

August 19, 2018 – 10:00a.

The minor prophet **Malachi** guides our worship this morning.

Malachi ministered in Judah, 433-424 BC.

After all they had been through, God's people still fell into sin. Malachi concludes the Old Testament with a reminder of the need for a Savior, and a promise that "for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in his rays."

GATHERING and PRAISE

Prelude - Please quiet your hearts and allow the music to prepare you for worship.

* *Mutual Greeting*

* *Call to Worship - Malachi 3:1*

* **"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee with thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

* **"Song of the Prophets"**

In ages past the mighty Lord
by prophets spoke the Word,
and from their lips God's great design
throughout the earth was heard.
In revelation, parable,
bold fantasy, and dream,
they echoed God's eternal vow
to ransom and redeem.

The Son of Righteousness will rise
with healing in his wings,
and every child will know the peace
his sure redemption brings.
His judgment, like refiner's fire,
shall purify the soul,
and outcasts find their broken hopes
and shattered lives made whole.

Yet still in present, troubled days
we seek to hear God's voice,
and in the face of our distress,
find reason to rejoice.
Grant us the wisdom to discern
through faith who we should be—
a fallen race, restored through

CONFESSION and RENEWAL* **“God Be Merciful to Me”**

God, be merciful to me,
 on your grace I rest my plea;
 Wash me, make me pure within;
 cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

Refrain: God, be merciful to me,
 on your grace I rest my plea.

My transgressions I confess;
 grief and guilt my soul oppress.
 I have sinned against your grace
 and provoked you to your face. **Refrain**

I am evil, born in sin;
 you desire truth within.
 Make me pure, your mercy show;
 wash me whiter than the snow. **Refrain**

Let my contrite heart rejoice
 and in gladness hear your voice;
 from my sins, O hide your face,
 blot them out in boundless grace. **Refrain**

Ministry of Music: **Pine Grove Choir**

THANKFULNESS

Congregational Prayer

Morning Offering to benefit General Fund & Debt Retirement Fund

“Jesus, All for Jesus”

Jesus, all for Jesus,
 all I am and have and ever hope to be.
 All of my ambitions, hopes, and plans—
 I surrender these into your hands.
 For it's only in your will that I am free.
 For it's only in your will that I am free.
 Jesus, all for Jesus,
 all I am and have and ever hope to be.

“I Surrender All”

All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give;
 I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.

Refrain: I surrender all, I surrender all;
 all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Savior, wholly thine;
 let me feel thy Holy Spirit, truly know that thou art mine. **Refrain**

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to thee;
 fill me with thy love and power, let thy blessing fall on me. **Refrain**

Ministry of Music: **Pine Grove Choir**

GOD'S WORD

* *Scripture:* Malachi 1:2-3, 6-8; 2:10, 2:17-3:2, 6-8, 13-14

Message: **Going through the Motions**

Malachi 1:2-3

² "I have loved you," says the Lord. "But you ask, 'How have you loved us?' "Was not Esau Jacob's brother?" declares the Lord. "Yet I have loved Jacob, ³ but Esau I have hated, and I have turned his hill country into a wasteland and left his inheritance to the desert jackals."

Malachi 1:6-8

⁶ "A son honors his father, and a slave his master. If I am a father, where is the honor due me? If I am a master, where is the respect due me?" says the Lord Almighty. "It is you priests who show contempt for my name. "But you ask, 'How have we shown contempt for your name?' ⁷ "By offering defiled food on my altar. "But you ask, 'How have we defiled you?' "By saying that the Lord's table is contemptible. ⁸ When you offer blind animals for sacrifice, is that not wrong? When you sacrifice lame or diseased animals, is that not wrong? Try offering them to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you?" says the Lord Almighty.

Malachi 2:10

¹⁰ Do we not all have one Father? Did not one God create us? Why do we profane the covenant of our ancestors by being unfaithful to one another?

Malachi 2:17-3:2

¹⁷ You have wearied the Lord with your words. How have we wearied him?" you ask. By saying, "All who do evil are good in the eyes of the Lord, and he is pleased with them" or "Where is the God of justice?"

