



MAKING THE KINGDOM OF GOD REAL AND VISIBLE

### Encounters with Jesus:

#### Jesus, The Centurion, and the Widow

We will all come to a moment where we feel that we're out of options. That moment is usually full of desperation and questions. It's not uncommon for us to turn to God in these moments. Two questions we may feel when we turn to God in these moments are the same questions the Centurion and the Widow had: Is God able to help me and does he care? We'll discuss those questions and how the answer affects our lives this morning.

Text: Luke 7:1-17

Message by Pastor Arek O'Connell

Offering Today: Young Lives of SW Grand Rapids

sermon notes

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### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### Sunday, March 31

9:30 & 11:00 am Stepping Stones  
4:00 pm Communal Reading of Scripture

#### Monday, April 1

6:30 pm Hand2Hand packing

#### Tuesday, April 2

7:00 pm Women in the Word

#### Wednesday, April 3

6:30 am Open Prayer Time

#### Thursday, April 4

6:30 am Men's Group  
9:30 am Moms Connect

#### Friday, April 5

#### Saturday, April 6

### WELCOME!

March 31, 2019

We are so glad to have you as our guest today and would love to be able to serve you. If you have questions or would like more information, please visit our Welcome Center in the lobby.

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Hillside will increasingly become a community where the kingdom of God is real and visible in every aspect of our lives. Living out the reality of the values and priorities of the Kingdom of God means at least that.

## Community Reminders

**Kids Rock** for grades 1-5 will not be meeting on Sunday, March 31 and Sunday, April 7. Kids Rock will resume on Sunday, April 14.

### **LENT Prayer Stations: Sunday, April 14 - Friday, April 19**

Lent prayer stations will be set up in the prayer room to guide you in a time of reflection on who Jesus is and what that means in your life. Jolene DeHeer has created this Lenten experience. Come and spend 45 minutes in quiet reflection to prepare your heart for this Holy Season. A Sign-Up Genius is available on Hillside's website to reserve a spot. You may also call or email Shar Karsten to reserve a spot. shkarsten@gmail.com

**Our Good Friday** worship service will be on April 19, 6:30 pm.

**Communal Reading of Scripture** will meet again this afternoon with John DeJager in the library from 4:00—5:00 pm.

**The Inside Hillside**, our April newsletter, is in your church mailbox today.

**Hillside email** - We are happy that our email is once again up and running.! Thanks for your patience the last two weeks.

**Easter Flower Sale:** Once again we will be taking orders for Easter flowers in commemoration of your loved ones or to celebrate the risen Christ. Look for the basket with order blanks in it, fill it out and return it with a check made out to Hillside. The order deadline is April 9. Flowers will be available on Good Friday & Easter.

**Craft / Scrapbook party:** Ladies, join us in the back building on Friday, April 12, from 5:30—11:00 for our next craft & scrapbooking event. Feel free to bring a friend! Please sign up on the sign up sheets, or by sending an email to mdevries1981@gmail.com or call the church office, 698-0122.

**Hand2Hand:** There is a new list in your mailbox for items needed during the month of April. (Canned veggies, pasta, taco shells, black or pinto beans, and applesauce). Donations can be dropped off to the tubs under the mailboxes. We are always looking for help with packing the back packs each week on Mondays, 6:30-7:30pm. For more information or to volunteer to help, contact Carley (cbyron93@gmail.com)

**The Project Deacons** invite and encourage members of Hillside to participate in the annual Access of Grand Rapids Walk for Good Food (formerly called the Hunger Walk) which takes place on May 5 beginning at Park Church (10 East Park Place NE) in GR at 1:30 pm. Please check the information booth in the foyer for an informational flyer. The Walk brings organizations and individuals together to bring awareness of the work happening in our community to address food access and poverty. The Pantry, an organization we support financially is one of the recipients of the funds raised through this walk. Please register through the Access website, <http://accessofwestmichigan.org/walk/> by March 31. Or you can just show up and walk!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Our sympathy is expressed to **Mark and Sue Tamminga** and their family on the recent passing away of Lyda Tamminga.

Please pray for **Rich Iwema** who is in Blodgett Hospital with pneumonia. He is doing a little better and the hope is that he will heal completely to go home and not need rehab.

**Laurie Isbell** remains in St. Mary's but was able to leave the ICU. Pray for healing for her.

Please keep **Chuck Quist** in your prayers as he is facing some health challenges.

**Jack Bergmans** received good news that the cancer on his kidney was shrinking.

Please continue praying for **Mike and Mary Deppe**. Mike is experiencing pain and difficulty with his hip and is awaiting news on the recent testing he had. Mary is fighting an infection in her body after her recent back surgery. Pray for pain relief for both of them, for wisdom for the doctors treating them, and for strength and a return of good health for them.

**Matthew Reiffer** is out of ICU and on the 6th floor at Butterworth Hospital, the Burn Unit. He had a second surgery on Thursday on his leg. Pray that he continues healing well and pray for pain relief for him.

**Brent VerBurg** will have a CT scan next week. Pray for overall good results, that the blood clot will be gone and that no further cancer is found.

Please keep these people in your prayers as they are recovering from surgery or illness or dealing with long-term health issues: **Jordan Mulder, Tom Dykema, Karen Welniak, Bev Elzinga and David Zylstra**.

PRAYER LINE | 616.698.PRAY (7729)

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Would you like to go to Cuba?

If you play an instrument and would like to help teach others basic music, please consider going to Cuba with the Hillside Musician group. The dates are July 12-21. See Win Gritter or Bob DeWeerd for more information. Passport information will be needed by April 7.