



August 30, 2020

# cascade fellowship

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

LOVE GOD

LOVE PEOPLE

MAKE DISCIPLES

wherever we go

## worship

**Outdoor Worship and Livestream** We join together with Community CRC in worship on the front lawn this Sunday (weather permitting). Socially distanced seating areas are posted. Please bring your own chairs, beverages, and sun umbrellas. Indoor restrooms are available but limited to two-person capacity and masks must be worn indoors. Livestream is also available. When weather forces us to cancel outdoor worship, an email or text will be sent by 8am and we will livestream worship instead.

**Worship from Your Car** For comfort and safety, you may park in the South/Hub lot and listen to the service on the radio on 89.1 FM. No sign up required.

**Preaching** This week we welcome Pastor Dave Struyk from Community CRC to teach on "Gathered & Scattered as Workers for the Harvest."

**New Sign Up for Outdoor Worship** We will continue to worship outdoors through September and are raising the maximum capacity to 200 people. Sign up is still required. To maximize everyone's opportunity to join in worship outdoors, sign up will be offered first to two Care Groups each week then opened to the rest of the congregation on Thursday. Sign up online (links shared in emails) or call the church office.

**Loving Others** If you or anyone you live with does not feel well, has a temperature, or has been around someone diagnosed with COVID-19, please stay home and worship via livestream. If you attend a church gathering and later develop symptoms or test positive, please contact the church office as soon as possible so we can use contact tracing to notify others of potential exposure.

**Worship Time Change Begins in October** After several months of discussion and finding support from the congregational poll in July, Full Council voted to move Sunday worship to 9:30am followed by Discipleship Time from 11-11:45am. This change prioritizes worship and offers new opportunities for discipleship classes, outreach, and service to our community.

## announcements

**Lead Pastor Call Extended** Following overwhelming congregational support and trusting in God's leading, Full Council voted unanimously to extend a call to Pastor Bill Whitt to serve as Lead Pastor for Cascade Fellowship. Please pray for Pastor Bill and Jessica as they seek God's will.

**Seminary Intern** We welcome Calvin Seminarian Uri Alcivar to an internship at Cascade this year. Dr. Jessica Maddox, Director of Discipleship and Outreach, will mentors him. Uri, his wife Carmen Bautista, and their children have moved to Grand Rapids while Uri attends Seminary. We look forward to welcoming them in September.

**Fall Ministry Plans** We hope to begin many of our fall ministries in October. Staff continues to work on plans for a variety of options to meet the needs of all of our church family. Please continue to pray for wisdom and safety for staff, leaders, volunteers, and our church family.

**Triads** Are you looking to grow friendships that put your faith at the center? Have you been feeling the nudge to live out your faith more intentionally? Joining a Triad is a great way to take the next step in your faith journey! A Triad is a group of three people who get together regularly to focus on three vital practices of the Christian faith: studying God's word together, sharing the joy and challenge of living a life of faith, and praying with and for each other. Groups meet 3-4 times a month, end of September through May. Contact Jessica Maddox to sign up or for more information ([jessica@cascadefellowship.org](mailto:jessica@cascadefellowship.org)).

**Friday Communication** Our best means of communicating church updates and information is through the Friday Communication email. Please try to stay up-to-date by reading our digital updates regularly. If you do not find the Friday Communication in your Primary inbox on Friday, please check the Promotions tab. (You can move it to the Primary inbox to catch future emails.) If you are not receiving the weekly email, please contact the Communications Director, Melinda Homans, at [melinda@cascadefellowship.org](mailto:melinda@cascadefellowship.org).



**Youth Events** We've got some great youth events planned this fall! Check your email to see what's happening. Didn't get it? Let us know by emailing [eric@cascadefellowship.org](mailto:eric@cascadefellowship.org).

**Share Community with Us on Facebook** Check out inspirational and informative posts every day on our Facebook page. Share them with friends and family and join us in building community even while we are physically apart!

**Pastoral Care Needs** Are you in need of special care, facing illness or surgery, or have prayer requests or praises? Please contact Julie Beezhold, Community Life Director, at 940-7004 or [julie@cascadefellowship.org](mailto:julie@cascadefellowship.org).

**Patio Connections** Our last gathering is this Thursday, September 3 from 9:30-10:30am. Come and enjoy fellowship!

## serving

**Interested in leading children or youth?** If you'd like to to find out more about Sunday Morning Discipleship for children/youth and Student Ministries Events, and see where you might serve, please contact Laura Brink ([laura@cascadefellowship.org](mailto:laura@cascadefellowship.org)) or Eric VanderWall ([eric@cascadefellowship.org](mailto:eric@cascadefellowship.org)).

**Used Tablets or Cell Phones Needed** Family Promise, one of our external ministries, is requesting any used tablets or cell phones for their children to access on line education starting in September. Any donations can be dropped off at church.

**Car Needed** Do you have a vehicle you can sell (<\$3,500) or loan to a visiting seminarian family (Uri & Carmen Bautista-Alcívar) for two years? Contact Service Deacon Lisa Groeneveld for more information, [lisaagroen@gmail.com](mailto:lisaagroen@gmail.com).

## this week at cascade

### Sunday

9:30am Prayer Time (virtual)  
10:30am Worship—Outdoors & Livestream

### Monday

6:00pm Missions Team Meeting (Virtual)  
7:00pm Triad Leader Meeting (Youth Center)

### Thursday

9:30am Patio Connections (Hub Patio)  
7:00pm Outreach Team Meeting (Youth Center)  
7:30pm Building & Grounds Meeting (Rm 221)

### Sunday

9:30am Prayer Time (virtual)  
10:30am Worship—Outdoors & Livestream

## giving

Each Sunday we have an opportunity to give back to God through a financial offering.

During this time of online worship, we encourage you to continue to give faithfully to the church so that our ministry to our community can continue to thrive.

### You can give easily and safely

- online at [cascadefellowship.org/giving](https://cascadefellowship.org/giving)
- by text (text cascade to 73256)
- by mail (6655 Cascade Road SE, GR MI, 49546)  
Mail is picked up daily at church.

Our Featured Ministry this week is Matthews House. Next week is Faith Promise (Global Missions).