

Easter Sunday ~ Sunday, April 17, 2022

Order of Worship

Prelude
Opening Sentences

*Opening Song: ***Christ the Lord is Risen*** V. 1-5

*God's Greeting

*Songs: ***Come, People of the Risen King***
Low in the Grave Christ Lay V. 1-3

Prayer of Adoration

*Song: ***How Can I Keep From Singing***

Scripture Reading: **Acts 10:34-43**

Confession of Faith: **Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 17**

Children's Message (Children are dismissed for Children's Church)

*Song: ***Oh How Good is Christ the Lord***

Offering
Congregational Prayer

Scripture: **John 20: 1-18**

Sermon: **"The Empty Tomb"**

Prayer

*Song: ***I Serve a Risen Savior*** V. 1-3

Blessing
Doxology: ***To God Be the Glory***

Postlude

Happy Easter!

As Christians around the world celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, we join together with the whole body of Christ to proclaim to the world the great and mighty things God has accomplished for us in his Son, Jesus. Pastor John will be preaching on the Easter story from the gospel of John, a beautiful and intimate portrait of how Jesus breaks into our lives in ways that never cease to surprise us. May Jesus surprise you in this season with joy and hope in the promise he has secured for us by his death and resurrection!

A Note About our Flowers

Tulips are a symbol of the resurrection because even though they die and fall to the earth in the winter, in spring they rise up new! Tulips also come in many varieties of color, reflecting the splendor and glory of God's beautiful creating. Red signifies the blood of Christ shed on the cross for our sins. White signifies Christ's resurrection on the third day, life and forgiveness. Purple celebrates the royalty of Jesus Christ as the Son of God. Yellow signifies joy, new life, and new beginnings.

Evening Service

We will not be having an evening service tonight so that people can celebrate Easter with their families.

Next Sunday

The Sunday after Easter, we will be welcoming Pastor Jeffrey Hough from Angel Community Church in Muskegon to lead us in worship. Pastor John will be away on vacation with his family.

You Tube Link

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.

Offering Report - Sunday, April 10, 2022

Total Offering - \$2,120

Benevolence - \$20

Farmer's Market - \$187.50

Today's Offering – General Fund

Next Week – GEMS (National)



Early on the Sunday morning after the crucifixion Mary Magdalene and some other women found Jesus' tomb empty. Two angels told them of His resurrection.

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THIS WEEK:

TODAY:

Prayer Time in the council room at 8:59 am. Everyone welcome!
Nursery Providers – Janessa VanderVelde, Terri Langerak
After Morning Worship – Coffee and Fellowship
Cookies – Sarah Bofysil, Pete & Judy Staal

MONDAY: GEMS – Begins at 6:30 pm

TUESDAY: Coffeebreak – 9:30 am -11:15 a.m. at NERC
All ladies welcome!

NEXT WEEK:

SUNDAY:

Prayer Time in the council room at 8:59 am. Everyone welcome!
Nursery Providers – Mary Weesies, Margaret Bruinsma
Cookies – Jim & Ruth Prince, Dan & Sandy Whitaker
Evening Service – 6:00 pm

TUESDAY: Coffeebreak – 9:30 am -11:15 a.m. at NERC
All ladies welcome!

Prayer Requests

Please continue to uphold Dave and Rose Brace's great grandson, Jack in your prayers. Jack had brain surgery on April 14. Please continue to pray for his recovery.

Pray for Synod 2022: Synodical delegates, church leaders, and CRCNA members across the continent are praying for Synod 2022. Please join us! Prayer gatherings for synodical delegates are scheduled for April 27, May 11, and May 25. We will post prayer guides on **The Network** each time so that you can pray with us at a time that works for you as families, individuals, church councils, small groups, and others.

Announcements

Farmer's Market Update - We are beginning a returnable can and bottle fundraiser for the Farmer's Market. We will place the recycle bin in the coatroom for your donations. You can also contact Sandy Whitaker to make your donations. All of the money generated for the market is used for market needs. With everyone's help, we are able to serve our community. Volunteers are welcome and needed.

Gems Cookie Sale - The Gems group is selling cookie dough to raise money for camp. Orders are due at the end of the day on Monday, April 18. Click on this link to order <https://app.scoreboard.coach/s/SZP240391> Please support the NECRC GEMS program by making a purchase today. Thank you!

New Era Christian School - Are you interested in learning more about New Era Christian School for your child to attend school? Join us for NECS Impact Night on May 7 at 6:00 pm. It is a night to highlight and celebrate the impact NECS has made on students, alumni, staff, families, and the community. Dinner will be provided. Childcare is available for children three years old and older. For more information visit www.newerachristian.org. Please RSVP by May 3 by calling 231-861-5450 or office@newerachristian.org.

Unity Festival Information - The Unity Christian Music Festival will be held from August 10 -13 in Muskegon. Featured musical acts include Newsboys, Crowder, Matthew West and We Are Messengers. Tickets are available at a discounted rate for church families. Ticket sales will start on April 1. Please see Bekah Goodrich to sign up and purchase tickets. Money will be due by Sunday, May 22. Additional information is posted on the bulletin board.

Wedding Shower Luncheon - There will be a wedding shower luncheon for Anna Weesies and Jared Feyer on Sunday, May 1, following the church service. The congregation is invited to attend, the entire meal will be provided. Please RSVP to Betty TenBrink by April 24 or sign up on the sheet located by the mailboxes to ensure there is enough food prepared. There is a box for donations towards a gift in front of the mailboxes. Anna and Jared are also registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond, Target, and Amazon. Please contact Betty TenBrink with any questions.

Council Notes

- ~ Pastor reported on preaching, worship, visitation, and pastoral care.
- ~ Outreach and Search Committees are being formed.
- ~ Sandy Whitaker will be applying for a grant to add steps at the Farmer's Market.
- ~ Transfer papers were received from Agnes Joan Wybenga.
- ~ The Red Cross will list NECRC as a Disaster Shelter Site.

