

WORSHIP SERVICE
January 2, 2022
2nd Sunday of Christmas

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (from Psalm 71)

Endow the king with your justice, O God

He will judge your people with righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice

He will defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy

He will endure as long as the sun and moon, through all generations

He will rule from sea to sea and in his days the righteous will flourish

* Opening Song: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Lift Up Your Hearts #76 (vs 1,3,4)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him;

O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;

sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him;

O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;

Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him;

O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

* Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession:

Dear Jesus, we confess that we do not always seek first your kingdom.

Even though we pray "your kingdom come", we spend our time and effort trying to build our own kingdoms, and our own circles of influence.

Lord, forgive us for trying to serve other masters and focusing on the "treasures" that this world values instead of your kingdom.

Help us to focus on truly becoming like you, rather than on how we appear to others.

We pray that your kingdom would reign in our lives. Amen.

God's Assurance: (Matthew 6:31-34)

"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Song of Adoration: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Lift Up Your Hearts #831 (vs 1,3,4)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne.

Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;

"Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! Heavenly High Priest, here on earth our help, our stay.

Alleluia! Here the sinful cry to You from day to day.

Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, hear our plea

where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, you the Lord of lords we own:

Alleluia! Born of Mary, earth your footstool, heaven your throne:

you within the veil, have entered, roped in flesh our great High Priest

by your Spirit, lift us heavenward, in the Eucharistic feast!

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight;

I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations.

² He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets.

³ A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.

In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;⁴ he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope."

⁵ This is what God the Lord says— the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it:

⁶ "I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand.

I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles,⁷ to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. ⁸ "I am the Lord; that is my name!

I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols.

⁹ See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you."

Message: "A Whole New World"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "Beneath the Cross"

Lift Up Your Hearts #825

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,

And wonder at such mercy That calls me as I am;

For hands that should discard me Hold wounds which tell me, "Come."

Beneath the cross of Jesus My unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus His family is my own—

Once strangers chasing selfish dreams, Now one through grace alone.

How could I now dishonor The ones that You have loved?

Beneath the cross of Jesus See the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus— The path before the crown—

We follow in His footsteps Where promised hope is found.

How great the joy before us To be His perfect bride;
Beneath the cross of Jesus We will gladly live our lives.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Jesus Shall Reign"

Lift Up Your Hearts #219 (vs 1,4,5)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring the highest honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

* Postlude

* Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Mary Saucedo

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Mark Voss, Pam Voss

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Communion - Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who are baptized into Christ and have made a public stand for him are welcome to the Lord's Table, to receive the nourishment and refreshment of the bread and cup of the Lord "as sure signs" in remembrance of Christ's body and blood poured out for us in his once-for-all sacrifice on the cross.

Endowment Requests -The Endowment Committee anticipates that there will be funds available for distribution in the coming year. Requests for these funds can be made by individuals or committees, but all requests shall be submitted to the Endowment Committee either through Council or a Committee for consideration. **Requests shall preferably be made by December 31, 2021**, but no later than January 31, 2022. Fund Request forms can be found on the bulletin table, or you may contact Christina Helfers for a copy.

SMALL GROUPS & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Women's Bible Study will meet next on **January 3rd** at **9:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. The topic for discussion will be hospitality. What is the difference between hospitality and entertaining? How are our family spaces and routines a place of welcome for others?

A copy of the discussion questions will be on the table by the office. Anyone is welcome to pick one up.

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

Sunday School - All Sunday School Classes are on break until **January 9th**. Please stick around to enjoy this extended fellowship time.

Sunday Evening Bible Study - The Sunday Evening Bible Study has entered its winter break. We will meet again on **January 30** to choose a topic for the spring season. Thanks to all who participated this fall.

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

One Day at a Time - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. A new year has begun. We should begin this year grateful to God for his blessings and look ahead trusting in God's faithfulness. But some days, it's hard not to worry or be afraid of what comes next. In this next year, how do we stop being anxious and put God first like he wants us to? Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Groundwork: God's Plan and Spiritual Blessings - The Apostle Paul reassures the early Christians in Ephesus, and us, that God most definitely has a salvation plan, and he put his in place before creation. Join Groundwork as we study Ephesians 1 and find assurance that we can confidently trust God is in control. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Faith Formation Ministries

Faith Practices Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Engaging Scripture: Read Psalm 1:1-2 and ponder or discuss the following questions. The new year is an excellent time to form new habits of Scripture engagement. How might you organize your day to make room for spending more time with God's Word? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

Calvin University

January Series 2022 - Coming this January for the 35th year, Calvin University presents the January Series 2022 – the award winning free liberal arts education delivered in 15 weekly, lunchtime lectures. This year the series begins on January 10 and continues weekdays through January 28 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Viewing options include attending the live presentations on Calvin's campus, attending simulcast presentations at over 50 remote sites across the continent, or watching digitally on demand each day until midnight on your own device. For all the details visit www.calvin.edu/january

Calvin Symposium on Worship - (January 31 – February 4, 2022) Join this livestream conference, with several in-person sessions, sponsored by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and the Center for Excellence in Preaching, located at Calvin University and Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Learn more at worship.calvin.edu/symposium/

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