

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**February 27, 2022**  
**Last Sunday of Epiphany**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call To Worship.

*I will sing of your love, in the morning, I will sing of your strength.*

**I will watch for you, God for you are my fortress and shield. You are my refuge in times of trouble.**

*From the ends of the earth, I call to you.*

**I call as my heart grows faint. I will dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings.**

*Truly my soul finds rest in you, God, my rock and my salvation.*

**He is my fortress and I will not be shaken. In times of turmoil, he calls for us to be still and know that he is God.**

\* Opening Song: "Be Still, For the Presence of the Lord"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #532*

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.

In him no sin is found; we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

He burns with holy fire; with splendor he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.

No work too hard for him; in faith receive from him.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

"As The Deer"

As the deer pants for the water,

so my soul longs after you;

you alone are my heart's desire,

and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield;

to you alone may my spirit yield;

you alone are my heart's desire,

and I long to worship you!

*Lift Up Your Hearts #503*

\* Opening Prayer

**WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

Prayer of Confession:

*When stormy times rock our faith, like fugitives, we run from our trials to man-made caves and other temporary shelters.*

**The true oasis and rest for our souls is found only in God, for God is comfort and peace.. God is with us.**

*When we are afraid because the life we had known is suddenly changed by unexpected circumstances,*

**Like roaring thunder, God's mighty voice soothes. God's hope prevails. God is with us.**

*When our deepest needs aren't being fulfilled by those closest to us and we are unsure where we should turn,*

**God knows our every need. He pulls us into his loving arms and fills up our emotional supply, For God is our strong tower. God is with us.**

*When our hearts are faint and our bodies weak and we can't make it on our own,*

**God is our strength. He will lift us up and carry us in his everlasting arms. God is with us.**

**I will trust in your unfailing love. God. My heart rejoices in your hope and salvation.**

Assurance of Pardon:

*Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed. The Lord is good to those who's hope and faith are in Him*

Song of Response: "Good To Me"

*Sing! A new Creation #71*

I cry out for your hand of mercy to heal me.

I am weak; I need your love to free me.

O Lord, my rock, my strength in weakness-

Come rescue me, O Lord.

I cry out for your hand of mercy to heal me.

I am weak; I need your love to free me.

O Lord, my rock, my strength in weakness-

Come rescue me, O Lord.

You are my hope; your promise never fails me.

And my desire is to follow you forever.

For you are good, for you are good, for you are good to me.

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Children's Message

Haiti Mission Report

Jeff Maskovich

Congregational Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Psalm 57

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me,  
for in you I take refuge.

I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings  
until the disaster has passed.

<sup>2</sup> I cry out to God Most High,  
to God, who vindicates me.

<sup>3</sup> He sends from heaven and saves me,  
rebuking those who hotly pursue me  
God sends forth his love and his faithfulness.

<sup>4</sup> I am in the midst of lions;  
I am forced to dwell among ravenous beasts,  
men whose teeth are spears and arrows,  
whose tongues are sharp swords.  
<sup>5</sup> Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;  
let your glory be over all the earth.  
<sup>6</sup> They spread a net for my feet—  
I was bowed down in distress.  
They dug a pit in my path—  
but they have fallen into it themselves.  
<sup>7</sup> My heart, O God, is steadfast,  
my heart is steadfast;  
I will sing and make music.  
<sup>8</sup> Awake, my soul!  
Awake, harp and lyre!  
I will awaken the dawn.  
<sup>9</sup> I will praise you, Lord, among the nations;  
I will sing of you among the peoples.  
<sup>10</sup> For great is your love, reaching to the heavens;  
your faithfulness reaches to the skies.  
<sup>11</sup> Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;  
let your glory be over all the earth.  
Prisoners of Hope: Awaken the Dawn

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

\* Prayer of application

\* Song of Response: "On Eagles Wings"

*Sing! A New Creation #185*

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in his shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"  
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear:  
under his wings your refuge,  
his faithfulness your shield.

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you,  
near you it shall not come.

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

For to his angels is given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.  
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song : "God Of The Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #281*

God of the ages, whose almighty hand  
leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;  
in this free land by thee our lot is cast;  
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,  
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
may true religion in our hearts increase;  
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;  
lead us from night to never-ending day;  
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

\* Postlude

\* Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Rev. Randy Raak

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Musicians: Andrew Friend, Mark Voss, Pam Voss

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Communion** – March 6<sup>th</sup> we will gather at the Lord's Table. Come, all who are sorry for their sins, who believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, have confessed his name, and desire to live in obedience to him. Come, for Christ our risen Lord invites you to fellowship with him at his table.

