

WORSHIP SERVICE
March 27, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Lent

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship:

Since God loves us so, we should love one another for love comes from God

Everyone who loves has been born of God. If we love others God lives in us, for his love has been made complete in us.

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his only son, Jesus, to die for our sins.

This is the definition of pure love: Not that we first loved God, but that he first loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. We thank you, God, for your unconditional love.

* Opening Song: "Your Name"

Lift Up Your

Hearts # 375

As morning dawns and evening fades
You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart
And glorify Your Name

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower
Your Name is a shelter like no other
Your Name let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name

Jesus in Your Name we pray
Come and fill our hearts today

Lord give us strength to live for You
And glorify Your Name

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower
Your Name is a shelter like no other
Your Name let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save
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* Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, giver of all life, you breathed into our nostrils the breath of life, creating us to love you and others above ourselves. Forgive us for our self-centeredness when we don't recognize the emotional or physical pain of others. Forgive us for our selfishness when we feel we are entitled to put our own happiness above those we profess to love and care for. Forgive us when we worship our own bodies, the temple you blessed us with, more than you. Forgive us when we focus more on "working out" to enhance the external appearance of our bodies than "working with in" to improve our inner selves to become more like you. God, by your great mercy, bring our focus back to you. Help us to become more like Jesus, who put caring for others, above his own needs. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Because of God's great love, I belong to him. Christ, by his holy spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live and follow him.

Thanks be to God who forgives my sin!

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

Song of Response: "I Want Jesus To Walk With Me"

Lift Up Your Hearts # 140

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Children's Message:

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading:

Philippians 2:1-11

² Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own

advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Message: “False Gods: Wellness Culture, Egocentric Self Care “

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of application

* Song of Response: “Before The Throne of God Above”

Lift Up

Your Hearts # 682

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea;
a great High Priest, whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look, and see him there

who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb,
my perfect, spotless righteousness;
the great unchangeable "I AM,"
the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die,
my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Salvation Belongs to our God"

Lift Up

Your Hearts # 608

Salvation belongs to our God
Who sits upon the throne,
and unto the Lamb
Praise and Glory,
Wisdom and thanks,
Honor and power and strength.

Be to our God forever and ever,
Be to our God forever and ever,
Be to our God forever and ever, amen.

And we, the redeemed shall be strong
In purpose and unity
Declaring aloud

Praise and Glory,
Wisdom and thanks,
Honor and power and strength.

Be to our God forever and ever,
Be to our God forever and ever,
Be to our God forever and ever, amen.

* Postlude

* Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Laura Hufford

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Rex DeBruin, Pam Voss

ANNOUNCEMENTS 3/27/22

This week's special offering is for **Areopagus**, a ministry to Iowa State University. Areopagus aims to reflect the relevance of the Gospel and a Reformed Christian worldview to the world of higher education, and in the lives of students and faculty. For more information, please talk with Tyler Helfers (Areopagus director), or visit <http://www.isu-areopagus.org/>

Wayne & Eleanor Ostendorf will be celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary on April 5. They dearly miss the TCRC church family and are enjoying church in the Mill Pond chapel. Eleanor has recovered well from a fall and major head injury in January and enjoys cheering the Cyclones on TV with Wayne. Please come visit any time to say hello!

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.

National Day of Prayer—when people from different faiths are called to pray for the United States and its leaders. This year the National Day of Prayer falls on **Thursday, May 5**.

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.

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

Who Taught You about Jesus? - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. How did you first learn about Jesus? We all have someone in our lives who shared the story of Jesus Christ with us. Maybe it was your parents, a Sunday school teacher, or a friend who invited you to church. This week's verse, 2 Timothy 1:5, tells us about the two women who raised Timothy in the faith. Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Groundwork: The Paradox of the Cross - In the Roman empire, the cross brought death in a brutal, humiliating way. But believers of Jesus Christ find life in the cross. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Romans 5:1-11, and Ephesians 2:8-10 to study the paradox of the cross, remember the profound love of God, and learn how we should live in light of this paradox. 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.

Faith Formation Ministries

Resonate Global Mission

Resonate Match Campaign: Double Your Impact - Resonate Global Mission has a great opportunity for your giving to God's mission through the Christian Reformed Church! April 1-30, any amount you give for our special campaign will be matched, dollar for dollar, by a generous donor! Learn more at www.resonateglobalmission.org/MatchMyGift

World Renew

Join Us for World Renew Sunday - More than 700 million people around the world live in extreme poverty (on less than \$1.90 a day). Next week,

World Renew and churches across the US will be partnering together to help build pathways out of poverty for the world's vulnerable. Visit worldrenew.net/world-renew-Sunday to learn more and come prepared to give next week for World Renew Sunday.

CRC Communications

Register Today for Inspire 2022 - Plan to join sisters and brothers in Christ from all around the CRC for three days of worship, prayer, learning, and fellowship. We'll gather, August 4-6, near Chicago, Illinois, for Inspire 2022. Register today and get the early bird rate. Groups of 5 or more from one church qualify for a further discount with our group rate! Learn more at crcna.org/inspire

Free CRC Leadership Training Course - Register now to take the new Thriving Essentials virtual training in April at no cost (limit 25 persons). The two, 2-hour-long Zoom sessions on April 18 and 25 can help get all church leaders on the same page concerning the key concepts of Mission, Discipleship, Discernment, and Leadership. Take the class for yourself, then decide if attendance would benefit your core church leadership. Website: crcna.org/Thrive

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