

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**February 6, 2022**  
**5th Sunday of Epiphany**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship: Isaiah 60:1-2

*Arise, shine for your light has come.*

**And the glory of the LORD rises upon you.**

*See, darkness covers the earth.*

**And thick darkness is over the peoples.**

*But the LORD rises upon you*

**And his glory appears over you.**

\* Opening Song: "As With Gladness Men of Old" *Lift Up Your Hearts #105*

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore your splendor see.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed,  
there to bend the knee before Christ whom heav'n and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet ever seek your mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that manger plain and bare;  
so may we with holy joy, pure, and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you, our heav'nly King.

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way;  
and, when mortal things are past, bring our ransomed lives at last  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds your glory hide.

In that glorious city bright none shall need created light;  
you its Light, its Joy, its Crown, you its Sun which goes not down;  
there forever may we sing alleluias to our King.

\* Opening Prayer

**WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

God's Will for His People (From 1 Peter 2:9-12)

Hymn of Response: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" *Lift Up Your Hearts #730*

I want to walk as a child of the light I want to follow Jesus  
God set the stars to give light to the world The star of my life is Jesus

In Him there is no darkness at all The night and the day are both alike  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God Shine in my heart Lord Jesus

I want to see the brightness of God I want to look at Jesus  
Clear Sun of righteousness shine on my path And show me the way to the Father

In Him there is no darkness at all The night and the day are both alike  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God Shine in my heart Lord Jesus

I'm looking for the coming of Christ I want to follow Jesus  
When we have run with patience the race We shall know the joy of Jesus

In Him there is no darkness at all  
The night and the day are both alike  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God  
Shine in my heart Lord Jesus

Congregational Prayer

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

Children's Message

Scripture Reading: Mark 2:1-12

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. <sup>2</sup> They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. <sup>3</sup> Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. <sup>4</sup> Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." <sup>6</sup> Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, <sup>7</sup> "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

<sup>8</sup> Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? <sup>9</sup> Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? <sup>10</sup> But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, <sup>11</sup> "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." <sup>12</sup> He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Message: "The Hour of Salvation Has Arrived"

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

Prayer of Application

\* Song of Response: "Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old" *Psalter Hymnal #363*

Your hands, O Lord, in days of old were strong to heal and save  
They triumphed over pain and death, o'er darkness and the grave  
To you they went the blind, the mute, the palsied and the lame  
The leper set a part and shunned, the sick and those in shame

And then your touch brought life and health, gave speech and strength and sight  
And youth renewed with health restored, claimed you, the Lord of Light  
And so, O Lord, be near to bless, almighty now as then,  
In every street, in every home, in every troubled friend

O be our mighty healer still, O Lord of life and death  
Restore and strengthen soothe and bless with your almighty breath  
On hands that work and eyes that see your healing wisdom pour  
That whole and sick and weak and strong may praise you evermore

## **WE REMEMBER CHRIST'S SACRIFICE FOR US**

The Scriptural Teaching About the Supper

Hymn of Invitation: "Behold the Lamb"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #840*

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away  
Slain for us and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross  
So we share in this Bread of Life  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ  
Torn for you eat and remember  
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life  
Paid the price to make us one  
So we share in this Bread of Life  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin  
Shed for you drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God  
So we share in this Bread of Life  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace  
Around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
To respond and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth  
As we share in His suffering  
We proclaim Christ will come again  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King

We Share the Bread and the Cup  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song: "We Receive Your Blessings"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #947*

We receive your blessing; we receive your grace,  
as we walk in the light shining from your face.  
May the peace that you give change the way that we live.  
We receive your blessing as we leave this place.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him, all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, you heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and praise the Holy Ghost.

We receive your blessing; we receive your grace,  
as we walk in the light shining from your face.  
May the peace that you give change the way that we live.  
We receive your blessing as we leave this place.

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\* Postlude

\* Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Deb Neihof

Message: Rev. Tom Niehof

Musicians: Char Verkade, Eli Hufford, Laura Hufford

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Communion** – This week 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.

**Save the Date, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** – The Outreach Committee is putting on a Parent-2-Parent sale (basically an indoor garage sale of kids items). We will have booths set-up in the Fellowship Hall for people to rent. As you do spring cleaning and organize your kids' things, consider renting a booth to sell your items. TCRC attenders and their friends will have first dibs at renting tables, before we open it up to the public. More details to come.

**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.

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

**New Hire** – Pam Whitney has been hired to be the Office Coordinator and Treasurer. Duties will be transitioning over the next couple of months. Announcements should be sent to [office@amestrinity.org](mailto:office@amestrinity.org) by Wednesdays at 10:00 PM.

## **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** (this Sunday evening) 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.

**Women's Bible Study** - Meeting on **Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. This month we are studying Scripture Engagement. What does Scripture engagement mean? How are we to immerse ourselves in the true story of God's faithful love? We will discuss the faith practice of engaging in Scripture. Handouts are on the table by the office. Anyone is welcome to take a copy.

## **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### The Banner

**Get The Banner Straight to Your Inbox** - The Banner, the magazine of the CRC, will send you news, features, and columns straight to your email inbox! Sign up for the weekly e-newsletter by visiting [thebanner.org/signup](http://thebanner.org/signup). While you're there, you can sign up to receive The Banner print magazine straight to your door as well! [TheBanner.org/signup](http://TheBanner.org/signup)

### Faith Formation Ministries

**At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip** - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Justice and Mercy: Read Micah 6:8 and ponder or discuss the following questions. Do you typically think of doing justice as a “requirement” of the Christian life? What does that mean to you? What might it mean to “act justly and love mercy” in your various spheres of influence (home, work, school, church, community . . .)? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject](http://bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject))

### CRC Communications

**Inspire 2022: Early Bird Rate** - Join believers from across the continent August 4-6 in the Chicago area for a time of encouragement, renewal, and fellowship. Registration is now open! Register now for early-bird pricing of only \$95 USD/CDN (\$110 after March 31) plus flexibility if your plans change. This year’s theme, Inspired to Be One, focuses on celebrating our diversity in the CRCNA as a denomination, as well as the need for us to come together as one church. Inspire will connect people across generations, cultures, and missions, reorienting us in the hope of God’s kingdom. Find information and registration at [crcna.org/inspire](http://crcna.org/inspire)

### ReFrame Ministries

**God Made Us Different...On Purpose!** - Check out the new kids’ devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). The Bible says that each of us—differences and all—is created in the image of God. God wants us to love one another and talk about how we can grow together with all our differences. Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content.

### Global Coffee Break

**Putting the Pieces Together Workshop** - Explore how to put the pieces together for a discovery Bible study! Zoom Thursday, February 10 & 17 from 1 - 3 pm EST. Register at [GlobalCoffeeBreak.org/events](http://GlobalCoffeeBreak.org/events)

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