

WORSHIP SERVICE
February 13, 2022
6th Sunday of Epiphany

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship: Zephaniah 3:14-17

Sing, daughter of Zion; shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart....

The Lord has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy.

The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm.

On that day they will say to Jerusalem, "Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp.

The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save.

He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."

* Opening Song: "Mighty to Save"

Lift Up Your Hearts #611

Everyone needs compassion, A love that's never failing; Let mercy fall on me.

Everyone needs forgiveness, The kindness of a Savior, The hope of nations.

Savior, He can move the mountains; My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.

Forever Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave; Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me, All my fears and failures; Fill my life again.

I give my life to follow Everything I believe in. Now I surrender.

Savior, He can move the mountains; My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.

Forever Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave; Jesus conquered the grave.

Shine your light and let the whole world see We're singing For the glory of the risen King.

Jesus!

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Savior, He can move the mountains; My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.

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* Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession: (based on Psalm 73)

Our Father, as we come here this morning, we confess that there may be times when we become weary in our faith. We see the unbelievers who go through life without the consequences of their actions catching up to them. They don't spend time in worship or devotions and have more time for themselves; they don't give offerings to you and spend more on themselves. Their focus is on their own happiness and they seldom concern themselves with the needs of others. In their pride, they ridicule us for our faith and they disregard your ways, saying that you will not hold them accountable. But Lord, we depend upon you; do not let our faith be put to shame. My resolve may weaken, but you are the strength of my heart. Here in your sanctuary, hold me with your hand and guide me with your wisdom, let my heart find peace in you.

Assurance of Pardon: (Lamentations 3:19-24)

I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore, I will wait for him."

Prayer of Commitment: "Nearer, Still Nearer"

Lift Up Your Hearts #659

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 9:9-17

⁹ Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!

Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,

righteous and victorious,

lowly and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ I will take away the chariots from Ephraim

and the warhorses from Jerusalem,

and the battle bow will be broken.

He will proclaim peace to the nations.

His rule will extend from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope;

even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

¹³ I will bend Judah as I bend my bow

and fill it with Ephraim.

I will rouse your sons, Zion,

against your sons, Greece,

and make you like a warrior's sword.

¹⁴ Then the Lord will appear over them;

his arrow will flash like lightning.

The Sovereign Lord will sound the trumpet;

he will march in the storms of the south,

¹⁵ and the Lord Almighty will shield them.

They will destroy

and overcome with slingstones.

They will drink and roar as with wine;

they will be full like a bowl

used for sprinkling the corners of the altar.

¹⁶ The Lord their God will save his people on that day

as a shepherd saves his flock.

They will sparkle in his land

like jewels in a crown.

¹⁷ How attractive and beautiful they will be!

Grain will make the young men thrive,
and new wine the young women.

Message: Prisoners of Hope

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "He Knows My Name"

Lift Up Your Hearts #339

I have a Maker, He formed my heart
Before even time began, My life was in His hand

He knows my name, He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls, And hears me when I call

I have a Father, He calls me His own
He'll never leave me, No matter where I go

He knows my name, He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls, And hears me when I call

He knows my name, He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls, And hears me when I call
He hears me when I call

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song : "Go, My Children, With My Blessing" (vs1,3) *Lift Up Your Hearts #946*

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing; you are my own.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

* Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Rex DeBruin

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Char Verkade

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday Intergenerational Event - SuperBowl Party at TCRC! Starts at 5, with kickoff is at 5:30 on **February 13**. Come and enjoy the game, or just the commercials. Pizza will be supplied, bring a snack to share with others if you want. Games will be set up around the church for everyone to enjoy. The game will be shown in the fellowship hall.

Special Offering - Our special offering this week will be for the work of Joel and Jeannie Huyser, who serve with Resonate Global Mission (the new denominational agency that is carrying on the work of CRC World Missions and Home Missions.). Their work of connecting and equipping Christian leaders for the spiritual and social renewal of their communities has now spread to twelve cities globally. For more information on their ministry, see: <https://crwm.org/about-us/our-missionaries/joel-and-jeannie-huyser>

Council is meeting on **Wednesday, February 16**.

Midwest B.A.S.I.C camp for the 2022 year will happen the week of **August 8th through the 12th** at Pine Lake Christian Camp, same location as years before. The theme is "Run a Good Race" and will include all the great activities from before, Swimming, high ropes, carpet ball and group games just to name a few, and a few new ones being discussed. **SAVE THE DATE**, registration should be open soon. Contact Pam Whitney if you have any questions.

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.

January 2022 prayer letter from the Groenewold Van Dyks - Here is our January prayer letter to share with the congregation: <https://mailchi.mp/10c365c3646a/january-2022-prayer-letter-the-reality-of-war>

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 begin a new season on **Sunday evening, February 20, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. We will be studying "Angels: What the Bible Teaches, What You Need to Know" by Andrew J. Bandstra. New members are welcome

UFO Soup Swap - You are welcome to join us on **February 21st** at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for the Annual Soup Swap. If you wish to participate, bring 2 containers (3-4 cups each) of soup (frozen or not) to share, along with the recipe.

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Justice and Mercy: Read Isaiah 10:1-2 and ponder or discuss the following questions. What examples of unjust laws or oppressive

decrees do you see in your community or your country? Throughout the Bible, God's voice rings out to support people who are poor and oppressed and to protect them from injustice. In your opinion, does the church's passion for justice and mercy match God's? Why or why not?

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. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

Make the World a Better Place - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. In 1 Timothy 4:12, the apostle Paul gives Timothy two pieces of advice. First, "Don't let anyone make fun of you just because you are young." and second, "Set an example for other followers by what you say and do." Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Groundwork: When Life is Meaningless - Do you ever feel like you're spinning your wheels but not getting anywhere? Life can bring its share of discouragement. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Ecclesiastes 1-2 and 5:18-20 to glean wisdom for life from the Teacher and discuss why we can have hope even when life seems meaningless. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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