

WORSHIP SERVICE
February 5, 2023
Sixth Sunday of Epiphany

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship - adapted from Psalm 40

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire;

he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;

But as for me, I am poor and needy; may the Lord come to me.

You are our help and our deliverer. You are our God. O God, do not delay.

* Opening Song: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" 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.

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Lift Up Your Hearts #322

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.
I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.
I need thee every hour, stay thou near by;
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.
I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.
I need thee every hour, in joy or pain;
come quickly, and abide, or life is vain.
I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.
I need thee every hour; teach me thy will,
and thy rich promises in me fulfill.
I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.
I need thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed, though Blessed Son!
I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

*Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD 1

Call to Confession from the Belgic Confession, article 26

It is not a question of offering our prayers on the basis of our own dignity but only on the basis of the excellence and dignity of Jesus Christ. To encourage us more to approach him, the apostle says, "Since, then, we have a great high

priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who, in every respect, has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

Let us, therefore, approach the throne of grace with boldness, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need.” (Heb 4:14-16)

Prayer of Confession

Abba Almighty, we come to your throne, admitting our need. We need forgiveness. Every hour, every minute, we sin— in thought, word and deed. We sin by what we have done and by what we have left undone— not asking, not seeking, nor knocking in prayer. Yet we are helpless, Father. For the sake of your Son Jesus, forgive us, help us, abide with us again, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*“My little children, I write this to you so you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins ... If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life.” **Thanks be to God.***

Song of Entrusting: “Abide With Me” vs 1-4

Lift Up Your Hearts #466

Abide with me: fast falls the evening tide
The darkness deepens, Lord with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless, O abide with me
Swift to its close ebbs out life’s little day
Earth’s joys grow dim, its glories pass away
Change and decay in all around I see
O thou who changest not, abide with me
I need thy presence every passing hour
What but thy grace can foil the
tempter’s power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness
Where is death's sting? Where, grave,
thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me
Children's Message
Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Luke 11:9-13

⁹ "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for^[a] a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Message: Encountering God: Praying for Our Needs

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: "When Peace Like A River" Lift Up Your Hearts #451
When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my
soul."
It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.
Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control: that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.
It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.
My sin - oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! - my sin, not in part, but the
whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the
Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend; even so, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S COVENANT WITH US

***The Lord's Supper**

Communion song: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Lift Up Your Hearts #465

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near; when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near, when the day is past and gone, at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Blessing**

***Closing Song: "Freely, Freely" God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,**

I've been born again in Jesus name;

And in Jesus' name I come to you

To share His love as he told me to:

He said, "Freely, freely you have received.

Freely, freely give;

Go in my name and, because you believe,

Others will know that I live

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,

In earth and heav'n in Jesus name;

And in Jesus' name I come to you

To share his pow'r as He told me to:

He said, "Freely, freely you have received.

Freely, freely give;

Go in my name and, because you believe,

Others will know that I live
Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Mary Saucedo

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Rex De Bruin, Andrew Friend, Pam Voss

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.

Next week's special offering will be for the **Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund**. Please consider giving to this fund as one of the ways in which we can support families and children of Trinity and as an action following from the promises we make at baptism to nurture the faith of the children of our congregation.

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 has planned the date for the Spring Family2Family sale, March 25th. More to come soon.

Pam Whitney will be gone until 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: 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)

Biblical Study Tour to Italy (May 22 - June 2, 2023): Visit the Vatican with its Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Cathedral; the impressive monuments of ancient Rome; Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius; Assisi (home of St. Francis); Florence; Ravenna; and St. Mark's Basilica in Venice. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational tour. Contact Dr. Weima at weimje@calvinseminary.edu or [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110).

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 Monday Feb. 6th to discuss the introduction to "Spiritual Disciplines Handbook" by Adele Ahlberg Calhoun. Contact Melody or Elaine with any questions

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 Family Faith Formation Tip - Looking for creative ways to pray with kids? Check out the free resource 5 Ways to Pray with Kids from DWELL At Home at tinyurl.com/5wayspray. (Tip from Faith Formation; bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation)

ReFrame Ministries

God Made us Different...On Purpose! - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. The Bible says that each of us—differences and all—is created in the image of God. God wants us to love one another and talk about

how we can grow together with all our differences. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Kids Corner Valentine Cards.

Groundwork: Stay Faithful to God, Serve the Lord - In Joshua's farewell speech to the Israelites he recalls that all his strength, successful leadership, and victories are God's doing. He urges Israel to remember it too. Join Groundwork as we study Joshua 23-24 and discuss how we can continue to remember our promise-keeping God and all he has done for us through the work of Jesus Christ. 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

Today is Race Relations Sunday - Please consider giving your offerings today to help strengthen the CRCNA's work in Race Relations. They resource and educate congregations as together we dismantle the causes and effects of racism within the body of believers and throughout the world. You can give online at:

crcna.org/Race/Donate

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!

Are You Using the Prayer Guide? - We know prayer is important, both for you as you pray and for the person or cause for whom you pray. Not sure who or what to pray for? Ministries in the CRCNA contribute brief prayer items for each day of the year. Use the Prayer Guide to pray through them each month. Find email sign-up links and printable pages at crcna.org/get-involved/pray

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Jeff Kopaska
Sound : Tom Whitney
Nursery: Donna and Jayden
Children's message: Randy Raak
Greeters: Irvin

Greeters

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

February 5 Donna and Jayden
February 12 Megan and Caraline
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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