

WORSHIP SERVICE
January 29, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (Psalm 106)

Sing to God, sing praise of his name; rejoice before him—his name is the Lord!

A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.

*God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing;
but the rebellious put themselves in a sun-scorched land.*

You gave abundant showers, O God; you refresh your weary inheritance.

Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.

The Lord announces the word, and the women who proclaim it are a mighty throng:

*Your procession, God, comes into view, the procession of my God and King
into the sanctuary.*

*In front are the singers, after them the musicians; and the maidens playing
the tambourines.*

Praise God in the great congregation!

Praise the Lord, for He gathers in his people. Praise the Lord.

* Opening Song: "Gather Us In"

Lift Up Your Hearts#529

Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of the day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery, we are the old who yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the

proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away here in this place the new light is shining now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

*Opening Prayer: "In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified"

Lift Up Your Hearts

#861

In our lives, Lord be glorified, be glorified; In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.

In our homes, Lord be glorified, be glorified; In our homes, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord be glorified, be glorified; In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord be glorified, be glorified; In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Call to Confession – adapted from the Canons of Dort, V, 9

Christ Himself prayed for believers in faith. He said: "I have prayed for you, Peter, that your faith may not fail". In John 17, Christ said that he prayed "not only for the apostles, but also for all those who were to believe by their message." Indeed, Christ prayed for us: "Holy Father, preserve them in your name" and also "My prayer is not that you take them out of the world, but that you preserve them from the evil one."

Thanks be to God! "Neither in heaven above nor among the creatures on earth is there anyone who loves us more than Jesus Christ does... Therefore, we call on the heavenly Father, through Christ, our only Mediator." (Belgic Conf, art 26)

Prayer of Confession

Father, we hear your Word to “bear one another's burdens,” “to always keep on praying for the Church,” and to “confess your sins to each other and pray for one another that you may be healed.” We admit we do not do intercession very often or very well. We get so weighed down by our own burdens, we fail to see the burden of our neighbor. Please forgive us. Show us again our great Mediator, Jesus Christ, who “ever lives to intercede for us.”

Thank you for Jesus. And make us like Him. In Him we pray, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

“Jesus Christ was made like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest to purify the sins of the people.” (Heb 2:17) Receive God’s kindness in Jesus Christ, and extend that mercy to others.

Song of Entrusting: “There’s A Wideness In God’s Mercy” *Lift Up Your Hearts*
#689

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.
For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
Make our love, O God more faithful,
let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord

Children’s Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8 (p:1096)

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— ²for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. ⁷And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

⁸Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing.

Message: Encountering God: Praying For Others

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: "The Servant Song" vs 1-4

Lift Up Your

Hearts #309

Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.
We are pilgrims on a journey;
we are trav'lers on the road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christ light for you
in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.
I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands"

Lift Up Your

Hearts Lord #26

He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the tiny little baby in his hands
He's got the tiny little baby in his hands
He's got the tiny little baby in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got you and me, brother, in his hands
He's got you and me, sister, in his hands
He's got you and me, brother, in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got everybody here in his hands
He's got everybody here in his hands
He's got everybody here in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Mary Saucedo/Ngieh Mbih

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Nancy Berns, Chloe Berns-Schweingruber, Andrew Friend, Nate VanDyk

Today's Activities

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:50 a.m. Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

The special offering this week will be for **World Renew**, which helps alleviate long-term poverty through integrated programs in health, agriculture, income-earning, literacy, and leadership development. Your prayers, involvement, and contributions make this work possible!

Communion: We look forward to celebrating the Lord's Supper next Sunday morning. All who are trusting in Christ and have made a public stand for him are encouraged to join.

