



**Dr. Pastor Denise Kingdom Grier**

### Today in Worship

**Sermon:** "A Call to Lay Down"  
**Scripture:** Genesis 22: 1-14

**Music and Worship:** CJ, Jeremy & HCCGC

#### \*\*\*First Time Guests\*\*\*

We would like to get to know you. There are communication sheets in the pews, please fill one out and place it in the offering plate.



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[www.mapleave.org](http://www.mapleave.org)

### Serving This Week

**Liturgist:** Brad **Projection:** Jane **Audio:** Oscar  
**Video:** Oscar **Deacon/Counter:** Celeste & Beauford  
**Opener:** Emmett **Usher/Greeter:** Avila & Brown  
**Coffee:** Laura **Nursery:** Sandy & Mark Brice  
**Children's Church:** PreK, Amanda B **No Elem Today**

### Serving Next Week

**Liturgist:** Winfred **Projection:** Owen **Audio:** Jarvis  
**Video:** Oscar **Deacon/Counter:** Casey & Gordon  
**Opener:** Laura **Usher/Greeter:** Annette & Rossings  
**Coffee:** Celeste **Nursery:** Laura VG, Angelina & Sophia  
**Children's Church:** PreK, John J **Elem,** Sara

### Connecting

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### Giving - Month of February 2019

<b>Annual Budget (2018/19)</b>	\$193,000.00
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$110,204.89
<b>February Goal:</b>	\$14,848.00
<b>Last Week's Offering:</b>	\$2,062.10
<b>February Total:</b>	\$12,873.19
<b>Under Monthly Goal</b>	-\$1,974.81



Feb 24, 2019

*"A Call to Lay Down"*

*Genesis 22: 1-14*



Pastor Jeremy Simpson

Celebrating over 100 years of service to the Core City. Union Church of The Reformed Church in America and The Christian Reformed Church in America.

## Order of Worship

### Call to Worship

**Opening Song** of Ascent in the Black Religious Traditions

### Prayer of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

### Mutual Greeting

**Songs of Praise & Worship** in the Black Religious Traditions

### Children's Blessing

### Announcements

### Congregational Prayer

### Offering:

### Doxology

### Prayer of Illumination

**Scripture:** Genesis 22: 1-14

**Message:** "A Call to Lay Down"

### Benediction

**Closing Song:** Waymaker

## Please Pray For

In the wake of recent events regarding TJ Wells lets be in prayer for his mother, sister & entire community

Jo Jo, Will, RL, Paul Bowles & others facing illness

People living outdoors, safety & provision

Pastor Javier & Gretchen Torres

Children aging out of foster care

## Announcements

**TODAY - YOUTH GROUP** in the youth room, then lunch & games at the Koesters (151 W 12th St) after from 12 - 4pm.

**Sunday, March 3rd, Sioux Center Sudan Play** here at MAM @ 4pm, more information in the narthex.

**Today, Funeral services for Troy "TJ" Wells** will be held here this afternoon, 2pm visitation, 3:00 service.

**This Week Wednesday, I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness** - Hosted by Hope College SAC & Hope College Center for Diversity & Inclusion, **Austin Channing Brown** will be at Dimnent Chapel at 10:30 am chapel service and for a 7pm keynote at the Jack H. Miller Center.

**This Week Thursday - Black Voices Musical Theatre @ 7pm** at the Holland Armory (16 W 9th St.), see our very own 4C choir & friends in a play, takes first person narratives & dialogue between both black & white characters and lays a story line through speech and song. A free offering will be collected during the event

**Friday, March 1st @7pm, at Hope Church** - Healing Justice: Meaningful Connections and Big Picture Change - Dr. Mary Cohen of U of Iowa will be speaking on her work using the arts to help facilitate restorative justice, specifically in the prison system. Mary's amazing Oakdale Community Choir joins outside volunteer singers with incarcerated men to sing & learn together, and her research & experiences are wide-ranging & inspiring.

**THIS WEEK Saturday - Spring Clean up in Children's Ministry** from 10:00 - noon. Donuts & coffee will be served! Come help sort, organize & clean out the Sunday School classrooms. We're looking to revamp some of our toys, games, and art supplies. Many hands make light work! RSVP to Amanda Bohle if you plan to attend. [amanda.bohle@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.bohle@gmail.com) or 586-202-9445

**Next Week's Mamily Meal theme is:** Breakfast

**Ash Wednesday**, March 6th at Hope Church. Dinner at 6:00, service at 7:00

**Women's Lenten Bible Study** together with Pillar Women, starts **Wednesdays March 13th** here at MAM, and will run for 7 weeks. We will be using the devotional "A Way Other Than Our Own" by Walter Brueggemann, available at Amazon & Barnes & Noble. Question? Contact Peggy Nielsen @ [peggynielsen49@gmail.com](mailto:peggynielsen49@gmail.com) or Pastor Denise

**THURSDAY'S AT MAM**, come join us for dinner @ 6:00, Feel free to break off to one of these sessions at 6:30

- \*Time of Fellowship
- \*Black History Month Book Study
- \*Unmarried Bible Study

**Camp Blodgett Applications** are now being accepted, we are encouraging MAM kids ages 8 - 13 to attend the "Around the Globe Weeks" (June 10-14 and July 8 -12). Applications are in the narthex.

## Fellowship Throughout the Week

<b>Monday:</b>	Tabernacle Choir rehearsal 7-9pm
<b>Tuesday:</b>	6:00 pm - Prayer Meeting
<b>Wednesday:</b>	6:00 pm - Women's Bible Study
<b>Thursday:</b>	6:00 MAMily Meal 6:30 pm - Unmarried Bible Study @ MAM
<b>Sundays:</b>	9:00 Men's Bible Study in the prayer room 9:00 Bible Study in the blue room 9:45 am - Coffee Fellowship 10:30 - Service
<b>Children's Church</b>	1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month 4th Sunday PreK & 1st grade only
<b>1st Sunday</b>	Communion & MAMily meal after the service

## February Birthday Blessings

Mandi Rycenga (2/27),  
Jonah & Aidan Knoester & PJ Maske (2/28)

*\*\*Please check your mailbox!\*\**

*If we omitted your birthday, email or call the office and we will add you to our list*

## Mission Statement

### ... Centered in Christ:

"He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church..."  
[Colossians 1:17,18]

### ... Called to the Core City:

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon [us], because the Lord has anointed [us]; he has sent [us] to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken hearted.. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations."  
[Isaiah 61:1,4]

### ... Committed to becoming a multicultural community, reconciled to one another through Christ:

"For he [Christ] is our peace; in his flesh he has broken down the dividing wall, that is the hostility between us... and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it." [Ephesians 2:13-16]