

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**May 1, 2022**  
**3rd Sunday of Easter**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship: From Psalm 149

*Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.*

**Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with timbrel and harp.**

*For the Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with victory*

**Let his faithful people rejoice in this honor and sing for joy**

\* Opening Song: "Come Thou Fount

*Lift Up Your Hearts* #521

Come thou fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount – I'm fixed upon it  
mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,

wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood  
Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee;  
prone to wander, Lord I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above

\* Opening Prayer

## **WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

**Prayer of Confession:** (from Psalm 25)

**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.**

**Assurance of Pardon:** (Isaiah 42:6-7)

*"I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness."*

**Song of entrusting:** "You Are My Hiding Place" SNC #180

You are my hiding place.

You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance.

Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you.

I will trust in you.

Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord."

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## **Children's Message**

### **Congregational Prayer**

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

Bible Reading: Genesis 32:22-33:4

<sup>22</sup> That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

<sup>23</sup> After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. <sup>24</sup> So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. <sup>26</sup> Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup> The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered.

<sup>28</sup> Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome." <sup>29</sup> Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared." <sup>31</sup> The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip. <sup>32</sup> Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the tendon attached to the socket of the hip, because the socket of Jacob's hip was touched near the tendon

<sup>33</sup> Jacob looked up and there was Esau, coming with his four hundred men; so he divided the children among Leah, Rachel and the two female servants. <sup>2</sup> He put the female servants and their children in

front, Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph in the rear.  
<sup>3</sup> He himself went on ahead and bowed down to the ground seven times as he approached his brother. <sup>4</sup> But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him.  
And they wept

Message: Life Transitions - Wrestling With God and Men

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

Prayer of Application

\* Song of Response: "Thy Word" *Sing a New Creation #86*

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, Think I've lost my way,

Still you're there right beside me.

And nothing will I fear As long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

I will not forget Your love for me and yet

My heart forever is wandering.

Jesus be my guide, And hold me to your side,

I will love you to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sing during the passing of the bread:

"Nearer, Still Nearer" *Lift Up Your Hearts* 659

Nearer, still nearer, close to thy heart,

draw me, my Savior, so precious thou art.

Fold me, O fold me close to thy breast;

shelter me safe in that haven of rest,

shelter me save in that haven of rest.

Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring,  
naught as an offering to Jesus, my King –  
only my sinful, now contrite heart;  
grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart,  
grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart.

Nearer, still nearer, Lord, to be thine,  
sin with its follies I gladly resign,  
all of its pleasures, pomp and its pride;  
give me but Jesus my Lord crucified,  
give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified.

Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last,  
till safe in glory my anchor is cast;  
through endless ages, ever to be nearer,  
my Savior, still nearer to thee,  
nearer, my Savior, still nearer to thee

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song: “When We Walk With the Lord”

*Hearts #327*

*Lift Up Your*

When we walk with the Lord  
in the light of his Word,  
what a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will  
he abides with us still,  
and with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey

But we never can prove  
the delights of his love  
until all on the altar we lay;  
for the favor he shows,

and the joy he bestows  
are for them who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet  
we will sit at his feet,  
or we'll walk by his side in the way;  
what he says we will do,  
where he sends we will go -  
never fear, only trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey.

\* Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Jeff Kopaska

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Char Verkade

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Communion: Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Congregation of Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for believers. If you are sorry for your sins and follow Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, you are invited to come to his table.

**Sunday School Spring Schedule** - The last day of Sunday School will be **May 1st.**

**Sunday School Survey** - Parents of ALL students and jr high and high school students please consider filling out a survey to help the education committee improve classes at TCRC. Surveys can be found on the table outside the office, please fill out and return to the box by May 15. Thank you!

**Fellowship** Graduates will be honored on **May 1<sup>st</sup>**, we will be celebrating this spring with punch and cake. The Graduates for this year: High School Graduates-Alexa Kopaska and Bethany Van Dyk; College-Garret Van Dyk; Masters-Mary Saucedo and Tara Tilstra. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL. And once again fellowship is seeking volunteers to provide snacks for fellowship time, sign up sheet will be provided in fellowship hall.

