is immense!
The grace of God is abundant!
The presence of God is near!*

Hallelujah to our King of Love!

***Song:** *King of Love*

Adam Palmer, Jonathan Smith,
Matthew Hein, Stephanie Kulla, Stuart Garrard
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The King of Love my Shepherd is
Whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever
And He is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth

*Never failing Ruler of my heart
Everlasting Lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is
The King of Love my Shepherd is*

Lost and foolish off I strayed
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me

In death's dark veil I fear no ill
With Thee dear Lord beside me
Thy rod and staff my comfort still
Thy cross before to guide me

*Please stand if you are able.

Refrain

*Oh Hallelujah Hallelujah
Oh Hallelujah Hallelujah*

Refrain

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd may I sing Your praise
Within Your house forever
Within Your house forever

***Song:** *How Great Thou Art*

Red Hymnal 553

***Passing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

And also with you!

We invite you to share a sign of peace and welcome with one another this morning.

We Are Renewed by the Spirit

Children's Time

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

Prayers of the People

Reader 1:

O God of the wilderness, You lead Your people into the uncharted territory of both land and heart. You lead us into landscapes that are unable to meet even our most basic needs, in order to teach us that our most basic needs are not met by material things, even materials like water and bread. Rather, our basic needs are met by You, and You alone. We confess that we too often confuse our bread with the Bread Giver. We confess that we strive to live on bread alone, and forget that the bread is merely one of the manifold expressions of Your steadfast love. We confess that we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from Your mouth. Help us, O Lord, to remember the deeds of our God.

Reader 2:

O God of thirst, You have created us with a variety of needs. We are fragile creatures who exaggerate our autonomy at the expense of our faith and dependence on You. We confess that we cannot live without Your constant gift of life. We confess, too, that just as Israel picked up rocks to stone Moses, we have our own rocks that we wield out of fear and anxiety when our vulnerability and fragility overwhelm us. Help us to remember that by the power of your self-sacrificial love, rocks can turn into rivers of life, and the wilderness into pools of water. Help us, O Lord, to remember the deeds of our God.

Reader 3:

O God of our salvation, You regularly sacrifice Yourself so that we can live. So often we fail to see You for who You are. We are too content in our complaining, too comfortable in our criticism to perceive the character of Your presence among us. How often, O Lord, in our whining and bickering, do we fail to recognize that You are inviting us into the open arms of Your love? How often, O Lord, in our fear do we fail to find You? How often, O Lord, do our eyes shut to Your presence because they are open only to the problems we encounter? Help us, O Lord, to see differently. Help us, O Lord, to discern Your presence in this world and in our lives. Help us, O Lord, to look for the myriad ways Your sacrificial, steadfast love fills the earth. Help us, O Lord, to remember the deeds of our God.

Amen

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

Offertory: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Red Hymnal 521

We Are Fed by God's Word and Table

Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7

Reflection

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:

Be Unto Your Name

Gary Sadler, Lynn De Shazo
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We are a moment,
You are forever.
Lord of the ages,
God before time.
We are a vapor,
You are eternal.
Love everlasting,
Reigning on high.

*Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Highest praises, honor and glory
Be unto your name,
Be unto your name.*

We are the broken,
You are the healer.
Jesus Redeemer,
Mighty to save.
You are the love song,
We'll sing forever.
Bowing before you,
Blessing your name.

Be unto your name
(Sing 2x)

Behold the Lamb

Red Hymnal 840

We Go Out in God's Peace

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*We Receive God's Blessing

*Song: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Words: Travis West
Tune: Red Hymnal 521

Now, O Lord, dismiss your servants
With your Word; give us release.
For our eyes have seen salvation,
Flowing from your hands and feet.
Font of all life-giving water,
Ancient streams in desert flow.
Drinking deeply we remember
You are with us, weal or woe.

God in Christ, the full expression
Of the love God's always shown
On the cross or in the desert
Sacrificing for his own.
O to love as God has loved us
In the world which is our home.
Little streams of God's inspiring
Bursting forth from hearts of stone.