³ "I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty. ² But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap.

Malachi 3:6-8

⁶ "I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. ⁷ Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty. "But you ask, 'How are we to return?' ⁸ "Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?' "In tithes and offerings.

Malachi 3:13-14

¹³ "You have spoken arrogantly against me," says the Lord. "Yet you ask, 'What have we said against you?' ¹⁴ "You have said, 'It is futile to serve God. What do we gain by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before the Lord Almighty?"

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD*Prayer of Application** *Song of Response***“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”**

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
 breathe new life into my willing soul.
 Bring the presence of the risen Lord
 to renew my heart and make me whole.
 Cause your Word to come alive in me;
 give me faith for what I cannot see;
 give me passion for your purity;
 Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
 may your joy be seen in all I do.
 Love enough to cover every sin,
 in each thought and deed and attitude.
 Kindness to the greatest and the least,
 gentleness that sows the path of peace.
 Turn my striving into works of grace;
 Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
 giving life to all that God has made,
 show your power once again on earth,
 cause your church to hunger for your ways.
 Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
 lead us on the road of sacrifice,
 that in unity the face of Christ
 may be clear for all the world to see.

SENDING* *Blessing** *Doxology***“God the Father of Your People”**

God, the Father of your people, you have called us to be one;
 grant us grace to walk together in the joy of Christ, your Son.
 Challenged by your Word and Spirit, blest with gifts from heaven above,
 as one body we will serve you and bear witness to your love.

May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the Father's boundless love,
 with the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon us from above.
 May we now remain in union with each other and the Lord,
 and possess, in sweet communion, joys that earth cannot afford.

Postlude

* If you are able, please stand

Guest Information

Welcome! You're among friends at Pine Grove Community Church. Wherever you've come from, and wherever you are, you are welcome at Pine Grove!

Please stay for a cup of coffee or lemonade following worship.

Guests are requested to fill out the gold welcome paper found in your bulletin. Welcome bags and an information packet are available at the Welcome Tent. If you are a regular attendee of Pine Grove we would like to provide you with a mailbox. Please submit your request to the church office.

God bless you and your family.

A T-Coil in your hearing aid enables you to use the hearing loop in the tent. A headset is also available at the sound table to help with hearing the service.

Restrooms are located inside the main entrance of the Family Life Center

SEVERE WEATHER POLICY – In the event of a tornado watch or warning or a severe thunderstorm warning for Newaygo or Montcalm County, no service will be held. In the event of a severe thunderstorm watch, the service will be held, and weather conditions will be closely monitored.

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Parents

- **Nursery is available** in the basement during the service for infants to age two.
- **All children age 3-3rd grade** are invited to join Pine Groovy Kid's which takes place during the church service. Please honor the age limit. **Parents: please sign-in your children outside the church basement prior to the service, and pick them up at the same location after the service. All children must be picked up by an adult.** Parents, please be patient as we safely dismiss your children.
- **If your children** wish to remain with us for worship, relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it. They are welcome here.
- **If you need to leave** the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. Jesus said: "Let the children come to me."
- **Worship note sheets** are available to help you child engage with the service or just to draw and doodle on.

Upcoming Events

Church Renewal Lab Team Meeting, August 28

Senior Lunch, August 29

Beverly Lewis Event, September 11

GEMS/Cadets Begin, September 12

Sewing/Crafting Group, September 14

Potluck, September 16

For Your Information

Offering Totals for August 12: Pine Grove Ministries, \$5,023.00; Debt Retirement, \$300.00; Benevolence, \$85.00; Tent Sale, \$3,775.74; W.I.S.H; \$175.00; Tent Repair/Replacement, \$1,166.00; Student Ministry Projects, \$80.00. If you would like to participate in electronic giving, please contact Mary Bailey at ronaldbailey@msn.com. Thank you for your generosity.

