

Preaching: Pastor Ken Baker

Sermon Notes*Welcome*

Responsive Reading

*\*Songs: Now With Joyful Exultation**We Will Extol You God and King*

Congregational Prayer

*\*Songs: Shout to the Lord**How Great is Our God*

Offering

Scripture: Psalm 82

Message: **Rise Up, O God***\*Song : Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah**\*Song: To God Be the Glory*

## Offerings

**General Fund:** Monies for general church operating expenses.

## Church Announcements

**Pastor Ken Baker** will be preaching for us this morning. Over the course of his pastoral career, he has served four churches, the first three in Canada, then at Third CRC of Kalamazoo for the remaining 26 years of his career. Since retiring, he does contract work with The Colossian Forum as well as Vocational/Life.

**Member of the Week** | Our member of the week will be someone who does not regularly attend our church services. We want them to feel connected to our church family. You can connect by praying for them, sending a card or note, phone call, or a visit. Our member of the week is **Sally Smith**

**Special Collection** | For the month of July, we will have a special collection for Parkview Adult Foster Care Home. Churches in Zeeland Classis are asked to give a \$2,000 yearly contribution to support Parkview. The special offering container will be on the table in the back of church.

**Cookie Sign-Up** | Cookie sign-up sheets are in the back of church. If you don't bake, you can always buy cookies! We appreciate any help with this!

## Care and Prayer

**Calling Elder | Calling Elder** | In need of prayer or a visit? Wes VanderLugt is the Calling Elder for July. His phone number is 616.836.8054.

**Prayers for Council and First** | Please continue to pray for Council and 1st Church as we seek God's direction for our future. May His plans be made clear to us. "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

**Pastor Bernie's** surgery was successful this past Monday. He was able to return home Tuesday evening. He was feeling well and getting up and moving around. He will have a physical therapist come a few days for a couple weeks. He appreciates and thanks the congregation for all the prayers.

On July 28, **Aldajeane Oshier** will be going to The Spine Center for reevaluation of her hip and back. Please pray for the doctors to help find a cause and treatment for her constant pain.

## Church Calendar

**Church Breakfast** | August 5, 9:00 AM at Russ' Eastown. Sign up is in the back of church. Anyone is invited, let's continue to have a great turnout!

## Community Announcements

**Unfading Truth** | The gospel is proclaimed to all people. Many reject it, but those whom God has chosen find it **irresistible**. Learn more about how your election makes grace irresistible as we read the Bible together each weekday at UnfadingTruth.com. Text **JOIN** to 833-273-2136 for a daily reminder.

**Grant Me Hope** | Help Grant Me Hope find forever homes for foster children and have fun doing it! "Fairways Fore Hope," a golf outing, will take place on Friday, Aug. 8, at 3 Fires Golf Course, 6045 136<sup>th</sup> Ave., Holland. Find more information and how to register at [grantmehope.org](http://grantmehope.org), then click "events." All proceeds will be used to support foster children who have either aged out and need housing and those who hope to be adopted. You may email [info@grantmehope.org](mailto:info@grantmehope.org) for more information or the registration form as well.

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** | As a part of his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus told the disciples, "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" (Matt. 6:26, NIV). Spend some time this week watching birds. Go on a hike near a body of water, put a bird feeder in your backyard, or simply watch for birds as you travel throughout your day. As you observe these creatures, be reminded of God's care and provision. Make a list of the ways God provides for you daily. Place it somewhere in your home where it can serve as a daily reminder of God's care for you. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)