The Adult Sunday School class will be led by the Council starting on January 29th. It will center around the book *Growing Young* (which council has been reading). The book focuses on six strategies to help the church connect with and embrace young people, and has been useful in shaping some of Trinity's strategic plan goals. Please contact a council member if you are interested in attending, so they can order the books. The first chapter is accessible free, if you would like to check it out at this web address:

https://d36s6f2n3iyjqc.cloudfront.net/fyi-files/Growing_Young_Chapter_1_Powell_Mulder_Griffin.pdf

Outreach committee is working on the date for the Spring Family2Family sale. More to come soon.

Pam Whitney will be gone from January 31st till February 12. Please have any announcements and bulleting needs in to her by Tuesday 10am, or sooner for Sunday the to follow. Thanks for your help with this.

Sunday School Schedule for 2022/23: January ,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 1st Monday of the month.

Next Council meeting will be February 7th

Annual Meeting will be January 26th at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Formation

At-Home Faith Formation Tip - "Pausing with children to read and to wonder about meanings in words and in illustrations of Bible stories is a spiritual practice," writes Elizabeth Caldwell in *I Wonder: Engaging a Child's Curiosity about the Bible*. For a list of some wonderful Christian picture books, visit bit.ly/FFpicturebooks. (Tip from Faith Formation; bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation)

ReFrame Ministries

Teamwork on Three! 1...2...3 - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Anyone who plays sports knows the importance of teamwork. Paul reminds us of the working together in Galatians 6. We are to carry each other's burdens. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Kids Corner Valentine Cards.

Groundwork: God Is In Control - Just like the Israelites needed to trust God to provide the victories that would finally give them the Promised Land, we too need to learn to trust that God is in full control and will provide for us. Join Groundwork as we study we Joshua 10-11 to remember God's faithfulness and that it is not our own strength or skill, but God's provision and leadership that will bring eternal rest for all his people. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Safe Church

Annual Inter-Classis Safe Church Conference - Classis Huron's annual inter-classis safe church event is happening in person again this year! Join us on Saturday, March 4, 2023, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm at Waterloo CRC, Waterloo, Ontario. Dr. Amanda Benckhuysen, Ministry Team Leader for Safe Church, will speak on "The Use and Misuse of Power in the Church." Christian Horizons Education Director Steve Snider's presentation will focus on supporting a person living with a disability. Carol Penner will present on "Repentance and Accountability: Forgiveness is Not the First Step." For more information and registration go to <https://www.wmott.ca/scc>

Race Relations

Race Relations Sunday - February 5 - Next week is Race Relations Sunday when we gather to celebrate Christ Jesus, our Lord, whose redeeming work gathers our diversity into one unified body. On this special Sunday, your dedicated prayers and offerings strengthen the CRCNA's work in Race Relations, where they resource and educate congregations as together we dismantle the causes and effects of racism within the body of believers and throughout the world.

Get more information at: crcna.org/Race

CRC Communications

Going to the Worship Symposium? - All CRC church leaders attending CICW's worship symposium are welcome to gather during the 9:45-10:30 coffee time on Friday (Feb. 10) in the lobby of Calvin Seminary. It will be a great opportunity to meet each other and also some of the staff of congregational ministries. See you there!

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Randy Raak
Sound: Rex De Bruin
Nursery: Elaine and Chloe
Children's message: Mary Saucedo/Ngieh Mbih
Greeters: Hertz

Greeters

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| January 29 | Hertz |
| February 5 | Irvin |
| February 12 | Kleinwolterink |
| February 19 | N Klemme |
| February 26 | Kopaska |
| March 5 | Kuyper |
| March 12 | Niehof |
| March 19 | Niemeyer |
| March 26 | M Nikkel |

Nursery

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| January 29 | Elaine and Chloe |
| February 5 | Mindy and Jayden |
| February 12 | Megan and Caraline |

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| February 19 | Judy and Stacy |
| February 26 | Sue F and Alisabeth |
| March 5 | Mary K and Kathlyn |
| March 12 | Rachel and Brianna |
| March 19 | Melody and Kristy |
| March 26 | Jessica and Cassie |

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