

WORSHIP SERVICE
March 13, 2022
2nd Sunday of Lent

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

- * God's Greeting
- * We Greet One Another
- * Call to Worship: from Psalm 104

Praise the Lord, my soul. Lord my God, you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

The Lord wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters.

*He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind.
He makes winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants.*

May the glory of the Lord endure forever. I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

- * Opening Songs: "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Lift Up Your Hearts#20

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

Each little flow'r that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
God made their tiny wings.

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky.

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden:
He made them ev'ry one.

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well.

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,

all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

* Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

What we believe about finding God in nature: from the Canons of Dort, 3rd point of doctrine, art. 4

There is, to be sure, a certain light of nature remaining in humanity after the fall, by it we retain some notions about God, natural things, and the difference between what is moral and immoral.

Humanity also continues to demonstrate a certain eagerness for virtue and for good outward behavior.

But this light of nature is far from enabling humanity to come to a saving knowledge of God and conversion to him on it's own and without God's grace - so far, in fact, that humanity does not use it rightly even in matters of nature and society.

Instead, without God, humanity distorts this light of nature and twists it into unrighteousness.

Prayer of Confession:

Our Father, you have blessed us with the design and beauty of this creation. You made us from this dirt and we are organically bound to it. We thank you for this world and ask that you would help us to care for it as we should. We ask for your forgiveness, though, when we worship your creation rather than you, our Creator. Lift our eyes and hearts to you, through Jesus our Lord, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."

(Colossians 3:1-4)

Remembering the blessings of Jesus' sacrifice for us: removal of one of the black veils

Song of commitment: "This Is My Father's World"

Lift Up Your Hearts #21

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--
His hand the wonders wrought.
This is my Father's world:
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.
This is my Father's world:
O let me not forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Bible Reading: Deuteronomy 18:9-13, Galatians 5:13-18

Deuteronomy 18:9-14

⁹ When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. ¹⁰ Let no one be found among you who sacrifices their son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, ¹¹ or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. ¹² Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord; because of these same detestable practices the Lord your God will drive out those nations before you. ¹³ You must be blameless before the Lord your God. ¹⁴ The nations you will dispossess listen to those who practice sorcery or divination. But as for you, the Lord your God has not permitted you to do so.

Galatians 5:13-18

¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. ¹⁶ So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Message: Gods of America - Witchcraft

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "Beautiful Savior"

Up Your Hearts #17

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.
Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.
Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song "Freely, Freely"

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as he told me to:
He said, "Freely, freely you have received.
Freely, freely give;
Go in my name and, because you believe,
Others will know that I live
All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,
In earth and heav'n in Jesus name;

And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his pow'r as He told me to:
He said, "Freely, freely you have received.
Freely, freely give;
Go in my name and, because you believe,
Others will know that I live

* Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Deb Niehof

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Char Verkade, Rex DeBruin

ANNOUNCEMENTS 3/13/22

No Sunday School today

Congregational meeting March 20. After the morning service on 3/20 we will have a brief congregational meeting to vote on calling Rev. Lora Copley as the Areopagus Campus Minister. Since Lora is ordained, and every minister in the CRC is accountable to a congregation and their council, she will need a church to hold her ministerial credentials. The Areopagus Board has voted to offer the position to her, and Classis North Central Iowa has approved extending a call to her, it is now up to us at Trinity to follow up with this final step. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Randy or any council member. A copy of her resume is available upon request from Pastor Randy or the church office.

Bible Camp -The special offering this week is to support **Midwest B.A.S.I.C** (Brothers And Sisters In Christ) **Youth Bible Camp**, which has

been such a blessing to our young people each summer. Camp will be held this year August 8th through the 12th

Family2Family Sale – Mark your calendars for Trinity’s Family2Family Sale on **April 2nd, from 9 -1!** Rent a space to sell kids’ items or just come to shop. Find all the details and booth rental info on our website at <https://www.amestrinity.org/family2family-sale/>. **Be sure to share this opportunity with local family and friends**—printed flyers available on the table outside the office and our posted Facebook event.

Roots Intergenerational Activity - Wednesday April 20th at 6.30 PM, Everyone is invited to come and participate in the Intergenerational activity put on by the ROOTS. We will be preparing packages for the healthcare workers at Mary Greeley Medical Center. This is a great way to say thank you to the healthcare workers for all they have done and do, and the sacrifices they have made during the pandemic.

