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P S A L M 103

February 23, 2020

10:30 am • Rev. Jon Cooper

Matthew 16:21-24; 17:1-9

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. Following Children's Time in the service, 3, 4, and 5-year-old children, who have not yet started Kindergarten, are invited to continue worshipping in room 29.
- Families who have children entering "big church" for the first time, children ages 5-7, or visitors may get their worship bags off the hooks outside the nursery.
- Children's ages 7-9 are invited to pick up their worship bulletin from the back of the sanctuary.

Aids to Worship

Hearing assistance devices are available in the narthex. Please ask our greeters for assistance.

worship order

We Gather to Worship the Triune God

Prelude: *Alleluia, Alleluia*

Red Hymnal 958

***God's Greeting & Call to Worship**

***Song:** *Ten Thousand Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

Red Hymnal 559

***Prayer of Confession** (unison):

Eternal God,
we stand this morning and bless your holy name,
but we confess that our hope has been elsewhere.
We still long for transformation,
but discipleship is slow and we are easily distracted.

Healing Spirit, renew our confidence in your power
and in the power of love to change our lives,
and give us courage to be the fully responsible persons
Christ calls us to be. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

***We Greet One Another**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Children's Time

(3-5-year-old children are invited to continue worshiping in room 29.)

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

Offertory

We Are Fed by God's Word and Table

Scripture Reading: Matthew 16:21-24; 17:1-9

Sermon: "Jesus in the Driver's Seat"

Rev. Jon Cooper

*Please stand if you are able.

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

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:

Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King

Thomas Miller, Robert Robinson, John Wyeth

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thy help I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

*Come thou Fount, come thou King,
Come thou precious Prince of Peace.
Hear your bride, to you we sing;
Come thou Fount of our blessing.*

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
Seal it for thy courts above.

Refrain

Mystery

Charlie Hall

Sweet Jesus Christ, my sanity.
Sweet Jesus Christ, my clarity.
Bread of heaven broken for me.
Cup of Salvation held out to drink.
Jesus, mystery.

*Christ has died and Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.*

(Repeat all)

Celebrate his death and rising.
Lift your eyes, proclaim his coming.
Celebrate His death and rising
Lift your eyes, lift your eyes. (Sing 2x)

Refrain (repeat)

Sweet Jesus Christ, my sanity.

Prayers of the People

We Go Out in God's Peace

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

***Sending Song:** *Alleluia, Alleluia*

Red Hymnal 958

***Postlude:** *Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King*

Worship Leaders: Pastor Noah, Victor Chen, Christine De Zeeuw,
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today

Baby Bottle Boomerang

If you haven't had a chance yet, don't forget to grab your bottle for the Baby Bottle Boomerang. This is a fund raiser that supports the work of Family Life Services, one of our church's ministry partners. Baby Bottles should be returned to church by Sunday, March 8.

Soup Group • 12:00 pm

If you are between the ages of 18-28(ish), you are invited to Soup Group following the worship service. Come, eat some soup and fellowship together!



this week

February 26 - Ash Wednesday Service

Soup Supper @ 5:45pm with a service to follow @ 6:30pm

Please bring your own tableware, and fruit to share if you would like.

Soup and bread will be provided.

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Faith Formation Hour • 9:15 am

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS:

- **Nursery** (Infants through 2 years old)
- **Preschool** (3 & 4 year olds) - Room 27
- **Kid Connection** (K-5th Grade) - Room 23
- **Middle School** (6th Grade - Room 13 & 7th-8th Grade - Room 12)
- **Reach** (9th-12th Grade) - Lesson with Pastor Ryan in the Youth Room

ADULTS:

- **Big House Sunday with** Cory Willson, Associate Professor of Missiology and Missional Ministry at Calvin Theological Seminary
- **BESEL** (Believers with Christian Seekers who speak English as a Second Language) - Rm 17 Heidelberg Catechism Study in English mixed in with Cultural Adjustment and Settlement for the Immigrants in the Promised Land and Beyond, HeonSoo Lee, Naomi Nah and Mark Schult. Special Activities: Last Sundays of each month.

Worship Service • 10:30 am

- Preacher: Cory Willson
- Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

announcements & reminders

Rotating Shelter - Starts Tomorrow!

Our first host week for the Rotating Shelter program starts tomorrow (**February 24-March 2**). Thank you to those who have signed up already. Please check the sign up for any remaining needs! It is available in the Fellowship Hall or online (<https://tinyurl.com/rs7uno3>).

Watch for the sign up to start soon for our second host week (**March 23-30**)!

Contacts: Scott Stephenson (jscottstephenson@gmail.com) or Todd Redder (tredder@limno.com).

Collection of Items for Rotating Shelter Guests

The deacons are collecting undergarments, new in the package underwear/boxers and white undershirts, to be given to the men who will be staying here as part of the Rotating Shelter program. A table is in the Fellowship Hall or you can bring items to the office by this week Tuesday. **Please be sure items are brand new and still in the package.** We are collecting size L or XL, other sizes will be covered by the deacons. Contact: Leslie Doorlag.

