

WORSHIP SERVICE
April 3, 2022
Fifth Sunday of Lent

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

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

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

**We rejoice in our God, who made a way
through the desert of this world.**

*Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy
to flow in the wasteland.*

**We are the people God has formed through Christ
we worship him, and we rejoice!**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

We praise God for the grace that has saved us.

Alleluia! We rejoice!

- * Opening Songs: "Here I Am Lord *Lift Up Your Hearts #869*
I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell
in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
whom shall I send?
REFRAIN: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in
the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.
I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have
wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I

will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send? (REFRAIN)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send? (REFRAIN)

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

Lift Up Your Hearts #224

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore. Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice. Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o’er earth and heaven; the keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice. Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God’s right hand till all his foes submit, bow down at his command, and fall beneath his feet. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice. Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope; for Christ, the Judge, shall come to gather all his saints to their eternal home. We soon shall hear the archangel’s voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

* Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession:

In so many ways we act as though our lives belong only to ourselves. By what we think and what we say, by what we do and what we don’t do. By how we spend our time and use our bodies. Lord, remind us that we belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to Jesus Christ. And help us to live that way, offering our lives as a living sacrifice to God.

Assurance of Pardon:

Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. In Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God for his indescribable Gift!

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

Children's Message: Mary S.

Congregational Prayer: Melody F.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6: 1-4

"Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. ² "So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ³ But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Message: False Gods: Social Justice

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "Not What My Hands Have Done" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #624

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;
not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Your voice alone, O Lord, can speak to me of grace;
your power alone, O Son of God, can all my sin erase.

No other work but yours, no other blood will do;
no strength but that which is divine can bear me safely through.

I praise the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;
and with unfaltering lip and heart I call this Savior mine.
My Lord has saved my life and freely pardon gives;
I love because he first loved me, I live because he lives.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Lift High the Cross" *Lift Up Your Hearts #264*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where the Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

From north and south, from east and west we raise
in growing unison our song of praise.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

O Lord, once lifted on the tree of pain,
Draw all the world to seek you once again.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Let every race and every language tell
of him who saves our lives from death and hell.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Set up your throne, that earths despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

So shall our song of triumph ever be:

praise to the Crucified for victory!

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

* Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Mary S.

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion: Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who are baptized into Christ and have made a public stand for him are welcome to the Lord's Table, to receive the nourishment and refreshment of the bread and cup of the Lord "as sure signs" in remembrance of Christ's body and blood poured out for us in his once-for-all sacrifice on the cross.

Wayne & Eleanor Ostendorf will be celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary on April 5. Greetings may be sent to them at 1201 SE Mill Pond Ct. #442, Ankeny, IA 50021. 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!

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.

Fellowship will have a brunch following Easter Sunrise Service. Graduates will be honored on May 1st, we will be celebrating this spring, punch and cake will be served. And once again fellowship is seeking volunteers to provide snacks for fellowship time, sign up sheet will be provide in fellowship hall.

National Day of Prayer—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**.

Women's Conference June 15-18 - Christina is attending the Gospel Coalition's Women's Conference in Indianapolis from June 15-18 and would love to have others come with. The theme of the conference is "Remember Your Joy." The Endowment Committee has approved a request to pay for 2/3 of the cost of the conference for up to 6 women. If you are interested, please reach out to Christina (christina.helfers@gmail.com). More information on the conference can be found at www.thegospelcoalition.org/tgcw22.

Groenwold Van Dyks March 2022 newsletter -here is the link to this month newsletter. <https://mailchi.mp/2b95c6033aec/march-2022-prayer-letter-one-month-in-one-month-to-go>

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 - The women's Bible study will be discussing the faith practice of listening to God, Monday, April 4th at 9am. "How were you taught to listen to God? How have you taught your children to listen?" We will discuss Isaiah 55:3,10-11. Thoughts and questions to ponder are on the table outside the office for anyone to pick up.

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jesus' Palm Sunday - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Jesus' humble entry into Jerusalem shows that though you are small, you are important to God. In God's kingdom, it doesn't matter how much money you have, or how smart you are, or how important you look to others. Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Family Fire - 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.

Groundwork: The Complete Sufficiency of the Cross - Christ's sacrifice is completely sufficient to satisfy God's wrath, and yet, sometimes we forget. Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 53:6; Galatians 2:20-21, 3:1-3, 3:24-27, & 6:14-15; and Romans 5:9-11 & 6:1-4 to discuss the source of

this truth, how we can keep our fears at bay, and how we can keep a right perspective about our salvation and our deeds. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes

Resonate Global Mission

Give to Resonate Now and Double Your Impact - Don't miss out on an opportunity to double your gift to God's mission! Your gift will be matched dollar for dollar when you give to our special campaign at www.resonateglobalmission.org/MatchMyGift. The work of God's mission has changed a lot in the past 2 years but you can help the CRC respond and adapt through Resonate Global Mission.

World Renew

Today is World Renew Sunday! - Today, we are having an offering to support the work of World Renew. World Renew has the plans, the systems, the partners, and the people to come alongside communities experiencing poverty, hunger, injustice, and violence and to build long-term pathways towards flourishing. We are excited to join in this work as a faithful response to the God who can accomplish abundantly more than all we ask or imagine. Thank you for giving as you are able to help end global poverty.

CRC Communications

Join us at Inspire 2022 - Come to Chicago August 4-6 for a time of togetherness, worship, and learning. Not sure about making travel plans? We get that. That's why we've got a generous refund policy, and we've extended the early-bird rate! Also, gather five or more people from your church to get the group rate. We'd love to see you there. Learn more and register at crcna.org/inspire

Join us in Praying for Synod 2022 - Synodical delegates, church leaders, and CRCNA members across the continent are praying for Synod 2022. Please join us! Prayer gatherings for synodical delegates are scheduled for April 27, May 11, and May 25. We will post prayer guides on the Network each time so that you can pray with us at a time that works for

you as families, individuals, church councils, small groups, and others.
Need some prayer points to pray through now? Find the March 30 prayer
guide at network.crcna.org/prayer/prayer-guide-synod-philippians-44-9

VOLUNTEERS

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Z = Donna Bergman