



April 8, 2018

# CHRIST WE PROCLAIM!

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THE NAME ABOVE EVERY NAME!

for all creation,  
every nation,

**God's salvation  
through the Son!**

"For the Cause"

By Keith & Kristyn Getty  
& Stuart Townend

*"A Story Worth Telling"*

John 21:1-19

# Here's What to Expect Today

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## **Welcome & Greeting**

*say 'hi!' to someone*

## **Praise & Worship**

*we sing together*

#361 "Worship Christ, The Risen King" (vs. 1,2,5)

#375 "Jesus Shall Reign"

## **Hope Church News**

*we bring you up to speed on coming events*

## **Prayer**

*we believe God hears our prayers*

## **Choir**

"Sanctuary/Total Praise"

## **Giving**

*to be thankful, help others, and pay the bills  
if you're new, your gift to us is your presence*

## **Message**

"A Story Worth Telling"

John 21:1-19 (pg. 769)

## **Communion**

if you profess Jesus as your Lord and Savior,  
you are welcome to the table

## **Prayer & Worship**

*we pray & sing as we reflect on the message*

"For the Cause"

# Sermon Notes

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## **“A Story Worth Telling”**

John 21:1-19 (pg. 769)

1. What makes a good story?

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2. God uses \_\_\_\_\_ people to do the \_\_\_\_\_.

criteria: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Examples of wanting to go back:

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4. Following Christ isn't about being \_\_\_\_\_

5. How do we live a story worth telling? By \_\_\_\_\_.

- Growth:
- Conflict:
- Cast of characters:

After service, please join us for cookies and  
Water Street Coffee in the Fellowship Hall!

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## **I'M NEW!**

Welcome to Hope Church! We are so grateful to have you with us in worship today! We invite you to fill out the Contact Card in the pew and bring it to the Connection Center for a gift!

If you're interested in learning more about Hope and its various ministries, stop by the Connection Center where you can speak with a Connection Team member (with a blue name-tag) and they'd be happy to answer any questions you may have!

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## **TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS**

<b>GREETERS</b>	Steve & Mieneke Thomas
<b>ELDER GREETERS</b>	Angie Vreeman, Mike Klepser, Steve Hellenga, Scott Poehlman
<b>USHERS</b>	Steve Hellenga, Jack DeYoung, Denny Collison
<b>NURSERY</b>	Dara Bosker, Amelia VanderMeer, Kenna Durian
<b>CONNECTION TEAM</b>	Randy Vreeman, Al Apotheker, Susan Williams, Larry Gillam

## **PRAYERS AND PRAISES**

If you have a prayer concern or answer to prayer that you would like to share, please fill out the green Prayer Card found in the pews and place it in the box at the Connection Center.

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

- Today**
- Choir Practice, 8:15 a.m. (choir sings)
  - Worship with Pastor Kevin, 9:30 a.m.
  - No Sunday School, Spring Break
  - Journey High, 5 - 7 p.m.
- Tuesday**
- Ruth Circle, 1 p.m. (at the Moore's)
  - Pastor Kevin on vacation through 4/13
- Wednesday**
- Prayer Group, 9:30 a.m.
  - Journey Mid, 6 - 7 p.m.
- Friday**
- Red Cross Blood Drive, 12 noon - 5:45 p.m.
- Next Sunday**
- Worship with Pastor Dan, 9:30 a.m.
  - Mission of the Month: Wycliffe Bible Translators
  - Sunday School, 10:50 a.m.
  - Journey High , 5 - 7 p.m.
  - Deposit Due for Journey Mission Trip, \$50
- Coming Up...*
- *Young at Heart, 4/17 at 11:30 a.m.*
  - *Deacon Meeting, 4/17 at 6 p.m.*
  - *Consistory Meeting, 4/17 at 7 p.m.*

**NEW:** We invite you to check out our 'Notes from Friends' board right outside the sanctuary for notes of thanks, updates and cards from those near to our congregation.

### **Giving Report for April 1, 2018**

<b>General/Mission Fund</b>	<b>\$ 10,533.00</b>
<b>Needed Weekly</b>	<b>\$ 7,035.60</b>
<b>Mortgage Retirement</b>	<b>\$ 3,350.00</b>
<b>Still Needed Before April 15</b>	<b>\$ 1,228.85</b>

## **RUTH CIRCLE**

Circle will meet on Tues., April 10 at 1 p.m. at the home of Loretta Moore. They will work on lesson 10. All are invited!

## **LEND A HAND...**

The Congregational Care Team is looking for volunteers to assist in meeting the needs of our church family. If you can occasionally provide a meal, transportation to an appointment, help with house cleaning/laundry, yard work, occasionally baby sit, offer pet care, or have other 'skills' you can share, please fill out the "Interest/Care Network" card in the pew and drop it in the offering plate or box at the Connection Center.

## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

A Special Sunday Adult Class is scheduled for Sunday, April 15 at 10:50 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Dan will do a brief presentation entitled "Understanding Millennials to Reach Them." This will be followed by a panel of "younger" Hope members who will be sharing their thoughts and feelings regarding our church and its ministry, as well as their hopes and dreams for its future. You are encouraged to set aside an hour for this critically important dialogue that you won't want to miss.

## **YOUNG AT HEART**

Young at Heart will meet next month at Old Mill Brewpub in Plainwell (717 West Bridge Street) on Tuesday, April 17 for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Sign up at the lobby table to join the fun!

## **PRAYER SUMMIT**

A West Michigan Prayer Summit will be held on April 20 and 21, at Hillside Community Church in Grand Rapids. Go to [join-prayersummit.org](http://prayersummit.org) for a preview. Cost is \$25 per person.

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

We need your help! Hope will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, April 13th from 12–5:45 p.m. We will need volunteers to help with registration and with the canteen. There are two shifts, 12–2:45 and 2:45–5:15. Please see the bulletin board on the way to the Fellowship Hall to sign up! Thank you!

## THANK YOU CHOIR!

Today is the choir's last performance for the 2017–2018 season. Thank you to Sara Poehlman for her faithful leadership and to the choir for leading us in worship!

## JOURNEY NEWS

### JOURNEY MID: 6-8TH GRADE/ JOURNEY HIGH: 9-12TH GRADE

**Though Midweek has come to an end for the year, Journey Mid will continue to meet on Wednesdays through the end of May!** We will be meeting from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. every other week. The dates are as follows:

April 11 - "More than Words" Pts. 3 & 4

April 25 - "God, Guys, & Girls" Pt. 1

May 9 - "God, Guys, & Girls" Pt. 2

May 23 - "God, Guys, & Girls" Pt. 3

May 30 - Party!



**Journey High is heading on a mission trip to Detroit July 1–5!** We will be working with an organization called CSM (City Service Mission) which provides a completely safe and engaging opportunity for our students to serve in a meaningful way. This trip is open to incoming freshman through seniors. A \$50 deposit is due to Pastor Kevin by April 15th to reserve a spot! Much more info to come, but please contact Kevin with any questions!

## OUR MISSION

*We are a community of believers called to live like Jesus, share his transforming love with our neighbors, and boldly proclaim salvation through Christ alone.*

## OUR VISION

*Equipping believers to grow Christ's Church and bring hope to the world.*

## Connect With Us!

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