

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**August 1, 2021**  
**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship (From Ecclesiastes 3)

*"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens...*

**God has made everything beautiful in its time.**

**He has also set eternity in the human heart;**

**yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end...**

*I know that everything God does will endure forever;*

*nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it."*

**So let us worship our God, for all he is and all he does,**

**all the days that he gives us breath.**

\* Opening Song: "Come, Now is the Time to Worship" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #526

Come, now is the time to worship; Come now is the time to give your heart.

Come just as you are to worship; Come just as you are before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God. One day every knee will bow,

Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you know. **(Repeat)**

**(Ending)** Come. Come.

\* Opening Prayer

**WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

God's Direction for Our Lives: Jesus' words about the end times (Matthew 24:36-42)

*Jesus taught his disciples, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.*

**"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.**

*As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away.*

**That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.**

**All: "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come."**

Prayer of Confession

**Lord, we confess that we do not live each day focused on living as your people. Sometimes we think your return is too far off to matter today, so we live without giving thought to your kingdom. We preoccupy our days with the immediate and urgent, and even find ourselves conforming to our culture. Help us to live each day in the context of your calling on our life, being transformed by your renewing of our minds, and pressing on to your goal for us.**

Assurance (Jeremiah 29:11-13)

*"I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."*

Congregational Prayer

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Children's Message

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. <sup>4</sup> The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

<sup>6</sup> "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'

<sup>7</sup> "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'

<sup>9</sup> "'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'

<sup>10</sup> "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

<sup>11</sup> "Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!'

<sup>12</sup> "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'

<sup>13</sup> "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Message: "Stories with Intent: Between Now and Forever"

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Prayer of Application

Song of Response: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #325

O Master, let me walk with thee In lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me thy secret, help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee In closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray Far down the future's broadening way,  
In peace that only thou canst give, With thee, O Master, let me live.

Communion

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song: "One Day" (Glorious Day!) vs. 1,2,4,5

One day when heaven was filled with His praises  
One day when sin was as black as could be  
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin  
Dwelt among men my example is He

Living, He loved me, dying He saved me Buried, He carried my sins far away  
Rising, He justified freely forever One day He's coming O glorious day

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain One day they nailed Him to die on a tree  
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He  
Living, He loved me, dying He saved me Buried, He carried my sins far away  
Rising, He justified freely forever One day He's coming O glorious day

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer One day the stone rolled away from the door  
Then He arose over death He had conquered Now is ascended my Lord evermore  
Living, He loved me, dying He saved me Buried, He carried my sins far away  
Rising, He justified freely forever One day He's coming O glorious day

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming One day the skies with His glories will shine  
Wonderful day my beloved ones bringing My Savior Jesus is mine  
Living, He loved me, dying He saved me Buried, He carried my sins far away  
Rising, He justified freely forever One day He's coming O glorious day

\* Postlude

\* Please Stand if You Are Able

Children's Message: Christina Helpers

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musician: Andrew Friend

## **THIS SUNDAY**

**Communion** - We look forward to celebrating the Lord's Supper on Sunday morning. All who are trusting in Christ and have made a public stand for him are encouraged to join.

**Special Offering** - This week's special offering will be for the **Benevolence Fund**. Trinity CRC maintains this special fund in order to have resources available to help members who may experience unexpected or emergency needs.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Education Committee** is meeting on **Tuesday at 6:30 PM** at church

**Roots** - Bring your inner Pyromaniac! (And maybe some cordless power tools.) On **August 4th at 6:30 PM** we're meeting at Andrew & Naomi Friend's house to BUILD & BURN whatever we can create from their old corn crib.

**Jim Hallihan's Memorial Service** will be on Sunday, **August 8 at 1:00 PM** at Hilton Coliseum. Both Pastor Randy and Pastor Tom will be officiants for the service.

**Welcome Luncheon** - Everyone is invited to the annual Welcome Luncheon on **August 22** following morning worship. All food will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. Join us for food and fellowship!

**Sunday Evening Book Club** - This group is discussing J.I. Packer's classic book *Knowing God*. They meet on **Sundays at 6:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall.

**Breakfast Club** meets on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays** at the Lincoln Center HyVee at **8:30 AM**.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Pictures** - We'd like to update the family picture bulletin board. If you have your own picture that you want to use, please send it to Christina.

## **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**At-home Faith Formation Tip** - The Practice of Service: In Life Together, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, "We must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God." How might we prepare ourselves to recognize interruptions as opportunities to serve?

**Inspire "Light" 2021 Virtual Conference** - Sad about missing the Inspire conference this summer? Join us August 3-6, 2021 at 12 noon-1:00 (Eastern) for a daily taste of Inspire to whet your appetite for next year. Speakers include Katie Ritsema Roelofs, Rick Zomer, Reggie Smith, and Beth Fellingner. Each session will include worship, a plenary speaker, and the opportunity to network with others. Please indicate your interest for each session by registering at [crcna.org/inspire/inspire-light-2021](http://crcna.org/inspire/inspire-light-2021). Can't make it? Video recordings of each day's session will also be posted after the event.

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