

New Era CRC ~ Sunday ~ February 21, 2021

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today!

As we gather together in response to our Lord's call to worship, may we hear His Word with gladness, respond with hearts of love and gratitude, and go forth from this place with renewed commitment to serve Him every day.

SCHEDULE

9:30AM - MORNING WORSHIP -The days are lengthening, it remains cold, the snow continues to fall, but Easter is only 6 weeks away. Yes, we have entered the season of Lent, a period of preparation and repentance leading p to Good Friday and Easter. Each Sunday of this Lenten season we will look at a question asked of Jesus or by Jesus in the days prior to his crucifixion and resurrection. Today's question in our "7 Q's" series is "Why This Waste?"

The cross in front of church is a Lenten Cross. Six candles will represent the six Sundays of Lent. Five purple candles will be lit at the beginning of Lent. The purple candles are the liturgical color for Lent season. Purple represents penance and preparation. The preparation follows practice during Lent and the sacrifice of Christ. One candle will be extinguished each week leading up to Palm Sunday. On Palm Sunday there will be a red candle as we near Good Friday and it represents the blood of Christ. On Easter a white candle will be lit to represent Christ's resurrection from the dead.

If you are at home and would like to join us in worship via live stream click on this link <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsJnzI7vpo5Hr9u3dxOULcA> after 9:20AM and you should be able to watch the service live. You should also be able to watch the service at a later time by clicking on the same link.

6:00PM - EVENING WORSHIP GATHERING

TEXT: Revelation 14

Reminder: The Evening Worship Gathering is held in the sanctuary in order to follow safe social distancing.

TUESDAY: 10.00AM - Coffeebreak at NERC

THURSDAY: 6:30PM - Classis Muskegon will meet.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Dennis Hughes is planning to have surgery on March 19 to remove the mass in his kidney. Pray that the mass is intact, and that the kidney does not need to be removed.

Shirley Van Drie is staying at her daughter's home and continues to grow weaker. Please keep Shirley and her family in prayer at this difficult time.

Margaret Amstutz had surgery to remove the blood clots from her legs and is recovering at her brothers home. Continue to pray for Margaret as she heals and waits to hear when her chemo treatments will resume.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A March/April 2021 TODAY Devotional is available on the table in the Narthex.

This Thursday Classis Muskegon will be meeting via a ZOOM session. Please pray for this meeting and all the churches in Classis Muskegon.

Please join us virtually, Saturday, March 13, from 6-8pm for The Fountain Hill Center's annual fundraiser, Laughing Matters. Purchase tickets for this event at: <https://fountainhillcenter.org/laughing-matters/>. A link to join the event will be included in an event box to be distributed the week of the event. Learn more about The Fountain Hill Center and participate in trivia questions sure to make you laugh. Prizes will be awarded to students who did artwork, a short story, or a video about "Why Laughing Matters." All money raised for the event goes toward providing low cost or free counseling services at The Fountain Hill Center's Lakeshore Counseling Office in Oceana County.

Deacon Report 2-7-21

Total offering - **\$3,560.00**

General Fund - \$3,051.00 Missions - \$409.00 Farmer's Market - \$100.00

Offering Schedule for February 2021

Today - General Fund **February 28** - Love INC

Order of Worship ~ Pastor Greg Dyk

Prelude

God Calls Us Into Worship

Welcome and Call to Worship

*Opening Song: **"Gather Us In"**

Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery, we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

*God Greets Us

*Songs of Praise: PsH#96:1, 2, 4 **"Sing Praise to the Lord, Sing His Praise"**
LUYH#607:1, 2 **"Beautiful one"**

God's Will for Our Life

To Give Thanks

Congregational Prayer

To Listen to His Word

Lenten Series: **"7 Q's"**

Scripture - Mark 14:1-11 Message: **"Why This Waste?"**

Prayer

*Song: **"I Surrender All"**

All to Jesus I surrender, All to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live.

REFRAIN: I surrender all, I surrender all. All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken, Take me, Jesus, take me now. (refrain)

All to Jesus I surrender, Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
May Thy Holy Spirit fill me, May I know Thy pow'r divine. (refrain)

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power, let thy blessing fall on me. (refrain)

To Go out and Serve

*God's Blessing

*Sending Song: **"My Friends, May you Grow in Grace"**

My friends, may you grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.
My friends, may you grow in grace, and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, Amen.

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