



Artist Meditation on Reach Up!

By Eric Nykamp

Dear God,

You meet us in circumstances outside our control. Sometimes you meet us in circumstances that don't feel pleasant at all. You meet us in the valley. Thank you for being our valley-walking companion, even when we don't always sense your presence there with us. Sometimes our prayers are a shout to you. We wonder how you can call yourself a good God and still allow all the pain in the world. Thank you for enduring our brokenness, our habits and sinful patterns that trap us so often.

God, help us to know that the greatest gift is not a life of comfort, but a life that draws us closer and closer to you no matter what. Teach us to say like Paul, "...I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well-fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength."

God, be our strength. Thank you for allowing us to Reach Up to you.

Urgent Need in Children's Ministry

Because some people will not be continuing in their positions, we need more people to serve in the following ministries:

- Nursery Assistants
- Pre-K, K ministry
- Children's Church – small group leaders, assistants.
- Children's Music Team
- Special Needs ministry
- Dickinson Bible Club
- Nursery Hospitality/Registration

Contact Ken Schripsema, Director of Children's Ministry at 245-7791 ext. 214 or at ken.schripsema@madisonsquarechurch.org

Madison Square Church

United in Christ as a Diverse Community



January 31, 2010

- ◆ Men's Super Bowl Celebration
- ◆ Demolition Days
- ◆ Artist Meditation on Reach Up!

Our Vision: To build a community of diverse people who are being transformed by Christ.



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◆ Welcome Guests

We're glad you're worshipping with us today. Questions about Madison? Please call the church office Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 245-7791. For more information go to www.madisonsquarechurch.org.

◆ Worship

Morning

Psalm 150

"Reach Up!"

Square teaching by Pastor Dave

Ford teaching by Paula Seales

Evening

Psalm 19:7-11

"The Healing Word"

Teaching by Pastor Dave and Paula Seales

Worship at 8:30, 10, 11:30 a.m. at the Square; 10 a.m. at Ford

S.O.A.P. Bible Study

"Reach Up!"

S=Scripture: Psalm 150

O=Observation: After reading the text carefully, answer the following questions: This Psalm was probably composed to conclude the Psalms. What about its composition would lead scholars to believe that? What are the reasons given for praising God? Where should God be praised? What instruments are used? Where does dance figure into the array of instruments which are to be used for praise? In Hebrew the phrase "Praise the Lord" is just one word: "Hallel-u-jah" which is a compound word meaning: Hallel (exuberant, dancing praise) u (you) jah (short for Yahweh, the personal name of our God). How many times is this word used?

A=Application: How does your desire and practice of praise compare to this expression and call to praise? How would you like our church and your own worship responses to change as a result of meditation on this Psalm?

P=Prayer: Write out a prayer based on your meditation on this passage:

Daily Devotionals

Mon.: Psalm 95:1-11

Tues.: John 4:1-38

Wed.: Romans 12:1-2

Thurs.: Colossians 3:12-17

Fri.: 1 Corinthians 14:22-40

Sat.: 1 Peter 2:1-10

Sun.: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Psalm

150 (TNIV)

¹ Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. ² Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. ³ Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, ⁴ praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, ⁵ praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. ⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

◆ Today

Nursery

For newborn through 3 years old at 8:30, 10, and 11:30 a.m. downstairs.

Kindergarten and Preschool Ministry

Downstairs in Room 104-105 at 8:30 and 10 a.m. There is no 11:30 a.m. session.

Children's Church (8:30 and 11:30 a.m.) Sunday School (10 a.m.)

1st through 6th graders meet in the MultiPurpose Room.

Special Needs Ministry

Trained staff provides your child with one-on-one attention in Room 314. Call Ken at 245-7791 ext. 214 for reservations.

High School Sunday School

10 a.m. in Room 203. Jamie Hinojosa leads discussion on "Every Picture Tells a Story".

Men's Addiction Recovery

Meets at 8:30 a.m. in Room 307.

High School Youth Group: 5-7:30 p.m.

We'll discuss "Dating 101", things to consider if you think you are ready to date.

◆ This Week at Madison

Children's Praise Dance: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Mon.

Adult Praise Dance: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mon.

Madison Girls: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mon. for 2nd-6th grade girls

Cadets: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tues. for 2nd-6th grade boys

Men's Addiction Recovery: 8-9 p.m. Tues.

Men's Bible Study: 8-9 p.m. Tues.

Fresh Fire Prayer Service: 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wed.; noon Thurs.

Madison Moms: 9-11 a.m. Wed.

Midweek Bible Teaching: 7-8:30 p.m. Wed.

Women's Addiction Recovery: 7-9 p.m. Wed.

Middle School Youth Group: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thurs. Come out and skate at Rosa Parks Circle. Meet at church at 6:30 p.m. We'll be back by 9 p.m. The cost is \$2. Dress warm: bring a hat or a tuke!

