

# Monroe Community Church



We are a church in the Christian Reformed denomination that loves God, loves People, and loves the City by inviting people of all walks of life to join with us in serving Jesus in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

- The Gospel is for Everyone.

All nations	All cultures	All people	All orientations
All tongues	All colors	All classes	All genders

Monroe Community Church is a front lines urban ministry called first to prayer and outreach. Living out this calling puts us into relationship with a wide and wonderful diversity of people. We are truly grateful for this. Fully aware of the times we live in, we offer the following thoughts as guiding our practice of faithful outreach among all our downtown neighbors.

- Radical Love for People

When we look at the example of Christ, we see someone who transgressed boundaries in order to be in relationship with people who needed the grace of the Kingdom. Jesus touched lepers, broke bread with the guilty, welcomed the outsider (the Roman Centurion, Samaritan Woman at the well). Once being outsiders ourselves, at MCC we seek to imitate Christ's radical love for all people. The Gospel is for everyone.

- The Gospel of Grace

Christ is more than a really, really accepting guy whose tolerance we should model. Christ is the Savior. Christ is the bringer of grace. "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ" (John 1:17). Grace, not law, is the counter power to sin and evil, only grace can remake us. No matter who we are we all need the power of Christ's transforming grace in our lives. At MCC our joy is to share this gospel with all who would hear it and invite them to a new life in the Spirit. The Gospel is for everyone.

- Live in the Tension

We readily admit that we don't have all the answers to the questions being raised concerning LGBTQIA. Even in our small community, there is diversity of thought and opinion. However, our faith is in the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth (John 16:13). We deeply desire to stay loyal to all our relationships, ecclesiastical and personal, to bear with one another even when we differ, especially when we differ. We pledge to live in the tension until the Holy Spirit brings us to a place of unity. We think this is another way for us to show that the Gospel is for everyone.

As a missionary church, MCC recognizes that our primary call is to reach out with the love of Jesus in the power the Gospel provides and make disciples of all nations (to live out the Great Commission with the heart of the Great Commandment). We recognize that life is messy and we don't have all the answers but what we do have is the resurrection power of Jesus moving us to our neighbors.