



COMMUNITY

— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

Him We Proclaim.

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whoever will come--
this church opens wide her doors and offers
her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

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MORNING WORSHIP - 10AM

Pastor Cruse, leading and preaching in worship

Prelude (*When the prelude begins, please prepare yourself for worship.*)

Preparatory Thoughts:

Q. What do you believe concerning "the holy catholic church"? A. I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

- Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 54.

Welcome and Announcements

CELEBRATING GOD'S GLORY

* Call to Worship: Psalm 46

* Invocation

Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: Who made heaven and earth! (Psalm 124:8)

Minister: Let us pray...

* God's Greeting

* Opening Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Psalm of Praise: 40, *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength* (46)

CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE

Reading of God's Law

Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Pardon: 1 Peter 2:24a

Acclamation (praise to God) by the Congregation: 1 Peter 2:24b

"By his wounds we have been healed."

* Hymn of Assurance: 690, *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

*Standing if Possible

CELEBRATING GOD'S GOODNESS

Congregational Prayer

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

(Use the envelopes provided, or designate in the memo line, if you would like to support our denomination's missional and outreach efforts through the Thank Offering.)

* Psalm of Preparation: 614, *Now Israel May Say* (124)

CELEBRATING GOD'S GUIDANCE

* Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Genesis 6:9-7:24

Sermon: *Creation Undone* | no. 8 in series

Prayer of Application

* Hymn of Response: 463, *A Debtor to Mercy Alone*

CELEBRATING GOD'S GIFTS

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Supper Hymn: 598, *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

(a diaconal offering is taken during this time. Gluten-free bread is provided in the center cup. Grape juice is provided in the center ring and wine in the outer ring.)

* Benediction

* Closing Doxology: *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

**All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation;
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who every sorrow stills;
To God all praise and glory!**

Legion Was My Name by Nature

1. Legion was my name, by nature
Satan raged within my breast;
Never misery was greater,
Never sinner more possessed:
Mischievous to all around me,
To myself the greatest foe;
Thus I was when Jesus found me,
Filled with madness, sin, and woe.

2. Yet in this forlorn condition
When he came to set me free;
I replied to my Physician,
"What have I to do with thee?"
But he would not be prevented,
Rescued me against my will;
Had he stayed 'till I consented,
I had been a captive still.

3. "Satan, though thou fain would'st have it,
Know this soul is none of thine;
I have shed my blood to save it,
Now I challenge it for mine;
Though it long has thee resembled,
Henceforth it shall me obey;"
Thus he spoke, while Satan trembled,
Gnashed his teeth, and fled away.

4. Thus my frantic soul he healéd,
Bid my sins and sorrows cease;
"Take," said he, "My pardon sealéd,
I have saved thee, go in peace."
"Rather take me, Lord to heaven,
Now thy love and grace I know;
Since thou hast my sins forgiven,
Why should I remain below?"

5. "Love," he said, "Will sweeten labours,
Thou hast something yet to do:
Go and tell your friends and neighbours,
What my love has done for you.
Live to manifest my glory;
Wait for heav'n a little space:
Sinners, when they hear thy story,
Will repent and seek my face."

Words: John Newton

Tune: O MEIN JESU, ICH MUSS STERBEN

SERMON HELPS - AM SERVICE

Parents, be sure to discuss these questions at home with our young worshippers.

1. What is the title and Bible text of the sermon?
2. What were the main points of the sermon?
 - 1.Noah B_____ the Ark
 - 2.Noah E_____ the Ark
 - 3.God C_____ the Ark
3. Why was Noah’s family allowed in the ark?
4. Where are all the places we are told that Noah obeyed?
5. What were the seven pairs of “clean animals” used for?
6. In the sermon, Pastor Cruse said “the Lord shut him in” has two meanings, one for those outside of the ark, and one for those inside the ark. What were they?

ARK
 CUBIT
 DOOR
 FLOOD
 HAM
 NOAH
 OBEDIENT
 PAIR
 SHEM
 WATERS

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N	S	G	E	M	P	R	I	A	P
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EVENING WORSHIP - 6PM

Pastor Cruse, leading and preaching in worship

Preparatory Thought:

"Every man loves the mercies of God, but a saint loves the God of his mercies." - John Flavel

* Call to Worship: Psalm 103:1-5

* Invocation

* God's Greeting

* Opening Doxology: Gloria Patri (735)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

* Psalm of Praise: 76, *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven* (103)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 19 (790)

Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed (845)

Congregational Prayer

Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

* Hymn of Preparation: 457, *Come, Thou Fount*

* Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Mark 5:1-20

Sermon: *Rescued against Our Will* | no. 11 in series

Prayer of Application

* Hymn of Response: Insert, *Legion Was My Name by Nature*

* Benediction

* Closing Doxology: *Benediction*

**May the grace of Christ our Savior and the Father's boundless love,
with the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon us from above.
Thus may we abide in union with each other and the Lord,
and possess in sweet communion, joys which earth cannot afford.**

*Standing if Possible

PRAYER REQUESTS

Do you have item of prayer or praise you would like to share with our church family via the bulletin? If so, send them to Pastor Jonathan at jcruse@kalamazoopc.org, or fill out the prayer card found in the pew rack.

