



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 Cruise leading and preaching in worship

Prelude

Preparatory Thought:

"Things put into the furnace properly can be shaped, refined, purified, and even beautified. This is a remarkable view of suffering, that if faced and endured with faith, it can in the end only make us better, stronger, and more filled with greatness and joy. Suffering, then, actually can use evil against itself. It can thwart the destructive purposes of evil and bring light and life out of darkness and death." - Timothy Keller

Welcome and Announcements

GOD CALLS US

* 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

* The 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.

* Hymn of Praise: 379, *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

GOD CLEANSSES US

Reading of God's Law

Prayer of Confession

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves; we have not always had in us the mind of Christ. We heartily repent of all our sins. Unworthy as we are, we humble ourselves before You. In Your mercy forgive us, grant us Your peace and the strength to keep Your laws and to follow Your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon: 1 Peter 3:18

*Standing if Possible

Acclamation of Praise: 1 Peter 1:3

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

* Hymn of Assurance: 450, *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

GOD CONSECRATES US

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

* Hymn of Preparation: 519, *I Asked the Lord*

* Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Genesis 32

Sermon: *Perfect Weakness* | no. 35 in series

Prayer of Application

* Hymn of Response: Insert, *I Could Not Do Without Thee*

GOD COMMISSIONS US

* Benediction

* Dismissal and Postlude

I Could Not Do Without Thee

1. I could not do without Thee,
 O Saviour of the lost!
Whose precious blood redeemed me,
 At such tremendous cost.
Thy righteousness, Thy pardon,
 Thy precious blood must be
My only hope and comfort,
 My glory and my plea!

2. I could not do without Thee!
 I cannot stand alone,
I have no strength or goodness,
 No wisdom of my own.
 But Thou, beloved Saviour,
 Art all in all to me;
And weakness will be power,
 If leaning hard on Thee.

3. I could not do without Thee!
 For oh! the way is long,
 And I am often weary,
 And sigh replaces song.
How could I do without Thee?
 I do not know the way;
Thou knowest and Thou ledest,
 And wilt not let me stray.

4. I could not do without Thee!
 For years are fleeting fast,
And soon, in solemn loneliness,
 The river must be passed.
 But Thou wilt never leave me,
And, though the waves roll high,
 I know Thou wilt be near me,
 And whisper, "It is I."

Frances Havergal, 1873
Tune: EWING

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 are the four "postures" of Jacob in this story?
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
3. What is the most important aspect of Jacob's prayer?
4. Who is the mysterious man that wrestles Jacob? Why does he wrestle him?
5. What is a weakness of yours that can cause you to glorify God?

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EVENING WORSHIP - 6PM

Mr. Bob Jackson leading and Pastor Cruse preaching in worship

Prelude

Preparatory Thought:

"God in His Son rules all things, but rules them in a twofold way. God rules the natural and social orders, even using ordinary human institutions as instruments. But as redeemer in Christ he bestows salvation upon a chosen people whom he rules through the ministry of the church." - David VanDrunen

Welcome & Announcements

* Call to Worship: Psalm 33

* Invocation

* God's Greeting

* Gloria Patri (572)

**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.**

* Hymn of Praise: 181, *Now Thank We All Our God*

* Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (851)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 2

Corresponding Psalm: 2B, *Why Do Heathen Nations Rage*

Congregational Prayer

Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

* Hymn of Preparation: 488, *May the Mind of Christ*

* Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Mark 12:13-17

Sermon: Whose Likeness? | no. 37 in series

* Hymn of Response: 502, *All for Jesus!*

* Benediction

* Dismissal and Postlude

*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@kalamazoocpc.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, etc).
- For our families: for strong marriages, wisdom in parenting, peace in the home, growth in holiness.
- For Elena Taylor to make a full recovery from her recent concussion.
- For Ben Post's and Erin Ackley's engagement
- Please pray for good health for Thema Bennett and Rod MacQuarrie.
- For Perry Westerman's brother, Rick, who was recently diagnosed with terminal brain cancer.
- For Tim Bero's brother, Jim, who has non-hodgkins lymphoma.
- For Pastor Cruse's brother, Adam, who will be receiving new tests, medication, and treatment through the Cleveland Clinic for his ongoing battle with Crohn's disease (this is unrelated to his scare last year regarding his liver).
- That God would strengthen our volunteers for Kid's Hope as they go into Woodward Elementary School and form relationships.
- Our sister Fran Mejeur, for comfort and clarity in her declining health.