◆ Our Attendance Last Sunday

<i>Sunday Morning</i>	<i>Worship and Children's Church</i>	<i>Sunday School and Nursery</i>
8:30 a.m.	238	16
10 a.m.	380	117
10 a.m. Ford	141	9
11:30 a.m.	289	13
total	1,048	155

Invite a friend or neighbor to our 8:30, 10, or 11:30 a.m. services At the Square or 10 a.m. At Ford. We have plenty of room for new faces.

◆ Our Giving

Today's morning offerings:

1. General Fund
2. World Communion of Reformed Churches

This evening's offering:

Kids' Life Bible Club

Next week's morning offerings:

1. General Fund
2. Christian Education

Next week's evening offering:

Congregations Organizing for Racial Reconciliation

Men's Super Bowl Celebration

Madison Square Church's Men of God (M.O.G.) are invited to join the M.O.G. of Renaissance Church of God in Christ at their church on Feb. 7 for a Super Bowl Celebration in the name of Jesus! The fun and food begins at 5:30 pm. The cost is \$5 per person. The church is located at 1001 33rd St. We'll see you there! Let's celebrate together as M.O.G. in the name of Jesus!

Demolition Days

Our last opportunities to serve at Madison Place will be Feb. 6 and 13. Start time is 8 a.m., and we'll finish around noon for a time of lunch and fellowship. Call Mark Nieboer at 245.7791 ext. 203 or email mark.nieboer@madisonsquarechurch.org to sign on!

College and Justice Tour

Family Meeting

If your teen is participating in the College and Justice Tour, there will be a meeting in Room 203 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 7 to discuss details of the trip. Attendance is required.

◆ Our Ministries

Missionaries

During the evening service tonight, Madison Missionaries Wayne and Lynn Ten Harmse will describe the work they are doing. Please join them in the MultiPurpose room after the evening service to get to know them better.

Men's Bible Study

Pastor Marv Beelen will lead a series beginning Feb. 16 on the end times as found in Revelation, with a special focus on the "7s". This interactive discussion will give you a clearer understanding of how God wraps up salvation history. Bring your questions at 8 p.m.

55 and Older

Come for a night of fellowship, singing, fun, and food at 6 p.m. Feb. 13. Bring a dish to pass, to Ron and Mary Boes' home. Please RSVP to 975-1363.

Foundations of Baptism

If you are planning to have your child baptized, attend one of two classes: 10 a.m. Feb. 21 in Room 204, or 4:30 p.m. Mar. 21 at in Room 304. For details, contact Pastor Joy at 245-1371.

Deacon Assistance

If you are experiencing a financial crisis or an emergency need, call the church office at 245-7791 ext. 204 to request an application for assistance and to be contacted by a Deacon.

Understanding Racism

Madison's Antiracism Team is hosting an eight week class on Understanding Racism at 11:30 a.m. from Feb. 6 to Mar. 28.

Soul Pantry

We are looking for people who like books and helping others, to serve at our Soul Pantry bookstore. Call Theresa Postma at 647-5639 or stop in the Soul Pantry to sign up.

Blood Drive

Madison's next Blood Drive is scheduled from 3 to 7 p.m. Feb. 2. If you are a healthy person age 17 or older, you can donate. Please call Jay Laninga today at 617-8432 to schedule your appointment!

Budgeting Coaches Needed

Coaches are needed for the spring session of Financial Freedom at Restorers. The session is 6 to 8 p.m., starts Feb. 15, and lasts 12 weeks. Training will be provided. Call Debbie at 243-1984.

Financial Freedom

Take control of your money by attending classes at Restorers from 6 to 8 p.m. Mondays for 12 weeks beginning Feb. 15. The cost is \$5. To register, call Debbie at 243-1984.

◆ Joys and Concerns

Thank you, our Madison family, for giving sacrificially beyond your tithe to heal and rebuild Haiti. You gave more than \$15,000 to Christian Reformed World Relief Committee's Haiti relief fund.

Pray for our women's retreat. Pray that it will be an enriching time and that God will meet each need. Pray that they will be inspired by all God does among them to grow deeper in their relationship with each other and with Christ.

Pray for our men. Pray that they will continue to be strengthened in their faith as they gather together, praying for each other, and encouraging each other in the word of God.

Please pray for our teenagers. Pray for God to build up their families, nurture their hearts, and raise up a generation who will transform the world for Christ.

Pray that we will become a church that enfolds more people from the neighborhood. Pray that we have hearts to reach out to the lost and the least, and become champions for social justice as God leads us.

Prayer servants are available after the service at the altar. You may also pray privately in the Prayer Room off the Lobby.

If you have prayer requests for the prayer chain, contact Marty Meyne at meynman@sbcglobal.net or 241-5027.

Prayer Request Form

Please check. I would like to:

- Give my life to Christ
 Recommit my life to Christ

Please Pray for: _____

Do you wish to have your request in:

- The Bulletin
 The confidential Prayer Chain

If you would like us to, how can we best reach you? _____

Name

Address

Phone

E-mail

Date

Please tear off and place in the offering basket. You may also call Paula Seales at 245-7791 ext. 212.