Next Sunday's Offerings will benefit: General Fund

Attendance for August 12: 416

Prayer Time

Our God will meet all our needs according to his riches in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19
 "Prayer can move mountains. It can change human hearts, families, neighborhoods, cities, and nations. It is the ultimate source of power because it is the power of God. The power of prayer is really God's power activated by our prayers." From Love To Pray by Al Vander Griend. Come experience the power we have in prayer and the hope we share in prayer time in the Prayer Room in the Family Life Center every Sunday morning at 9:00. (Summer worshippers are invited also.) Come when you can, and leave when you need to. If you have a prayer request, please call Cheryl Hubers, 231-937-4895, or Joyce Pierce, 231-652-2643. Everyone is welcome!

Our General Fund deficit has decreased greatly in past months, which we are thankful for. Please continue to be diligent in your giving and pray for your church as we work to share Christ's love with our community and grow lives in Christ. Council will continue to monitor the situation and will keep you updated.

Year to date as of 7/31/18

Actual Collections	\$155,425.96
Actual Expenses	(163,020.21)
Actual difference	(7,594.25)

Balance of debt at 7/31/18 is \$112,272.00 (not part of the General Fund)

Serving This Week: August 19

Ministry of the Word: Dan Wolters

Worship Leader: Herm & Esther Scholtens,
Jeremy Scripps, and Jan Plakmeyer

Pine Groovy Kids:

Nursery: Rachel Denney, Lisa Hardy,
& Mary Hasted

Sensory: Mary Wallinga & Alyssa Boone

3-4 years: Jen Vanderploeg & EmmaLei Drent

K-1 grade: Kristy Wolters & Alison Drent

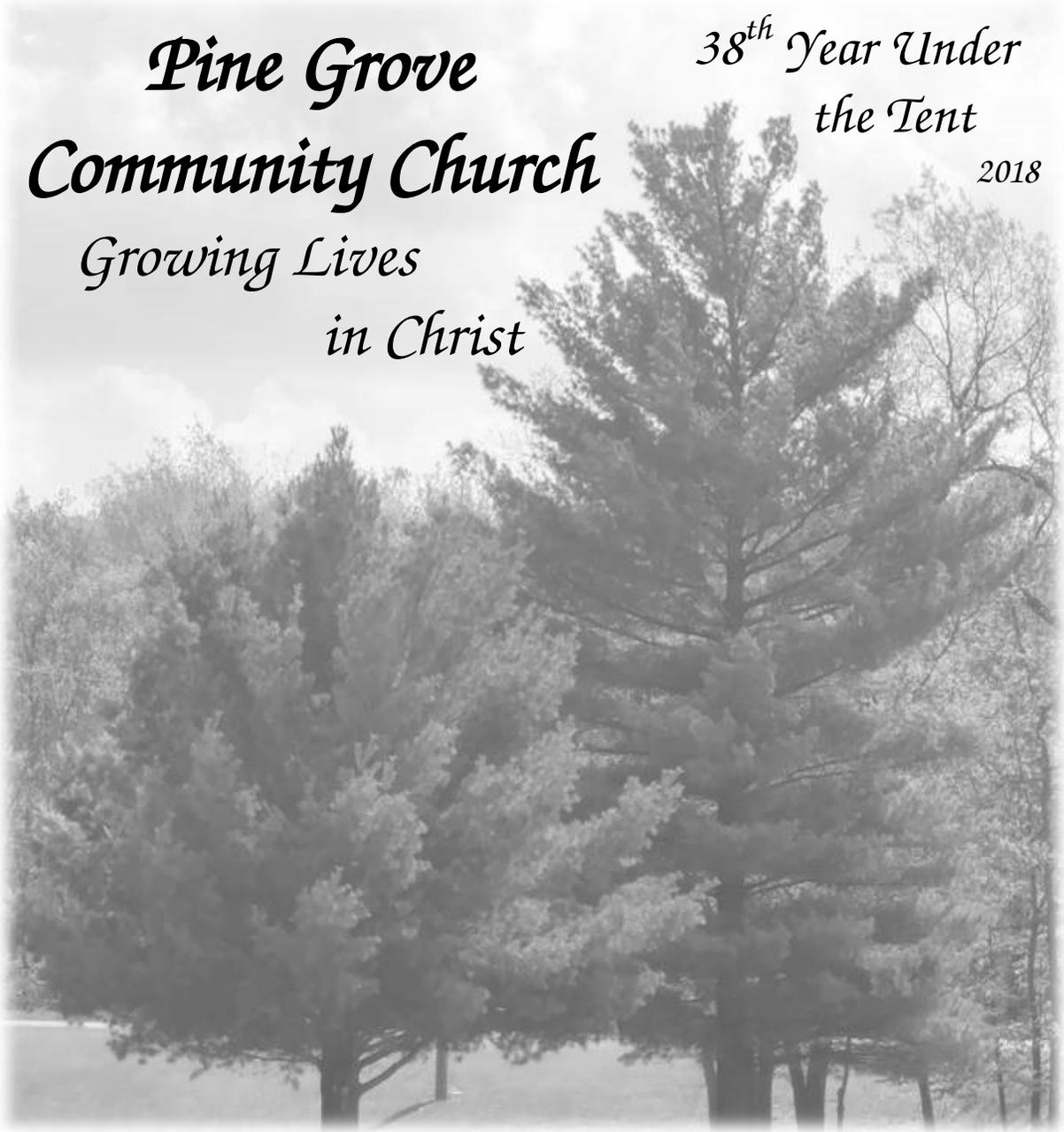
2nd-3rd grade: Linda Bonnier & Alyssa Drent