Sunday School Spring Schedule - There will be no Sunday School class **March 13th** 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.**

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

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.

February 2022 prayer letter from the Groenewold Van Dyks - In light of the current situation in Ukraine, we are sending two prayer letters: the

first is our "official" February prayer letter, and the second is a follow-up with more specific prayer requests.

<https://mailchi.mp/050210f83a8b/february-2022-prayer-letter-lcc-and-ukraine>

<https://mailchi.mp/472871d07e93/lcc-and-ukraine-follow-up-and-specific-prayer-requests>

From the Deacons:

Ukraine Crisis: The deacons would like to collect money for the ongoing crisis in Ukraine. If you want to give towards this cause, you may put a check in the offering with a note on the memo line "Ukraine Crisis." We will then send this money to World Renew, who is working with partners and other disaster organizations in the area. Please pray for all those affected by the war in Ukraine.

Supporting the Helpers work in South Africa: Thanks to those that have pledged or given money to this cause so far. We have received pledges totaling \$3,350. Please prayerfully consider if you can help us meet our goal of \$5000. 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.

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. We will be studying: "Angels: What the Bible Teaches, What You Need to Know" by Andrew J. Bandstra. New members are welcome.

UFO - Meets on the Third Monday of each month

Women's Bible Study - Meets the First Monday of each month

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

God Loves Me. The Bible Tells Me So - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Have you ever wondered why we read the Bible? The Bible points us to God, and as Mark 12:30 says, "You must love him with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength." Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Groundwork: The Curse of the Cross - We were rightly cursed by God for our failure to keep his covenant. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Deuteronomy 28:1-19, Deuteronomy 21:22-23, Galatians 3:10-14, 2 Corinthians 5:21, and Isaiah 53:4-11 to better understand the cursed nature of the cross and discuss the implications of this curse and Jesus' death under it for our lives of faith today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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.

World Renew

Join World Renew Disaster Response Services in Building Communities of Hope - Many survivors with little or no resources to repair or rebuild homes damaged or destroyed by a flood, fire, tornado, or other disaster, are left feeling overwhelmed and hopeless. Through your gifts you walk alongside World Renew Disaster Response Services volunteers to help rebuild lives and restore hope for the future in disaster-impacted communities. To donate or to learn about volunteer opportunities, call 1-800-552-7972 or go online to: worldrenew.net/drs

Share God's Hope with People Impacted by the Ukraine Conflict - The reports of food and medical supply shortages, disruptions in water services, and families being torn apart following the escalation in hostilities in Ukraine have caused deep global concern. Millions are displaced within Ukraine and over 1.5 million people have fled to neighboring countries as refugees. The growing need is heartbreaking, but you can share hope with people impacted by this crisis. World Renew is responding by supporting fellow members in Integral Alliance as they work with on-ground partners in the region. Your gift, through World Renew, will give temporary shelter, emergency non-food items, such as blankets and hygiene items, and much-needed health support to people left vulnerable by this conflict. To donate go to: worldrenew.net/ukraine-response

Calvin University

Travel with the Calvin Academy for Lifelong Learning - Join Dr. Debra Freeberg on a trip to Ireland from June 16-25, 2022. Highlights include Dublin, Cork, Galway, Blarney Castle, Ring of Kerry, Cliffs of Moher, Connemara, and Kylemore Abbey. See www.calvin.edu/go/travel for details.

Safe Church Ministry

March 2022 Safe Church Webinar: Assessing Risk - The Safe Church theme for this year is Safe Church Basics: Five Steps to a Safer Church. Join us March 23rd at 12 pm Eastern for our first webinar: Assessing Risk. This webinar will feature a panel discussing abuse scenarios that have impacted Christian Reformed Church communities throughout North America. We will hear from a panel who will engage with these scenarios and then introduce a new tool from Safe Church called the Safe Church Assessment which is designed to assess risk and help determine how your church can do better in preventing abuse. register here:

<https://bit.ly/scassessrisk>

CRC Communications

Come and Be Inspired - We can all use some inspiration and togetherness. Registration is now open for Inspire 2022! Gather with us in the Chicago area on August 4-6 for a time of worship, learning, and fellowship. Register now to get the early bird rate; bring a group of more than 5 from the same church and get a further \$15 off! Full refunds are available until June 30; after that, you can transfer the registration within your church. Learn more and sign up at crcna.org/inspire

VOLUNTEERS

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Nursery: Judy and Christina

Children's message: Deb Niehof

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