

# ***New Era CRC ~ Sunday ~ February 28, 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** - This season of Lent we are reflecting on "7 Q's" asked of Jesus or by him the week leading to the cross. This week's question is asked by his disciples at the Last Supper with Jesus. Jesus has shared that one of them would betray him and with sadness and fear they asked, "**Surely, Not I Lord?**" This is a question all of us can ask, but we already know the answer to the question.

**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 15**

**Join us in a time of Prayer, Praise and Listening to God's Word.**

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

**TUESDAY: 10.00AM** - Coffeebreak at NERC

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We express our sympathy** to the family, friends, and loved ones of Shirley Van Drie. Shirley entered her eternal home on Saturday, February 20 and her funeral was held on Wednesday, February 24.

### **Dear NECRC Congregation,**

As some of you know I have been having tests done for what I thought was a kidney infection or possibly a pulled muscle in my side. After an ex-ray, ultra sounds and finally a CT scan my Dr. determined that I have Renal Cell Carcinoma (kidney cancer). I have decided to have the surgery to only remove the tumor, which is less than half the size of my kidney, via an operation called a partial nephrectomy. That should leave me with a partially functioning kidney on the left side. My surgery is on March 19 at Lemmen-Holton Cancer Pavilion at Spectrum Health Center in G.R. My surgery is about 3-4 hours long and I should be home within 4 days. The surgery is done robotically thru 6 incisions in my abdomen. Recovery takes about 6 weeks. Rebecca has been living with me since my heart issue and Hanna has been running the store leaving me time for rehab and healing. There should be no need for chemo or radiation after the surgery, unless it's spread. At this point it looks like it is just in the left kidney. I have been staying close to home and trying to stay healthy. I miss attending NECRC and often think of the great friends we have there. Dennis Hughes

**As you know** COVID has altered the way we do many things in church, work, and life in general. On Saturday we experienced one of these changes when Evan and Kate Eilers presented their infant son, Miles Christian for baptism. They, their parents, and immediate family came together around the baptismal font to witness and celebrate God's Covenant Promise. You as a congregation are encouraged to send a note of love and support since you were unable to do so in a public service.

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

**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 2-21-21**

Total offering - **\$1,998.00**

General Fund - \$1,943.00    Benevolence - \$55.00

### **Offering Schedule for February 2021**

**Today - February 28 - Love INC**

## Order of Worship ~ Pastor Greg Dyk

Prelude

### God Calls Us Into Worship

Welcome and Call to Worship

\*Opening Song: PsH#63:1, 2     **"O Lord, My God Most Earnestly"**

\*God Greet Us

\*Songs of Praise:                     **"Majesty"**

Majesty, worship His majesty. Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.  
Majesty, worship His majesty; Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

### **"One Generation Will Call to the Next"**

We will extol you, God and King and bless your holy name.

Day after day we'll sing your praise, forever and forever.

REFRAIN: One generation will call to the next: "Our God is good, and his hand is strong!" All of the world sings his marvelous acts, and our voice will join with theirs in the song.

Great is the Lord! In all his ways he's greatly to be praised.

Were we to search for endless days, his greatness none could fathom. (refrain)

God's Will for Our Life

Song of Confession: LUYH#607:1, 2     **"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"**

Assurance of Pardon

### To Give Thanks

Congregational Prayer

### To Listen to His Word

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

Scripture - Matthew 26:14-30

Message: **"Surely, Not I Lord?"**

Prayer

\*Song: LUYH#742:1, 2, 3, 4     **"Will You Come and Follow Me"**

### To Go out and Serve

\*God's Blessing

\*Sending Song: LUYH#742:5     **"Will You Come and Follow Me"**