Coffee Servers: Andy & Kathy VanVliet
Pete & Judy VandeGuchte

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Growing Lives
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*38th Year Under
the Tent*

2018



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SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

10:00a. - May 27 – September 3, 2018

2018 SUMMER SCHEDULE OF PASTORS, MUSICIANS & OFFERINGS

Children's Worship Service is provided each Sunday Morning for ages 2-3rd Grade
Nursery also provided in church basement

May 27

Rev. Dan Wolters (Pine Grove)
Music: Tina Droski
Offering: General Fund

June 3

Rev. Chris Pleters (Former GVSU Pastor)
Music: Heather Cregg
Offering: Summer Worship

June 10

Rev. Ben Ridder (Harvest Community)
Music: Rachel Ridder
Offering: General Fund / Helping Hands

June 17

Rev. Dan Wolters (Pine Grove)
Music: Brad & Cyndi Butler
Offering: General Fund / Debt Retirement

June 24

Rev. Steve VanderMolen (Retired, Western Seminary)
Music: Susie Antkoviak
Offering: Summer Worship

July 1

Rev. Don Van Slyke (Baldwin St. CRC)
Music: Greater Joy
Offering: General Fund / Tent Repair & Replacement Fund

July 8

Rev. Gerald Zandstra (Wayland CRC)
Music: Melody Kraut
Offering: General Fund

July 15

Rev. Scott Greenway (Caledonia CRC)
Music: Tammy Kling
Offering: General Fund / Debt Retirement

July 22

Rev. Jul Medenblik (Calvin Seminary)
Music: Guy White / Rich Wilson
Offering: General Fund / Love INC

July 29

Rev. Dan Wolters (Pine Grove)
Music: John Shear
Offering: General Fund

August 5 – Mission Sunday

Rev. Dave Brower (Grant CRC)
Music: Mikayla Berghorst
Offering: General Fund / Cary, Mississippi

August 12

Rev. Wayne DeVrou (Grace Bible Fellowship, WI)
Music: Pine Grove Quartet
Offering: General Fund / Tent Repair & Replacement Fund

August 19

Rev. Dan Wolters (Pine Grove)
Music: Pine Grove Choir
Offering: General Fund / Debt Retirement

August 26

Rev. Jeff Welma (Calvin Seminary)
Music: Connie Meekhof
Offering: General Fund

September 2

Rev. Steve Etzinga (Pathway CRC)
Music: Pathway Church Praise Band
Offering: General Fund

Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30a. – 2:30p.

* The Church office will be closed from 9-10a. Mondays for staff meeting. *

Pastor Dan's Office Hours: Tues., Wed., and Fri. 8:30a. - Noon

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