

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**January 23, 2022**  
**3rd Sunday of Epiphany**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship

*The new Dawn will arise upon you.*

**You shall see and be radiant.**

*The New Dawn will arise upon you.*

**The Holy one will bless you with peace.**

*The New Dawn will arise upon you.*

**The joy of the Lord is my strength.**

*The New Dawn will arise upon you.*

**We come seeking the light that guides us to life.**

**Let us rejoice and be glad in God's presence!**

\* Opening Songs

"You're Worthy of My Praise"

Women (Men)

I will worship (I will worship)  
With all of my heart (with all of my heart)  
I will praise You (I will praise You)  
With all of my strength (all my strength)

I will seek You (I will seek You)  
All of my days (all of my days)  
I will follow (I will follow)  
All of Your ways (all Your ways)

I will give You all my worship  
I will give You all my praise  
You alone I long to worship  
You alone are worthy of my praise

I will bow down (I will bow down)  
And hail You as King (and hail You as King)  
I will serve You (I will serve You)  
Give You everything (everything)

I will lift up (I will lift up)  
My eyes to Your throne (my eyes to Your throne)  
I will trust You (I will trust You)  
Trust You alone (You alone)

I will give You all my worship  
I will give You all my praise  
You alone I long to worship  
You alone are worthy of my praise

“O Come, Let Us Adore Him”

O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

We'll give him all the glory. We'll give him all the glory.  
We'll give him all the glory, Christ the Lord.

For he alone is worthy. For he alone is worthy.  
For he alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.

We'll praise his name forever. We'll praise his name forever.  
We'll praise his name forever. Christ the Lord.

\* Opening Prayer

## **WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

Unison Prayer

**O Jesus, light of the world, come into the dark places of this earth.  
You bring a light from God that only you can shed. Light eternal,  
your light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it.  
We bring to you the darkness of our world in war, starvation, cruelty, and exploitation.  
We bring to you the darkness of our earth, damaged and defaced by pollution.  
We bring to you the darkness of our nation, beset with conflict of race and class, religion and  
politics. We bring to you the darkness of our relationships,  
people not looking, not speaking, not listening, not forgiving.  
We bring to you the darkness of our own souls, hidden closets we have not visited  
or cleaned out for years. O Jesus, light of the world, be a morning star above for us,  
a radiance within, the shining all around that lets us live in love.  
Only then shall we be reflectors of your brightness and give glory to God in heaven. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

*If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true but if we walk in the light as he himself is the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son, cleanses us from all sin.*

Song of Response: “Lord, Be Glorified” *Sing! A New Creation #43*

In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.

In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In our homes, Lord, be glorified today.

In Your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In Your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In Your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In Your world, Lord, be glorified today.

Congregational Prayer

## **WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading: Job 31:1-35

<sup>1</sup>“I made a covenant with my eyes  
not to look lustfully at a young woman.

<sup>2</sup>For what is our lot from God above,  
our heritage from the Almighty on high?

<sup>3</sup>Is it not ruin for the wicked,  
disaster for those who do wrong?

<sup>4</sup>Does he not see my ways  
and count my every step?

<sup>5</sup> “If I have walked with falsehood  
or my foot has hurried after deceit—  
<sup>6</sup> let God weigh me in honest scales  
and he will know that I am blameless—  
<sup>7</sup> if my steps have turned from the path,  
if my heart has been led by my eyes,  
or if my hands have been defiled,  
<sup>8</sup> then may others eat what I have sown,  
and may my crops be uprooted.  
<sup>9</sup> “If my heart has been enticed by a woman,  
or if I have lurked at my neighbor’s door,  
<sup>10</sup> then may my wife grind another man’s grain,  
and may other men sleep with her.  
<sup>11</sup> For that would have been wicked,  
a sin to be judged.  
<sup>12</sup> It is a fire that burns to Destruction;  
it would have uprooted my harvest.  
<sup>13</sup> “If I have denied justice to any of my servants,  
whether male or female,  
when they had a grievance against me,  
<sup>14</sup> what will I do when God confronts me?  
What will I answer when called to account?  
<sup>15</sup> Did not he who made me in the womb make them?  
Did not the same one form us both within our mothers?  
<sup>16</sup> “If I have denied the desires of the poor  
or let the eyes of the widow grow weary,  
<sup>17</sup> if I have kept my bread to myself,  
not sharing it with the fatherless—  
<sup>18</sup> but from my youth I reared them as a father would,  
and from my birth I guided the widow—  
<sup>19</sup> if I have seen anyone perishing for lack of clothing,  
or the needy without garments,  
<sup>20</sup> and their hearts did not bless me  
for warming them with the fleece from my sheep,  
<sup>21</sup> if I have raised my hand against the fatherless,  
knowing that I had influence in court,  
<sup>22</sup> then let my arm fall from the shoulder,  
let it be broken off at the joint.  
<sup>23</sup> For I dreaded destruction from God,  
and for fear of his splendor I could not do such things.  
<sup>24</sup> “If I have put my trust in gold  
or said to pure gold, ‘You are my security,’  
<sup>25</sup> if I have rejoiced over my great wealth,  
the fortune my hands had gained,  
<sup>26</sup> if I have regarded the sun in its radiance  
or the moon moving in splendor,  
<sup>27</sup> so that my heart was secretly enticed  
and my hand offered them a kiss of homage,