**Rev Lora Copley**- We are grateful to announce that Rev. Lora Copley has accepted the call to become the next Areopagus Campus Ministry pastor! She and Joel and their daughters Alisabeth (6<sup>th</sup> grade) and Kathlyn (7<sup>th</sup> grade) plan to arrive in the middle of July. Their sons Johnathan and David will both be attending Dordt College next year. Thank you all for your prayers for God's leading and discernment for them over the last couple months. We ask for your continued prayers for a good transition for them. Address and email listed below.

Rev Lora Copley, 3712 Bonito Ct, Gallup, New Mexico 87301-4524:

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**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**.

Groenwold Van Dyks Here is our April prayer letter to share with the congregation: <https://mailchi.mp/05cd4fa24c83/april-2022-prayer-letter-telling-the-truth>

**Next week's special offering - Tyler and Christina Helfers (Stellenbosch International Fellowship-SIF)**

In August, Tyler and Christina will be moving to Stellenbosch, South Africa, where Tyler will serve as pastor to an international church (SIF). The church exists to be a "global family in Christ", serving students, migrant workers, and refugees from around the world. Please consider a gift towards Tyler and Christina's work to reach out to non-Christians with the Gospel, and to disciple Christians to be witnesses to Christ and the Kingdom in all areas of life

**Greetings from Calvin Theological Seminary!** Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (Oct 6-18, 2022):

*Travel to biblical sites connected with Paul's missionary journeys in Greece: Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, Corinth as well as Meteora and Delphi. Included is a fabulous 3-day cruise to Mykenos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete and Santorini. Contact Dr. Jeff Weima, Professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar at [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu) or 616-328-3110.* Thanks Jeff Weima

### **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** – Will meet this week, Sunday .at 6:00PM, in the fellowship hall. We will continue 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 second Monday of the month, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.in the fellowship hall.

### **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CRC Communications

**Join Together for 40 Days of Prayer Before Synod 2022** - As part of the CRCNA's year-long prayer initiative, Together Seeking God's Face, you are invited into a 40-day season of intentional, guided prayer leading up to Synod 2022. Sign up for daily Scripture and prayer prompts to be sent to your email for 40 days at [crcna.org/pray](http://crcna.org/pray)

World Renew

**Share the Gift of Christ's Hope with Vulnerable Families on May 8th** - A child should look into their mother's eyes and see hope for the future. But too many children around the world see fear—the fear that comes with food insecurity. Next week, through your gift to World Renew's Free



A Family® program, you can help provide women in vulnerable communities with training in income-generating activities, proper health and nutrition practices, and more, so they are equipped to become Moms of Hope. Please share Christ's hope. To learn more, go to:

[worldrenew.net/momsofhope](http://worldrenew.net/momsofhope)

ReFrame Ministries

**Wonderful Creation, from Lions to Leviathans** - Check out the new kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). If you are like the author of Psalm 104, you have learned about many of the plants and animals that God created. But why did God make so many different environments, each with more plants and animals than we could ever imagine? Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content.

**Groundwork:** Understand: Jesus on the Road - On the road to Emmaus, two of Jesus' followers listened as their companion explained the Scriptures to them. As their understanding of Scripture grew, so did their faith. Join Groundwork as we study this story in Luke 24:13-35 and discuss how we too cultivate our faith yet today as we develop a greater understanding of God and his ways through Scripture. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Congregational Prayer: Nancy Berns

Sound Tom Whitney

Nursery: Mindy and Jayden

Children's message: Jeff Kopaska

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

May 3 Joshua Mbih

May 4 Mark Voss

May 9 Elaine Oftedal

May 13 Pam Voss

May 26 Bryce Niemeyer

## **Nursery**

May 1 Mindy and Jayden

May 8 Kristy and Christina

May 15 Donna and Megan

May 22 Judy and Alexa

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**Elders:** A-G = Tom Kuyper; H-K = Melody Franje; L-S = Mark Voss; T-Z =  
Paul Kleinwolterink

**Deacons:** A-G = Tina VanDyk; H-K = Andrew Friend; L-S = Judy Oltman; T-Z  
= Donna Bergman