

WORSHIP SERVICE
March 20, 2022
3rd Sunday of Lent

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

- * God's Greeting
- * We Greet One Another
- * Call to Worship: from Psalms 24 & 25

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it.

For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. In you I trust, O my God. No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame.

So show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God, my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

- * Opening Songs: "Spirit Song"

Sing A New

Creation#212

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love

Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul

O let him have the things that hold you, And a Spirit like a dove

Will descend upon your life and make you whole

Jesus O Jesus, come and fill your Lambs

Jesus O Jesus, come and fill your Lambs

O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with Joy

Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name. O give him all your
tears and sadness
Give him all your years of pain

And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name
Jesus O Jesus, come and fill your Lambs
Jesus O Jesus, come and fill your Lambs

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Lift up Your

Hearts#348

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of
turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be. Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I
have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord,
unto me!

Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest, sun, moon, and
stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to
thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I
have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord,
unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thy own dear presence to
cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
– blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Great is thy
faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new
mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy
faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

* Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

What we believe about God's providence: (Matthew 6:25-27)

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear.

Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"

Prayer of Confession:

Our Father, you have been faithful to us. And yet, at times we obsess over the things of this world - over finances, property, careers. Lord, help us to trust you, and to see all these things as gifts from you. Help us to be good stewards of all that you entrust to us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

"Consider how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?"

So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:30-33)

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

Song of commitment: "Speak, O Lord"

Lift up

Your Hearts #755

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in

your likeness – that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity. Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Bible Reading: Matthew 6:19-24

¹⁹ "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²² "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Message: Gods of America - Materialism

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: “Seek Ye First”

Lift up

Your Hearts #899

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.
Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.
We do not live by bread alone, but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song “Lead Me, Guide Me”

Lift up

Your Hearts #329 (vs 1&3)

Lead me, guide me, along the way,
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with you;
lead me my whole life through.

I am weak, and I need your strength and power
to endure with grace my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness your face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Lead me, guide me, along the way,
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with you;
lead me my whole life through.

I am lost if you take your hand from me,
I am blind without your light to see.
Lord, forever may I your servant be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Lead me, guide me, along the way,
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with you;
lead me my whole life through.

* Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Randy Raak

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Char Verkade

ANNOUNCEMENTS 3/20/22

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.

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 on **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**.

Holy Week - This year we will have a Maundy Thursday service and a Sunrise service, along with our normal Sunday morning service. Times to be announced as we get closer to the holiday.

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

Seeing God's Story Everywhere - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. What can you do to help yourself see Bible verses every day? Could you paint pictures about what you've read? The more ways you can look at Bible verses the easier it will be for you to have God's Word "on your hearts" (Deuteronomy 6:6). Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Groundwork: The Shame of the Cross - As we seek to comprehend the fullness of Jesus' sacrifice, we need to revisit the shame of the cross. Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 53:1-3, Philippians 2:5-8, Genesis 2:25, Genesis 3:7-10, Hebrews 12:1-3, and 1 Peter 2:4-6 to examine the relationship between sin and shame and unpack why Jesus' experience of shame was necessary for our salvation. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

World Renew

World Renew Thanks You for Your Gift of Hope - Thank you for your generosity and for joining World Renew's Disaster Response Services in extending Christ's love to survivors of disaster. Your gifts help Disaster Response Services volunteers to rebuild and repair homes in vulnerable communities that have been impacted by disaster, renewing hope for the

future. If you would like to learn more about how World Renew is answering God's call for justice and mercy, please visit: worldrenew.net

Calvin University

Scriptoria: An Interfaith Writing Workshop - Morning workshops. Afternoon instruction. One-on-ones with editors. Deep faith conversations. Think boot camp for your writing—whether it's fiction, nonfiction, or poetry—on June 20-24, 2022, in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Scriptoria: An Interfaith Writing Workshop with Gary Schmidt, Hugh Cook, Patrice Gopo, L.S. Klatt, Robert Hudson, Nikki Grimes, Vinita Hampton Wright, and more. Visit scriptoriaworkshop.org

Faith Formation Ministries

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Tom Niehof

Sound: Tom Whitney

Nursery: Jessica and Caraline

Children's message: Randy Raak

April 3 Kenzie and Cassi

April 10 Pam N and Alexa

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