

New Era CRC ~ Sunday ~ April 25, 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

TODAY 9:30AM - MORNING WORSHIP

We have entered a study of "Peter the Rock (Formation)." God is continually shaping and forming us into his likeness. It all begins with a firm foundation. In Jerusalem the temple was built on top of bedrock, still visible today. Today as we begin our study of 1 Peter, he gives us the bedrock for our formation. It is an inheritance, by faith in Christ, that gives us a living hope in a hopeless world.

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.

Our Nursery is currently closed due to the COVID pandemic. We welcome your little ones to be present in the service; however, the upper room is available if you desire a quiet space with your children. The service is broadcast on the TV in that room.

6:00PM - EVENING WORSHIP GATHERING

TEXT: Revelation 22

Join us for a time of Prayer, Praise, and Listening to God's Word!

TUESDAY 10:00AM: Coffeebreak - NERC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The large Lilies in back of church have at least 3 bulbs per pot. If you are interested in purchasing one or more, we are selling them for \$5.00 each. This will help to offset the cost. They can be planted outdoors and will bloom midsummer. The small plants are at no cost.

Today is Compassion Sunday around the world. Compassion International allows children in poverty to have hope for a brighter future by providing education, spiritual development, and assistance with food and hygiene items as needed. We have a table in the narthex. Please stop by and adopt a child. Psalm 72:4. Help to defend the poor and rescue the children of the needy.

New Era Christian School is on the search for someone who loves Jesus, loves 5th/6th aged kids, and has the necessary credentials and skills to be the teacher of their 5th/6th-grade classroom. If you or someone you know is interested, please email Phil Morse a resume at pmorse@newerachristian.org.

I don't know if you noticed the new bottle/can and trash ergo cans outside Pastor Greg's study last Sunday? We submitted a wish to the Community Foundation last fall and it was funded by the Happy Farmer in Muskegon. We supplemented this funding with Vendor fees we have received. We want to implement a recycling program at the market that will make us more environmentally friendly. We think the ergo cans can also serve as a new source of funding for the market. If you would like to participate, bring in your returnable cans and bottles to donate to the market from now until September. Sandy Whitaker

We are looking for an individual or individuals to lead our **GEMS** group. If anyone is interested please contact Mark Weesies or Todd Goodrich.

Remember to pick up a May/June TODAY Devotional. They are available on the table by Pastor Greg's study.

Offering Report - April 18, 2021

Total Offering - \$4,248.00

General Fund - \$3,768.00 Cadets Local - \$275.00

Vermaire's- \$100.00 Farmer's Market - \$105.00

TODAY'S Offering - General Fund

Order of Worship ~ Pastor Greg Dyk

Prelude

God Calls Us Into Worship

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Song: ***"Here I Am to Worship"***

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see. Beauty that made this heart adore you, hope of a life spent with you.

REFRAIN: Here I am to worship; here I am to bow down; here I am to say that you're my God. You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above. Humbly you came to the earth you created, all for love's sake became poor. (refrain)

I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. (refrain)

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Praise: ***"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"***

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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PsH#232: ***"You Are Worthy"***

God's Will for Our Life

To Give Thanks

Ministry Moment - Compassion International

Song of Response: PsH#545:1, 2, 3 ***"Make Me A Channel of Your Peace"***

Congregational Prayer

To Listen to His Word

Scripture - 1 Peter 1:1-12

Message: ***"The Foundational Formation"***

Prayer

*Song: PsH#287:1, 2, 3, 4 ***"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"***

To Go out and Serve

*God's Blessing

*Sending Song: ***"We Receive Your Blessing"***

We receive your blessing; we receive your grace,
as we walk in the light shining from your face.
May the peace that you give change the way that we live.
We receive your blessing as we leave this place.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, you heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and praise the Holy Ghost. (repeat)
We receive your blessing as we leave this place.

