



**APRIL 26, 2020**

To the church in Diaspora due to the Corona Virus, greetings from Pastor Jake & Kris Porter, our family and all of the church here in Hudsonville and elsewhere.

May we worship together today, April 26, wherever social distancing finds us.

Please gather on Facebook live or Zoom at 9:30 am to listen to a sermon and to have a time of prayer and then you can follow the rest of this liturgy in your home

**Pledging our Allegiance:**

Hear O People of God. The Lord is our God! The Lord alone. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. And love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

**Time of Teaching:**

Our scripture passage for today is Matthew 22.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+22&version=NIV>

YouTube link to the passage enacted:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G7zQxEZLq4E>

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If you are on Zoom, stick around to receive the blessing.

## Prayer & Scripture:

Please do this in your home

### Prayer

Lord, as we gather together, may you be active & present, hearing our cries & prayers.

May we hear you in a new and different way, now that our daily lives are so different.

You are good, Lord and your love endures forever, your faithfulness to all generations.

Bless us and help us be your hands and feet, the very Body of Christ. Amen.

### Psalm 126

*A song of ascents.*

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of [a] Zion, we were like those who dreamed. [b]

2 Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy.

Then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

3 The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

4 Restore our fortunes, [c] LORD, like streams in the Negev.

5 Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.

6 Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow,  
will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.

## Time of Singing & Praise

Please feel free to sing along with the play list that was created, or sing some of your favorite hymns or songs. Sing sitting or standing or kneeling. And know that the God who created you is present and rejoices in the praises of His people.

Spotify Playlist:

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2bgbk2G4llopcWu62u7lvX?si=UfH9yiw4T4y6kLgu2FGFDA>

Lord I need You is Kristin VanSolkema's favorite song.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CWGKZJb7GobWkzTQDs-eGF6r2IfTEe3X/view?usp=sharing>

### **Confession + Assurance:**

Take a few moments to confess to God the good and bad of this past week. It was hard and you probably didn't respond as God calls us to at points. Tell God, silently or aloud how much you need Him in this time of uncertainty and fear.

Assurance in Scripture:

#### **Psalm 86:15**

*But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God,  
slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.*

### **Time of Prayer:**

Please also use the prayer prompts from previous weeks if you feel so led.

Prayers of God's People during COVID-19 written by Rev. Larry Doornbos

God who stills the waters and quiets the storm,  
God who lets not a hair of our heads fall without your knowledge,  
God who brings sight to the blind and words to quieted tongues,  
God who created the earth and all that is in it,  
God who teaches the foolish and strengthens the wise,  
God who promises a coming day  
when there will be no more mourning or crying or pain,  
when death will pass away,  
when all things will be made new:

Bring healing to our world, to our neighbors, and to us.  
Bring wisdom so we may honor you and bring glory to you in these days of plague.

Bring strength so we may rejoice in your love.  
Bring patience that is grounded in actively living in your ways.  
Bring hope that is rooted in your good news of shalom.  
Bring grace and calm to us so we may bring grace and calm to others.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

### **A Blessing:**

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nxn6tmVSljU>