The Wider Church

- For Grace OPC, Lansing, Pastor Stephen Pribble (Norma). Praise: For faithful pulpit supply by Rod Thole during their pastor's extended stay in Jerusalem, necessitated by a broken hip (from which, thankfully, he is recovering well), for harmony in their congregation, and for a smooth transition to the excellent new Trinity Psalter Hymnal. Prayer: For comfort for a widow whose husband died ten years ago this month, for wisdom for the session as it seeks to give good counsel to our people, and for the salvation of our covenant children and extended family members.
- For our missionary families: The Westervelds in Quebec, the Hopps in Haiti, the Johnsons in Thailand, the Jeromins in South America, and the Boris family in Kazakhstan.
- For our Christian brothers and sisters facing persecution around the world: Eritrea, North Korea, Iraq, Iran, Egypt, China, India, Pakistan, Myanmar, Nigeria, and many other countries.

The World

- Pray for those affected by Hurricane Michael, especially in Florida.
- Pray for Indonesia, as they are reeling from the earthquake, tsunami, and volcanic eruption that has claimed over 1400 lives so far.
- That justice and truth would win out in our country's political and governmental system.
- Pray for those recovering from Hurricane Florence here in the states.
- Pray for peace and unity in our country.
- Our President and all other elected officials.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome to our visitors! We are so pleased to have you with us and hope you are refreshed and encouraged by the good news of the gospel.
- Women's Bible study meets this Tuesday, Oct. 23rd at 7pm at the church.
- Summer editions of the church directory are still available in the narthex cabinet, but it's time for an update! Please give Michal any corrections or additions by hand, email (michal.mcelvain@gmail.com), or phone (269-492-7948). Thank you!
- Please join us as we worship our almighty God at a combined **Reformation Day Service** at 7pm on October 31 at Covenant United Reformed Church (3724 Lovers Lane). Refreshments and fellowship to follow after the service.
- We are thrilled to receive Chip Ybema as a professing, communicant member during the evening service on November 4th.
- Gideon Luke Verschoof's baptism is scheduled for Sunday evening, November 4th. Please join us for this joyful occasion in the life of our church!
- Join **Alternatives Pregnancy Center** for their Gala on Oct. 30th featuring Dr. Gary Chapman, author of "The 5 Love Languages." Visit www.alternativescc.org for more info.
- Reformed Heritage Christian School, 700 North Fletcher Avenue, invites preschoolers to our **Thursday Story Hours**. Each Story Hour morning will feature a story, craft, activities, music and snack based on the theme for the morning. Join us as we explore God's wonderful world! Children should be at least 3 years old and toilet trained. No cost for the morning. The next event is Thursday, Oct. 25th from 9:30-11am. For more information or to reserve your child's spot, call the school at 383-0505.

LORD'S DAY		OCT. BIRTHDAYS	
10:00 A.M.	Morning Worship	4 Kaoru Murai	4 Bryce & Melissa Beikus
11:15 A.M.	Coffeetime	10 Gregg Taylor	25 Jane Collison
11:30 A.M.	Sunday School	26 Jen Taylor	27 Sue MacQuarrie
6:00 P.M.	Evening Worship	27 Bill Hanley	

	10/21	10/28	11/4	11/11
Nursery AM:	Kelly Y. & Cecile	Bethany P.	Michal M. & Carien	Mary A.
Nursery PM:	Renee B.	Sarah G.	Hanna V.	Jen T.
Coffee Time:	K. Collison	Gunst	Jackson	Fellowship Meal

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