

WORSHIP SERVICE

January 1, 2023

Epiphany Sunday

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

*Call to Worship: Psalm 86:1

Teach me your way, Lord

That I may rely on your faithfulness

Give me an undivided heart

That I may fear your name

*Opening Song: "Come, Now Is The Time To Worship"

Lift Up Your Hearts #526

Come, now is the time to worship;

Come now is the time to give your heart.

Come just as you are to worship;

Come just as you are before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God.

One day every knee will bow,

Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you

now.

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Come.

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“He Has Made Me Glad”

Sing! A New Creation #13

I will enter His gates, with thanksgiving in my heart,
I will enter His courts with praise,
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.
He has made me glad, He has made me glad,
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*Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer for The New Year

Lift Up Your Hearts #860

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

*Where there is hatred, **let me sow love***

*Where there is injury, **pardon.***

*Where there is doubt, **faith.***

*Where there is despair, **hope.***

*Where there is darkness, **light.***

*Where there is sadness, **joy.***

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled,

as to console

To be understood, **as to understand;**

To be loved, **as to love**

For it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Song of Response: "I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light"
Lift Up Your Hearts #730

I want to walk as a child of the light I want to follow Jesus
God set the stars to give light to the world The star of my life is Jesus
In Him there is no darkness at all The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God Shine in my heart
Lord Jesus

I want to see the brightness of God I want to look at Jesus
Clear Sun of righteousness shine on my path And show me the way
to the Father In Him there is no darkness at all The night and the day are both alike

The Lamb is the light of the city of God Shine in my heart Lord Jesus
I'm looking for the coming of Christ I want to follow Jesus

When we have run with patience the race We shall know the joy of Jesus
In Him there is no darkness at all The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God Shine in my heart Lord Jesus

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:11-17

¹¹ "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire." ¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need

to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. ¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Message: This Is My Son

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: "Baptized in Water" Lift Up Your Hearts #790

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
heirs of salvation,
trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.
Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;
one with his rising,
freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.
Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
born of one Father,
we are his children,
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S COVENANT WITH US

*Hymn of Remembering: I Come With Joy vs 1,2,3, 4 Lift Up Your
Hearts #533

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here.

The Scriptural Teaching Regarding the Supper

The Lord's Supper

Communion song (sung during the passing of the bread)

"Eat This Bread "

Lift Up Your Hearts #818

Eat this bread, drink this cup;

Come to Christ and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup;

Come to Christ and never be hungry.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Blessing

*Closing Song: "Lead Me, Guide Me"

Lift Up Your Hearts #329

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.

Help me walk in the paths of righteousness;
be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am trusting you whatever may 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.
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: Jeff Kopaska

Message: Rev Tom Niehof

Musicians: Chloe Berns-Schweingruber, Elijah Hufford, Laura Hufford,
Breanna Sterenberg

Today's Activities

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

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.

This week's special offering will be for the **Benevolence Fund**. Trinity CRC maintains this special fund in order to have resources available to help members who may experience unexpected or emergency needs.

A HUGE thank you to Laura Hufford for the amazing children's Christmas program. A lot of hard work figuring out parts, songs and organizing kids! Also thank you to Kelly Hobson, behind the scenes with all her work in costumes and organizing the pizza after practice! Thank you to all the kids and parents who made it such a success and special day!

The education committee is looking for a couple volunteers to help lead an adult class for spring. The topic will be FAQ of our Faith and the Catechism. Please reach out if you are interested to Rachel De Bruin. Looking to start end of January.

The Dordt University Concert Choir from Sioux Center, Iowa, invites you to a concert at **7:30 p.m. on Friday, January 6**, at Crossroads Christian Reformed Church in Des Moines. This free concert is part of a spring tour with performances scheduled in Iowa, Minnesota, and North Dakota. Directed by Dr. Rob Hobgood, the Dordt University Concert Choir will perform a wide variety of choral music including hymn arrangements, spirituals, classics from the modern choral repertoire as well as past centuries including Gabrielli, Handel, and Clausen, and several compositions written within the last decade by talented young composers. The concert is free, with a freewill offering received to help defray tour expenses.

Looking for some Volunteers to help Rachel Lyare with rides to and from Waukee and Des Moines for her nursing classes. for the month of

December. If you think you can help please contact Mary Saucedo. 856-776-6636(call or text) or maryhsaucedo@gmail.com.

Sunday School Schedule for 2022/23: January 8,15,22,29, February 5,12,19,26, March 5,19,26 (12th Spring Break)' April 2,16,23,30 (Easter 9th), May 7 (last day of class)

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes meet at 10:50 am on Sunday

Breakfast Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the Lincoln Center HyVee at 8:30 AM.

UFO Will meet the 3rd Monday of the Month

Women's Bible Study will meet January 2nd at 9 am to discuss the Faith practice of Sabbath. Questions to think on: What does Sabbath mean to you? Why did God institute the Sabbath? What is its purpose? How does a time of Sabbath replenish you? Discussion sheets will be on the table by the office for anyone to take."

Next Council meeting will be January 11th

Annual Meeting will be January 26th.

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Renew

Giving Thanks at Christmas - Thank you for sharing God's love through the World Renew Gift Catalog during Advent. Your donation of a chicken, water filter, or goat can be a miracle for people who face poverty and hunger. Want to give in the New Year? Go to worldrenew.net/gifts or call 800-552-7972. Thank you!

ReFrame Ministries

The Stone of Help - Check out the kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. In this week's devotion, learn about God's faithfulness while making a pile of rocks called an Ebenezer. Happy New Year! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the The Bible in One Year Plan.

Groundwork: God Keeps His Promises And Offers Us Rest - As the book of Joshua opens, we witness God acting to keep his promises to Abraham and his descendants, the Israelites. Join Groundwork as we study Joshua 1 and examine how God works through his people, see the importance of community, and affirm that we can follow God's command to "be strong and courageous" because we trust God to keep his promises. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Faith Formation

Greeters

January 1	Hallihan
January 8	Hertz
January 15	Hobson
January 22	Hubert
January 23	Hufford

Nursery

January 1	Rachel and Kristy
January 8	Melody and Cassie
January 15	Jessica and Pam
January 22	Donna and Kenzie
January 29	Elaine and Chloe

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