

New Era CRC ~ Sunday ~ August 1, 2021

Welcome to all who are worshiping 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.

TODAY 9:30AM - MORNING WORSHIP

TODAY we again welcome Pastor Jeffrey Hough from Angel Community Church in Muskegon to our pulpit. Pastor Greg and Kay are out of town while Pastor Greg preaches for a vacant church that he has been talking with. We also have the privilege of having our missionaries **Pablo and Sheryl Canche** with us. They will share about their new ministry in Mexico.

Pastor Greg will be back in the office on Tuesday.

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. **We will be using our outdoor worship area as weather allows during the summer months, at this time live streaming is not available with outdoor worship.**

"**Let the Little Children Come to Me...**" Due to COVID our nursery is currently closed; but our upper room has been set aside to accommodate for families with infants and active children. As always the main sanctuary (worship center) is open to all who prefer.

There will be NO EVENING WORSHIP gathering today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week Sunday, August 8, we will celebrate Communion at the Lord's Table. Please spend time in preparation this week so your heart and soul are ready to receive this sacrament of love and grace.

Covenant Plan: We have received enough Faith Promises to get to 80% of the tuition cost and activate the Covenant Plan for the 21/22 School year. Thank you for your support! We still need more Faith Promises to get to 100%. If you plan to make a Faith Promise please do so now so we don't forget! If you have any questions, or want to help please contact Bob Bush at 231-301-2152, or talk to a Deacon.

Thank You!

Love INC is looking for a Thrift Store Manager. If you are interested please contact Dennis Foley at 561-762-5447.

Offering Report - July 25, 2021

Total Offering - \$4,301.00

General Fund - \$4,140.00 Love INC - \$161.00

TODAY'S Offering - General Fund

Offering Schedule for August 2021

August 8 Personal Care Pantry

August 22 - Missions

August 15 - General Fund

August 29 - Love INC

Order of Worship ~ Pastor Jeffrey Hough

Prelude

God Calls Us Into Worship

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Song: PsH#95:1, 3 **"Now with Joyful Exultation"**

Now with joyful exultation let us sing to God our praise; to the Rock of our salvation loud hosannas let us raise. Thankful tribute gladly bringing, let us come before him now, and, with psalms his praises singing, joyful in his presence bow.

To the Lord, such might revealing, let us come with reverence meet, and, before our Maker kneeling, let us worship at his feet. he is our own God who leads, we the people of his care; with a shepherd's hand he feeds us as his flock in pastures fair.

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Praise: PsH#267: **"And Can It Be"**

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his pain- for me, who caused his bitter death? Amazing love! how can it be that you, my Lord, should die for me?

REFRAIN: Amazing love! How can it be that you, my Lord, should die for me?!

He left his Father's throne above-- so free, so infinite his grace-- emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race! What mercy this, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me! (refrain)

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night. Your sunrise turned that night to day; I woke- the dungeon flamed with light! My chains fell off, your voice I knew; I rose, went out, and followed you. (refrain)

No condemnation now I dread, for Christ, and all in him, is mine! Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine, bold I approach the eternal throne and claim the crown, through Christ, my own. (refrain)

PsH#379: **"What Wondrous Love"**

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

When I was sinking down, sinking, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM- while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing, and through eternity I'll sing on.

Mission Moment - Pablo and Sheryl Canche

To Give Thanks

Congregational Prayer

Song: PsH#568: **"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee with thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

To Listen to His Word

Children's Bible Time

Scripture - John 3:1-3

Message: **"A Christmas Story in August"**

Prayer

Song: **"Not all the Outward Forms on Earth"**

Not all the outward forms on earth, nor rites that God has giv'n, nor will of man, nor blood, nor birth, can raise a soul to heav'n. The sov'reign will of God alone creates us heirs of grace born in the image of His Son, a new, peculiar race.

The Spirit, like some heav'nly wind, blows on the sons of flesh, new models all the carnal mind, and forms the man afresh. Our quickened souls awake, and rise from the long sleep of death; on heav'nly things we fix our eyes, and praise employs our breath.

To Go Out and Serve

*God's Blessing

*Sending Song: **"Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow"**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and holy Ghost. A-men.

