

WORSHIP SERVICE
January 30, 2022
4th Sunday of Epiphany

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

- * God's Greeting
- * We Greet One Another
- * Call to Worship

*Let us worship the eternal God,
the source of love and life, who creates us.*

**Let us worship Jesus Christ,
the risen one, who lives among us.**

*Let us worship the Spirit,
the holy fire, who renews us.*

**To the one true God be praise
in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

- * Opening Song: "How Majestic Is Your Name" *Sing! A New Creation #24*
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name,
Prince of Peace, Mighty God, O Lord God Almighty.

- * Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Responsive Reading - God's call to follow his wisdom (From Job 28 and Proverbs 1-3)

*Leader: There is a mine for silver and a place where gold is refined.... But where can wisdom be found?
Where does understanding dwell?*

People: It is hidden from the eyes of every living thing, concealed even from the birds in the sky.... God understands the way to it and he alone knows where it dwells, for he views the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens.

Leader: When he established the force of the wind and measured out the waters, when he made a decree for the rain and a path for the thunderstorm, then he looked at wisdom and appraised it; he confirmed it and tested it. And he said to the human race, "The fear of the Lord—that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding."

People: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.... For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

Leader: He holds success in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless; for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.

People: Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her.

Leader: For the Lord detests the perverse but takes the upright into his confidence.... He mocks proud mockers but shows favor to the humble and oppressed. The wise inherit honor, but fools get only shame.

People: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Prayer of Commitment: "Be Unto Your Name"

We are a moment, You are forever Lord of the Ages, God before time

We are a vapor, You are eternal Love everlasting, reigning on high

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain

Highest praises, honor and glory Be unto Your name, be unto Your name

We are the broken, You are the healer Jesus, Redeemer, Mighty to save

You are the love song we'll sing forever Bowing before You, blessing Your name

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain

Highest praises, honor and glory Be unto Your name, be unto Your name Be unto Your name

Prayer of Confession

God of our salvation, we marvel that you sent your Son in the world, that we might become your children. Yet we confess that we are often rebellious children, questioning your wisdom and disregarding your ways. We fall back into the spirit of pride. We turn toward false saviors.

Forgive and heal us, we pray. Help us, once again, to turn away from all that is false, and to turn towards you. Help us to hear and embrace the identity, the promise and the calling you give to us in our baptism as your dearly loved children. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Christ is our peace; those who are divided he has made one. He has broken down the barriers of separation by his death and has built us up into one body, with God. To all who repent and believe he has promised reconciliation. So live as people reconciled.

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Scripture Reading: Job 40:1-14; 42:1-6

40 The Lord said to Job:

² "Will the one who contends with the Almighty correct him? Let him who accuses God answer him!"

³ Then Job answered the Lord:

⁴ "I am unworthy—how can I reply to you? I put my hand over my mouth.

⁵ I spoke once, but I have no answer— twice, but I will say no more."

⁶ Then the Lord spoke to Job out of the storm:

⁷ "Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me.

⁸ "Would you discredit my justice? Would you condemn me to justify yourself?

⁹ Do you have an arm like God's, and can your voice thunder like his?

¹⁰ Then adorn yourself with glory and splendor, and clothe yourself in honor and majesty.

¹¹ Unleash the fury of your wrath, look at all who are proud and bring them low,

¹² look at all who are proud and humble them, crush the wicked where they stand.

¹³ Bury them all in the dust together; shroud their faces in the grave.

¹⁴ Then I myself will admit to you that your own right hand can save you.

42 Then Job replied to the Lord:

² "I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

³ You asked, 'Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?' Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know.

⁴ "You said, 'Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.'

⁵ My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you.

⁶ Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes."

Message: "Job - God's Response"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "Blessed Be Your Name"

Lift Up Your Hearts #343

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful, where your streams of abundance flow;
blessed be your name. Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place.
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,
"Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name."
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name."

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me, when the world's "all as it should be";
blessed be your name. Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering;
though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,
"Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name."
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name."

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" *Lift Up Your Hearts #964*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen. Amen.

* Postlude

* Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Stacy Hertz

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Offering - The special offering this week will be for **World Renew**, which helps alleviate long-term poverty through integrated programs in health, agriculture, income-earning, literacy, and leadership development. Your prayers, involvement, and contributions make this work possible!

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

Pastor Randy vacation - Pastor Randy will be on vacation from **February 4-10**. If you need anything during this time, please contact an Elder or Deacon.

Service for February 6 - Rev. Tom Niehof will be leading worship next Sunday morning, February 6. The passage will be Mark 2:1-12, "The Hour of Salvation Has Come".

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

Pledges to support the Helpers in South Africa - Trinity CRC will be supporting Tyler and Christina's work in South Africa through our prayers and financial gifts. The council has voted to support them with \$5000 per year over the next three years (2022, 2023, 2024). Council is asking the congregation to make pledges towards that yearly \$5000 amount. Please prayerfully consider how much you can donate towards this effort. Pledge amounts can be sent to the deacons in-person or through email. Donations in fulfillment of the pledges should be made directly to the church.

Thank you from Pastor Randy and Holly- Holly and I would like to thank you all for the very generous Christmas present! This is helping us to be able to go along to see our daughter-in-law's home country in Peru when she and our son's family go there this summer. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for us and we're very grateful to be able to go. Thanks again!

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.

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 will meet on **February 6** (postponed from January 30) at **6:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy soup and crackers and choose a study topic for the spring session. New members are welcome.

UFOs meets on the 3rd Monday of the month (note the change in day) at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Register for a High School Experience of a Lifetime! - Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at the First Reformed Church in Sheldon, Iowa. TEC is an interdenominational three-day Christian retreat designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community. The next TEC is **March 18-20, 2022**. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit www.TriStateTEC.org or email TriStateTEC@gmail.com. The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request.

Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Engaging Scripture: Read James 1:22-25 and ponder or discuss the following questions. How might “merely listening to the word” cause us to deceive ourselves? The command to “do what it says” is pretty plain. But what if we disagree about what God’s Word says or how to apply it? How do we find clarity?

ReFrame Ministries

Join Us For Dinner - Check out the new kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Matthew 7:12 says, “Treat others as you want them to treat you.” Let’s talk about how to make space for others by making the circle bigger and about reaching out to a neighbor or stranger in our midst. Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Groundwork: Living God's Way in Our Relationships - Whether relationships are personal or professional, easy or hard, the Apostle Paul has guidance grounded in faith for all types of relationships. Join Groundwork as we study Ephesians 5:21-6:9 to better understand how to live God’s way in your relationships. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Race Relations

Race Relations Sunday is Next Week (Feb. 6) - Celebrate with congregations across the CRCNA the multicultural church of Christ on Race Relations Sunday, which is observed next week on February 6. Seek out resources and active ways to address racism in our community and commit to join in and support the work of anti-racism by searching the website: crcna.org/Race

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