Costa Rica High School Trip Fundraiser at Panera

Come eat at Panera and 20% of your purchase will go towards the High School Costa Rica Trip! This offer is available only on *Wednesday, March 4 from 4-8 pm at the Ann Arbor Panera on Plymouth Road*. You will need to bring the flyer (either paper or electronic) with you in order for your order to contribute. Flyers are in your mailbox with extras for your friends or family in box 8. Thank you for your support! Contact Jocelyn Schiller with any questions.

Council Nominations

The council of AACRC is now in the process of evaluating nominations for the Service Deacon, Shepherding Elder, and President (first year as vice president) for the coming church year starting July 2020. If there is a member of the church that you think would serve well in these roles and you have informed them of your desire to nominate them, please send council the name and we will include it in the nomination process.

We are asking that all nominations be submitted by Sunday, March 15.

Bill VanderMolen
President of Council

CRC Denominational Survey

Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2020 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leaders understand the concerns and needs of local churches. If you are interested in participating, please visit www.crcna.org/survey/6007 to answer the survey questions by February 28.

WinSome Women Retreats

Come to the spring 2020 WinSome Women retreats (May 12&13, 13&14 and 14&15). Enjoy enriching speakers, uplifting worship, and the ambiance of Grand Hotel on beautiful Mackinac Island. Hear award-winning musician Lynda Randle and dynamic international speaker Carol Kent. Come with your friends, be encouraged by gifted Bible teacher Michael Card and worship leader and speaker Sarah Schieber. Register at wswretreats.org for inspiration, fellowship and fun.

Lent & Easter 2020

Ash Wednesday Feb 26, 5:45 PM

meal with service to follow

Sundays of Lent 10:30 AM

March 1	Matthew 4:1-11	Dr. Cory Willson
March 8	Luke 4:14	Pastor Ryan
March 15	John 2:13-25	Pastor Noah
March 22	Mark 8:31-9:1	Pastor Ryan
March 29	John 18:28-40	Pastor Kristen
April 5	Matthew 21:1-11	Pastor Ryan

Holy Week Morning Devotions April 6-10, 6:30 AM

devotions followed by breakfast

Maundy Thursday Worship April 9, 5:45 PM

meal with service to follow

Good Friday Worship April 10, 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday Worship April 12

8:00 AM	Sunrise Service
9:00 AM	Brunch
10:30 AM	Easter Worship

AACRC Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 23

- 9:15 AM Faith Formation Hour
- 9:15 AM House Groups
- 10:30 AM Morning Worship
- 12:00 PM Soup Group
- 4:00 PM Reach/Roots Service Project

Monday, February 24

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening
- 7:00 PM Women's Ministry Bible Study
- 7:30 PM Rotating Shelter

Tuesday, February 25

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening
- 10:00 AM International Coffee Break
- 12:30 PM Staff Meeting
- 1:15 PM International Coffee Break
- 7:00 PM Tuesday Dinner @ Lindquist's
- 7:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Rotating Shelter

Wednesday, February 26

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening
- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 10:15 AM Women's Ministry Bible Study
- 5:45 PM Meal & Ash Wednesday Service
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Rotating Shelter

Thursday, February 27

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening
- 10:00 AM Prayer Group
- 10:00 AM Crafters
- 1:15 PM Bible Study
- 7:30 PM Rotating Shelter

Friday, February 28

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening
- 7:30 PM Rotating Shelter

Saturday, February 29

- 9:30 AM YogaFaithShalom
- 7:30 PM Rotating Shelter

Sunday, March 1

- 9:15 AM Faith Formation Hour
- 9:15 AM House Groups
- 10:30 AM Morning Worship
- 12:00 PM Soup Group
- 7:00 PM Rotating Shelter

Assisting This Week 2/23

Coffee Servers

- 10:30 Grant & Sarita Schoenebeck
Al & Mary Staal

Nursery

- 9:15 Grant Schoenebeck, Kaitlin Schiller
- 10:30 Sue De Zeeuw, Michael Bennink
Bob & Melanie Bolhuis

Children & Worship

- 10:30 Kellie Steen, TBD,
Aspen Boes, Cole Doorlag

Communion Servers

- 10:30 Darren & Sue De Zeeuw
Dave & Marilyn McLaughlin

Assisting Next Week 3/1

Coffee Servers

- 10:30 Hank & Carla Byma
Scott & De Anna Stephenson

Nursery

- 9:15 Barb Buiten, Sarita Schoenebeck
- 10:30 Sean Kim, Kim Hubers,
Rens Bush

Children & Worship

- 10:30 De Anna Stephenson, Barb Buiten,
Jack & Joe Stephenson

Communion Servers

- 10:30 Joel & Nancy Hofman
Paul & Michelle Machiele



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