*Postlude

Pastors: John Groen, Ryan Boes

Preacher: Dr. Travis West

Worship Team: Mike Wilson, Nigel Fernandez,
Victor Chen, Veena Kulkarni, Christine De Zeeuw

Sunday Morning • 9:30 am

- Preacher: Dr. Travis West
- Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7
- Big House Sunday with Dr. Travis West

Sunday Morning • 9:30 am

- Preacher: Pastor Ryan Boes
 - Scripture: Philippians 2
 - Special Offering for Fridsro Christmas party.
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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

- Today will be a Big House Sunday (large group adult education) with Dr. Travis West in the sanctuary following the service.
- 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

Congregational Meeting on Oct. 28

There will be a congregational meeting following the Harvest Brunch on Sunday, October 28. The council will be presenting the motion to call Noah and Kristen Livingston and amend the '18-'19 FY budget as was approved at their October 10 council meeting. Council will also be offering two informational sessions for anyone interested to discuss budget implications and other items on Wednesday, October 17 at 7:30 and Sunday, October 21 at 7:00.

Special Offering for Fridsro on October 21

For many years, we have had a special offering to help cover the costs of a Christmas party and meal at the Children's Home in Sri Lanka. The Fridsro Christmas party/meal is a much-needed and appreciated encouragement for both the staff and all the children. The cost for the Christmas celebration is \$4,500. It includes lunch on Christmas Eve, an evening tea party, lunch on Christmas Day, gifts, decorations and a special outing for the children and the staff. Those who wish to join in sponsoring the Christmas festivities can make a check out to AACRC with "Fridsro/Christmas Party" on the memo line. This offering will now be one of our primary means of supporting this important ministry.

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.

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 THIS Wednesday night, October 17. Please join us!

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.

Have you seen the orange fish?

Our students are collecting their Sunday school tithes for World Renew's Passion Project, BEE-A Life Changer (<https://www.myworldrenew.net/beealifechanger>). 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.

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.

CPR/AED

If you would like to learn the current method for cardiac resuscitation and correct operation of the AED machine a CPR/AED class will be offered November 6, 6:30-8:30 in room 24. Please RSVP by November 1st to Barb Okonkwo at bjokonkwo69@gmail.com so materials can be ordered.

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

Pumpkin-grams

Last week, the GEMS girls put their theme "Be a Blessing" into practice by making "Pumpkin-grams" to send little notes of blessing and joy to some of the homebound members of our congregation. The pumpkins are on a table in the Fellowship Hall, and are ready to be picked up and delivered to their recipients! If you are willing and able to pick one up and deliver it, we could, as a church, "be a blessing" to someone this week! Thanks!

Changing Weather

With our weather continuously changing this time of year, please plan accordingly and dress in layers as the thermostats in church may not be caught up to the current weather.

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 TODAY, October 14, 2018. Applications are available by e-mailing stephenministry@aarc.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.

Calvin College Tailgate

Calvin College invites alumni friends and family to a tailgate at the Richard L. Postma Family Clubhouse prior to the the UM vs. PSU game on November 3, game time TBD. For more information and to register, visit the following web page: calvin.edu/go/tailgate

AACRC Weekly Calendar

Today, October 14

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

Monday, October 15

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

Tuesday, October 16

- 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 17

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening
8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
5:45 PM Pizza Night
6:30 PM Roots/Cadets/GEMS
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM New Members Class
7:30 PM Council Information Session

Thursday, October 18

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening
10:00 AM Morning Prayer Group
10:00 AM Crafters
6:45 PM New Life Group
7:00 PM Friendship Ministry

Friday, October 19

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

Saturday, October 20

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, October 21

- 9:30 AM Morning Worship
10:50 AM Sunday School
10:50 AM House Groups
10:50 AM Soup Group
7:00 PM Council Information Session

Assisting This Week 10/14

Coffee Servers

- 9:30 Bill & Marilyn Dahms
Al & Dorothy Vegter

Nursery

- 9:30 Leanne Groen
Bob & Melanie Bolhuis
SS Marian Ijzerman, TBD

Preschool Church Hour

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

Assisting Next Week 10/21

Coffee Servers

- 9:30 Bruce & Susan Furr
Roger & Norma Verhey

Nursery

- 9:30 Sue DeZeeuw, Theresa Tanin,
Faith & Olivia Palmbos
SS Claudia Larson,
Dane/Sarah Peterson

Preschool Church Hour

- 9:30 Lorri Vander Roest, Andrea &
Jacob Bennink, Jorie Cho

Communion Servers

- 9:30 Jen Boes & Carolyn Wurster
Roy & Marilyn Glover



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