

## WORSHIP SERVICE

April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

He is Risen!

**He is Risen indeed!**

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship - from John 1:5 and Psalm 57:8-11

This is the good news: The grave is empty. Christ is risen!

**The light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never put it out.**

Awake, my soul! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.

**I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.**

For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens; your faithfulness extends to the clouds.

**Be exalted, O God, above the heavens. Let your glory be over all the earth!**

\* Opening Songs: "See, What A Morning" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #181

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,  
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,  
as the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"

See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,  
borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
fulfilled in Christ the Man, for he lives:  
Christ is risen from the dead.

See Mary weeping, "Where is he laid? –  
as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb.  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;  
it's the Master, the Lord, raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years, speaking life,  
stirring hope, bringing peace to us,

will sound 'till he appears for he lives:  
Christ is risen from the dead.  
One with the Father, Ancient of Days,  
through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.  
Honor and blessing, glory and praise  
to the King crowned with power and authority.  
And we are raised with him; death is dead,  
love has won, Christ has conquered.  
And we shall reign with him, for he lives:  
Christ is risen from the dead.

### The Death of Jesus

Song of Knowing: "Low In The Grave He Lay" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #186

Low in the grave he lay —Jesus, my Savior;  
waiting the coming day —Jesus, my Lord.  
Up from the grave he arose,  
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes.  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and he lives forever with his saints to reign!  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!  
Vainly they watch his bed —Jesus, my Savior;  
vainly they seal the dead —---Jesus, my Lord.  
Up from the grave he arose,  
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes.  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and he lives forever with his saints to reign!  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!  
Death cannot keep its prey —Jesus, my Savior;  
he tore the bars away —-----Jesus, my Lord.  
Up from the grave he arose,  
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes.  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and he lives forever with his saints to reign!  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

### Opening Prayer

An Easter Psalm of Praise - Psalm 118, Matthew 28, Acts 10,  
Colossians 3 (Insert)

Reader 1: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. (Psalm 118:1)

Reader 2: After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. (Matthew 28:1)

Reader 1: Let Israel say: His love endures forever.”

Let the house of Aaron say: “His love endures forever.”

Let those who fear the LORD say:

**All: “His love endures forever.”** (Psalm 118:1–4)

Reader 2: There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. (Matthew 28:2–4)

Reader 1: When hard pressed, I cried to the LORD; he brought me into a spacious place. The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me? (Psalm 118:5–6)

Reader 2: The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.” (Matthew 28:5–6)

Reader 1: The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. (Psalm 118:14)

Reader 2: “Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.” So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. (Matthew 28:7–8)

Reader 1: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

**All: The LORD’s right hand is lifted high; the LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!”**

Reader 1: I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. (Psalm 118:15–21)

Reader 2: Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. (Matthew 28:9)

Reader 1: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. (Psalm 118:22–23)

Reader 2: Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.” (Matthew 28:10)

Reader 1: The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. (Psalm 118:24)

Reader 3: “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” (Acts 10:39–43)

**All: Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success!**

Reader 1: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you. The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. (Psalm 118:25–27)

Reader 3: Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. (Colossians 3:1–4)

Reader 1: You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**All: God's love endures forever.** (Psalm 118:25–29)

Song of Celebration: "Oh, To See The Dawn"  
*Your Hearts #177*

*Lift Up*

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood. This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us. Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin. Every bitter thought, every evil deed crowning your blood stained brow. This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us. Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows his head. Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life, "Finished!" the victory cry. This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us. Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, for through your suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live, won through your selfless love! This the power of the cross: Son of God slain for us. What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

Children's Message  
Congregational Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Revelation 7:9-17 (p:1142)

### **The Great Multitude in White Robes**

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

<sup>11</sup> All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying:

“Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?” <sup>14</sup> I answered, “Sir, you know.” And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

<sup>16</sup> ‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup> For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; ‘he will lead them to springs of living water. ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Message: Living In the Presence of the Resurrection

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

Prayer of Application

\* Song of Response: “Before The Throne of God Above”

*Lift Up Your Hearts #682*

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea;  
a great High Priest, whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads  
for me. My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his  
heart; I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can bid me  
thence depart, no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look, and see him there who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,  
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless  
righteousness; the great unchangeable "I AM," the King of glory and  
of grace! One with himself, I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his

blood;my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,with Christ my Savior and my God.

