



## **Communion Sunday**

May 13, 2018

### **WE GATHER IN UNITY**

GATHERING SONG *The Storm is Passing Over*, Chorale

WELCOME & GOD'S GREETING

MINISTRY MOMENT Mel Veldman

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*SONGS OF PRAISE *Oh, For a Thousand Tongues*  
*10,000 Reasons*

READING 1 Peter 2:4-10 Rachel Arndt

PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN

### **WE GROW IN GRACE**

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD Christian Education Fund

OFFERTORY *How Can I Keep from Singing*, Chorale

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

### **WE GROW IN KNOWLEDGE**

\*SONG OF PREPARATION *A Mighty Fortress*

SCRIPTURE Nehemiah 1:1-3 (pew Bible, page 383)

SERMON **Rebuilding**

### **WE ARE NURTURED TO EXTEND**

THE LOVE FEAST (THE LORD'S SUPPER)

\*SONG *My Life is In Your Hands*, Chorale

### **WE GO IN PEACE TO LOVE & SERVE**

\*GOD'S BLESSING

\*CLOSING PRAISE *You Never Let Go*

\*POSTLUDE *How Great Thou Art*, Chorale

*\*Indicates to stand if you are able*

Preacher Rev. Nicholas Hopkins  
Musicians Shawnee Chorale, Barb Banaszak, Jeiel Burrell,  
Phil Van Eck, Nate Jen, Claire Banaszak

Welcome to Shawnee Park! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us, and we pray God will bless your time here. If you are a guest, please stop by the Connection Center before you leave.

This morning, we will watch as Nehemiah boldly steps forward to lead God's people to rebuild what was broken. We will remember and receive God's grace through the sacrament of Communion as we celebrate the Love Feast. We will also remember and celebrate Mother's Day, our graduates, and our volunteers. Next week, as we participate in a Global Mission Celebration, Rev. Bill Van Tol will open God's Word with us as we explore the Mystery of the Gospel (Colossians 2:1-3). We will remember and celebrate the work of our missionary partners.

### **CONCERNS & PRAISES**

- As we celebrate Mothers' Day, we remember the joy and the pain that this day brings for many.
- Congratulations to all of our graduates! We celebrate what the Lord is doing in your lives as well as the mile markers you have reached. Know that you are loved!
- Also, on this day of celebration and end of program year, we want to thank all the volunteers who selflessly give as we pursue God's work in this place.
- After the morning service the congregation will be asked to ratify the following slate of Office Bearers: Bill Van Tol (Elder of Worship); LeRae Kuperus (Elder of Pastoral Care; PCE Chair); Becky Boerman (Pastoral Care Elder); Mary Abbott (Pastoral Care Elder); and Angelina Mennega (Deacon). Contact Cal Van Reken or John Roels with comments or questions prior to the vote.
- **MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH:** This month, we pray for Gil and Joyce Suh as they work with CRWM in Cambodia. This week, pray for the leaders who the Suhs train, since many of these leaders have little to no Christian support otherwise.

## CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

### ▪ SUNDAY SCHOOL/ADULT EDUCATION:

After another wonderful year of learning and growing together, it is time to take a break from the formal program for the summer. Today, Sunday School classes will be gathering with their teachers to talk about what they've learned over the year, perhaps some steps they can take over the summer, and spend some time in prayer together. We are asking the adults to do the same! Our adult education time will be a review of all the wonderful speakers and discussions we've had this year, what we have learned, and where God is leading!

### ▪ HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OPPORTUNITY:

Shawnee Park is volunteering for Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, May 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The work will be light construction and trim carpentry. Up to 10 people can participate. You can sign up at the Connection Center or contact Nate Jen nathanjen514953@gmail.com or (616) 350-5944 to learn more.

### ▪ COUNCIL & MINISTRY RETREATS ON JUNE 9:

Incoming and Outgoing Council and Committee members are all welcome and encouraged to come! Both retreats will take place at Calvin's Prince Conference Center. The Council Retreat will start with breakfast at 8 AM and the Ministry Retreat will start with lunch at noon. Watch for an RSVP opportunity to come.

### SAVE THE DATES:

- **June 10:** The church picnic will be held at the Manhattan Park pavillion in East Grand Rapids, starting at 5:30 p.m.

CALENDAR: 2018 MAY	
<b>Sun 13</b> <i>Mother's Day</i>	8:40 AM College & Career Breakfast 9:30 AM <b>Morning Service</b> <b>Communion</b> Offering: Christian Education Nursery, Children's Worship 11:45 AM Congregational meeting 11:00 AM Sunday School 5:00 PM Youth Group / Young Teens
<b>Tues 15</b>	6:30 PM Pastoral Care Elders 7:00 PM Administrative Elders 7:00 PM Deacons 8:15 PM Council
<b>Wed 16</b>	5:30 PM Worship Planning 6:30 PM Worship Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chorale
<b>Thurs 17</b>	4:00 PM Classis Grand Rapids East at Plymouth Heights
<b>Sun 20</b> <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	9:30 AM <b>Morning Service</b> <b>Global Missions Celebration</b> <i>Guest Preacher: Rev. Bill Van Tol</i> Offering: Resonate Global Missions Nursery, Children's Worship
<b>Wed 23</b>	5:30 PM Worship Planning
<b>Sun 27</b>	9:30 AM <b>Morning Service</b> Offering: Ministry Fund Nursery, Children's Worship
<b>Mon 28</b>	Memorial Day – Office Closed
<b>Tues 29</b>	7:00 PM Education Committee
<b>Wed 30</b>	5:30 PM Worship Planning



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