**Special Offering** - The special offering this week will be for the **God's Love of Haiti**. God's Mercy to Haiti is a teaching and mercy ministry to the impoverished Haitian village of Kilbitè. They live without electricity or running water. Their warm hearts, eager minds, and resourceful efforts make them a delight to love and serve. Jeff Maskovich will be here to give us more information.

**Suggestions for Council** - Forms for suggestions for new Council members are on the table outside the office. Please take one and prayerfully consider your nominations for those opening spots on the council. Forms are due March 6th or sooner.

**Family to Family** - The Outreach Committee is putting on a Family2Family sale (basically an indoor garage sale of kids' items). We will have booths set-up in the Fellowship Hall and hallway for people to rent (\$7-12/booth). 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. Watch our Facebook page on how to register. Flyers on the table with the weekly bulletin. If you have questions, feel free to talk to Christina or Tina.

**Sunday School Spring Schedule** - There will be no Sunday School class **March 16th** due to Spring Break and **April 17** due to Easter. The Children will be a part of the service on April 10th, the plan is for them to sing at the beginning of the service. The last day of Sunday School will be **May 1st**.

**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.

**Nursery Help** - If you are interested in helping with nursery on Sunday mornings, please contact Pam Whitney to let her know your availability.

**Children's Sermon** - If you would like to help during the service on Sunday with the children's message, please contact Pam Whitney to let her know her availability.

### **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 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to discuss chapter two of "Angels: What the Bible Teaches, What You Need to Know" by Andrew J. Bandstra. New members are welcome.

**UFO** - Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

### **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### 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.

No Separation from God - Check out the new kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). The love of God is like a strong magnet. Nothing can separate you from his love, no matter what happens. Remember that God has already shown his love to you and to all the world. He sent his Son Jesus to save us from our sins. Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content.

Focus on the Cross - Lent is a season to focus on the hope of Jesus Christ. Receive a free Today devotional email series to help you refresh, refocus, and renew your faith during Lent. Or download the ebook! Subscribe at [todaydevotional.com/lent](http://todaydevotional.com/lent).

Groundwork: Finding Meaning in Life and the Passing of Time - In Ecclesiastes 3 the Teacher advises, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." He later calls time a burden, but also says God has "set eternity in the human heart." Join Groundwork as we study Ecclesiastes 3:1-11, 12:1-14 to glean wisdom from the Teacher for how to find meaning in life through our time. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

#### Faith Formation Ministries

**At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip** - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Justice and Mercy: Read Revelation 21:1-4 and ponder or discuss the following questions. This passage shares a vision of a new heaven and a new earth that is completely free from pain, sadness, and death. As the season of Lent begins this week, consider the many ways in which you and the communities you're a part of have sinned against God and neighbor. What would it be like to live in a world free from the results of sin? Where do you see glimmers of the new heaven and new earth today? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject](http://bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject))

#### World Renew

Join World Renew in Renewing Hope for Survivors of Disasters - On average, it takes a town in the United States 3-5 years to recover from a disaster. Over the last 50 years, World Renew Disaster Response Services has responded to disasters in 8 Canadian provinces, nearly every state, and 4 U.S. territories. In two weeks, join World Renew to learn how through your gifts you can help renew hope for families across North America who are recovering from fires, floods, hurricanes and other disasters. For more information go to: [worldrenew.net/drs](http://worldrenew.net/drs)

#### Other

Online Bible Study Series for Lent - **Starts March 2** - "Building God's Church Together" is an online Bible study series that includes self-guided sessions and virtual discussion groups to cultivate a deeper understanding of God's vision for men and women working together in the church. The course opens on March 2 and the first virtual discussion group is on March 9 and runs through Lent. Sign up today! [tinyurl.com/BGCTstudy](http://tinyurl.com/BGCTstudy)

#### CRC Communications

**Thriving Essentials Leadership Training Course** - 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. There are a few spots open in our March groups and new groups will be forming for April soon. Learn more and register now at [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

Congregational Prayer: Tyler Helfer

Sound: Tom Whitney

Nursery: Judy and Megan

Children's message: Rev. Randy Raak (Scripture text is Psalm 57)

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