Our Church

- The weekly pulpit ministry: that Christ would be proclaimed as our only comfort in life and in death. For the leadership of CPC: that they may be granted humility, wisdom, and love in the task given to them. Our witness to the community: that we might bring more people in who do not know Christ, and be a light in this dark world. The effectiveness and growth of our regular ministries (prayer group, Bible studies, Sunday School).
- For Adam Cruse, Jonathan's brother, who was diagnosed with a chronic liver condition this week. Pray for effectiveness for the prescribed treatment.
- Pray for the employment needs of those in our congregation.
- Gillian Kilner as she spends time with her family in Oregon.
- For Jackie Vedders upcoming knee surgery.
- Expectant mother Melissa Bekius and baby.
- God's blessing on Nathon Meulenberg and Megan Eising during their engagement.
- Peace, strength, and wisdom for the McElvains as they continue the reunification process for Liam and Vanessa.
- Noah Taylor as he is away at college.

The Wider Church

- Pray for the Southern Baptist congregation in Southerland Springs, TX, as they mourn the brutal attack at their church last Sunday. Half of their congregation was murdered. Pray for the community as a whole, for the families of both the victims and the suspect, and that this church will hold firm to the truth of Christ.
- Christ Covenant OPC, Midland, MI. Pastor David Sarafolean (Rhonda). Praise God for Christ Covenant's incorporation into the OPC. Pray for their continued transition into our denomination.
- Pray for missionaries Woodie and Laurie Lauer as they are on furlough from Japan. Pray for their short term replacements, Cal and Edie Cummings. Pray vast need to bring the gospel to the 99 ½% of the nation that needs to hear the gospel. **More information on the work in Japan, and how you can be praying, is available on the bulletin board downstairs.**
- For our missionary families: The Westervelds in Quebec, the Hopps in Haiti, the Johnsons in Thailand, the Boris family in Kazakhstan, and the Jeromins in South America.
- For the Bible Study meeting at Calvin College led by the Noes and Klopfensteins, that many students would be drawn to this ministry, and that it might flourish into a church plant in the near future.
- David Nakhla, the OPC Disaster Response Coordinator. Pray for more volunteers to help serve in hurricane-ravaged areas.

The World

- Pray for peace and a stop to the senseless violence in our land.
- The recent attack in NYC.
- Our President and all elected officials: for wisdom, integrity, and justice. Pray they will seek divine guidance and strive to honor God's precepts and the gospel may be proclaimed in our land.
- Pray for reconciliation and unity in our nation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome to our visitors! We're glad you came to worship with us today, and our prayer is that you will be encouraged in the Lord by your time here. Please follow the bulletin to find all the congregational responses printed for your convenience.
- Today is our day of feasting! All visitors are encouraged to join us for our fellowship meal immediately following morning worship. A congregational meeting is scheduled for today immediately following the Fellowship Meal.
- **Bible Study is this Thursday at the Cruse household.** All are welcome! 818 Weaver Avenue, 7PM.
- We will gather as a church to celebrate the Lord's Supper with Fran Mejeur on November 19th at 2PM, at Park Village Pines. If you can join us, please contact Mary Alphenaar.
- Ladies, you are invited to two showers! **A baby shower for Melissa Bekius on Tuesday the 21st at 7pm, and a bridal shower for Megan Eising on Monday the 27th at 7pm. Both at the church.** Melissa is registered at Target and Walmart, but feel free to not follow the registry. Megan is registered at Amazon and Bed, Bath, & Beyond. Please let Renee know if you will be attending either by emailing her at rdanielleb3@gmail.com.
- **Interested in joining Community, or learning more about what we believe?** Next Sunday you are invited to attend a new 8-week Sunday school course taught by Pastor Cruse on the basics of the faith.
- The session is calling **a worship service on Thanksgiving Eve.** Join us at 7pm on Wednesday, Nov. 22nd, for a time of praising God through prayer and song.

LORD'S DAY

10:00 A.M.	Morning Worship
11:15 A.M.	Coffeetime
11:30 A.M.	Sunday School
6:00 P.M.	Evening Worship

NOV. BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1 Elena Taylor
13 David Post
16 Jim Post
20 Kevin Collison
26 Jim & Gayle Post

	11/12	11/19	11/26	12/3
Nursery AM:	Renee B. & Mark	Sarah G. & Chip	Hannah V. & Cecile	Jen T. & Elizabeth
Nursery PM:	Bethany P.	Michal M.	Mary A.	Cheryl P
Coffee Time:	A-I: Side Item & Set Up J-S: Main Dish & Clean Up T-Z: Dessert & Drinks	Gunst	Jackson	Kilner

Session Members

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