<sup>28</sup> then these also would be sins to be judged,  
for I would have been unfaithful to God on high.  
<sup>29</sup> “If I have rejoiced at my enemy’s misfortune  
or gloated over the trouble that came to him—  
<sup>30</sup> I have not allowed my mouth to sin  
by invoking a curse against their life—  
<sup>31</sup> if those of my household have never said,  
‘Who has not been filled with Job’s meat?’—  
<sup>32</sup> but no stranger had to spend the night in the street,  
for my door was always open to the traveler—  
<sup>33</sup> if I have concealed my sin as people do,  
by hiding my guilt in my heart  
<sup>34</sup> because I so feared the crowd  
and so dreaded the contempt of the clans  
that I kept silent and would not go outside—  
<sup>35</sup> (“Oh, that I had someone to hear me!  
I sign now my defense—let the Almighty answer me;  
let my accuser put his indictment in writing.

Message: “Job - Big Questions When Life Isn’t Fair”

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

Prayer of Application

\* Song of Response: “Shine On Us”

Lord, let your light, light of your face shine on us.  
Lord, let your light, light of your face shine on us.  
That we may be saved, that we may have life;  
to find our way in the darkest night,  
let your light shine on us.

Lord, let your grace, grace from your hand fall on us.  
Lord, let your grace, grace from your hand fall on us.  
That we may be saved, that we may have life;  
to find our way in the darkest night,  
let your grace fall on us.

Lord, let your love, love with no end come over us.  
Lord, let your love, love with no end come over us.  
That we may be saved, that we may have life;  
to find our way in the darkest night,  
let your love come over us.  
let your light shine on us.

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song: “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

*Sing! A New Creation #128*

Lord the light of Your love is shining in the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us; Set us free by the truth You now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me. Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send  
forth Your word, Lord and let there be light!

Lord I come to Your awesome presence. From the shadows into Your radiance.  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness. Search me try me consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me. Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth Your word, Lord and let there be light!

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness. So our faces display Your likeness.  
Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me. Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth Your word, Lord and let there be light!

\* Postlude

\* Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Tyler Helfers

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Rex DeBruin, Pam Voss

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Annual Congregational Meeting** - Everyone is encouraged to attend our Annual Congregational Meeting on **January 27, 2022 at 7:00 PM**. Committees are asked to submit a written report and present it at the meeting. Reports are to be emailed to Christina Helfers at [office@amestrinity.org](mailto:office@amestrinity.org)

**Special Offering** - Last week's special offering was for the **TCRC Building Fund**.

**Sunday School Start Time** - We are pushing the start time of Sunday school back by 5 minutes. It will now be from 10:50-11:30.

**Education Committee Members**- The Education Committee is looking for an additional member or two. If you are interested, please contact Rachel DeBruin.

**Open Job Positions** - The Church is looking to fill the following 3 positions- Office Coordinator and Finance Clerk and a new position of a Worship Coordinator. Depending on the applicant's skill set, we are looking for 1-3 people. Job descriptions are attached to this email. If you are interested, please send a cover letter and resume to Christina or Pastor Randy. You may also share this information with others who may be interested.

**Endowment Requests** - Please submit requests to Christina by **January 31, 2022**.

## **SMALL GROUPS & SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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

**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.

**UFOs** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Bill Frazier update** - Bill had surgery on Wednesday to remove one of his kidneys. He is home and doing well. Please continue to pray for his recovery and treatment for his cancer.

## **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Calvin University**

**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/](http://worship.calvin.edu/symposium/)

### **ReFrame Ministries**

**Family Fire** - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at [familyfire.com](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

**God's Global Community** - Check out the new kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Did you know that God made every person on earth? And that no two of us are the same? God created an incredible global community, and you are a part of it. Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content.

**Groundwork: Your Identity in Christ and Your Behavior** - Believing in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior changes your behavior, or at least it should. Join Groundwork as we study Ephesians 4:1-5:20 to hear the Apostle Paul's explanation for why and how our identity in Jesus Christ impacts what we do and say. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Faith Practice Reflection Tip** - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Engaging Scripture: Read Luke 24:45-49 and ponder or discuss the following questions. Luke says, "He opened [the disciples'] minds so they could understand the Scriptures." What do you think that revelation might have felt like to these friends of Jesus? What does it mean to be a "witness" to the truths of the gospel? How do you (or might you) do that in your everyday life?

### **CRC Communications**

**Launch of Thriving Essentials** - Thriving Essentials is a new course for elders, deacons, church staff, and any volunteer ministry leader. These four, one-hour sessions are offered on Zoom and cover key ideas about mission, discipleship, discernment, and leadership. New groups start every month. Learn more and register now at [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

### **Race Relations**

**Race Relations Sunday is February 6** - Join with churches throughout the CRCNA in celebrating Race Relations Sunday coming up on February 6. Search the website: [crcna.org/Race](http://crcna.org/Race) for great resources on how you can encourage your congregation to increase their commitment and competence in addressing racism and in organizing action to dismantle racism in all its forms.

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