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song: "I Serve A Risen Savior            *Lift Up Your Hearts #365*

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the word today;  
I know that he is living, whatever people say;  
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
and every time I need him he's always near.  
He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.  
In all the world around me I see his loving care,  
and through my heart grows weary, I never will despair;  
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;  
the day of his appearing will come at last  
He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.  
Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find him;  
no other is so loving, so good and kind.  
He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

Postlude

\* Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Randy Raak

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Chloe Berns-Schweingruber, Andrew Friend, Naomi Friend,  
Elijah Hufford, Holly Raak, Nate VanDyk, Char Verkade

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**This Week's Special Offering** is for the TCRC Building Fund. Our building committee works hard to keep our church in good repair. pray fully consider your giving to help with the church upkeep.

Deb Niehof's surgery on March 31 was successful. She is home from the hospital and scheduled to start chemotherapy on April 14. Thanks for your prayers.

A hearty **Thank You** to the Areopagus team for their work in the yard. Your efforts will keep us from being snowed under in our spring work. Bless you for your help. Sincerely, Tom and Deb Niehof

Dear Trinity family, On behalf of our whole Areopagus team, we'd like to **THANK YOU** for being an absolutely beautiful partner in our community of disciples. We have been so blessed by you-- from regular encouragement to a place to use our gifts. A special thanks to those who have hosted our meal and game nights this year! We've had great food and fun games at the Raak, Kopaska, Hufford, Oftedal, and Voss families-- not to mention the extra goodies provided by Sue Fee, Jane Sterenberg and the Niehofs. Part of our Resurrection joy is the life our Risen Lord gives us with you, His family. Thank you! Lora, with the Areopagus group

### **Easter Flowers**

Brian and Jane Sterenberg

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Judy Oltman

Tom and Deb Niehof

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Tom and Mary Kuyper

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Shirley Ploegstra

Tom and Elaine Oftedal

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Randy and Holly Raak

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Pam and Mark Voss

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Gertrude and Leonard Grunig.

Jacob and Inez Sterenberg

Ralph Oltman

Thelma Niehof

Jack Walburg

Thomas Kuyper Sr

William and Fay Halwenlein

Adrian Ploegstra

Max and Evelyn Oftedal

Walter and Gladys Kramlich

Robert Songer

Roger and Kay Raak

Deb Voss

Carolyn Voss



Pam and Mark Voss  
Paul Kleinwolterink  
Paul Kleinwolterink

Tim and Arlene Timmerman  
Jan Kleinwolterink  
Tyler Kleinwolterink

Thanks for your feedback to **the Flagstaff Mission Trip** questionnaire! Based on the good response, we have clarity about 2 things: #1 - We definitely have enough people interested in going to, and #2 we will be going with the week **of June 18-25**

The Bridge home would like to thank the congregation for our support with our special offering. Without supports like us, they would not be able to carry out their mission. They are very thankful for our support, as our offering has helped many people within mission.

**Sunday School Schedule for 2022/23** April,16,23,30 ,May 7 (last day of class)

### **Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates**

**Sunday School Classes** No classes due to Easter

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

**UFO** Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month

**Women's Bible Study** meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month

**Next Council meeting** will be April 12th

### **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

World Renew

**Thank you for Supporting World Renew Sunday!** - Thank you to everyone who made a donation in last week's World Renew Sunday collection to help build pathways out of poverty. Together, we are coming alongside families so they can put food on their tables, build stable sources of income, access clean water, and find long-term flourishing. Your gift makes a big difference in achieving that goal. You can still learn more and give anytime at [worldrenew.net/world-renew-sunday](http://worldrenew.net/world-renew-sunday). Thank you!

**World Renew US Tornado Response** - In the last four weeks, five severe storm systems have struck homes and businesses from Texas to Wisconsin. Some areas in Rolling Fork, MS, and Little Rock, AR, were destroyed by EF3 or EF4 tornadoes. At least 57 people died. World Renew DRS is preparing to respond in affected communities by offering

roof repair, tree removal, needs assessments, reconstruction, and hope. Please continue to pray for those who are struggling, and please give generously to World Renew DRS to assist those who need it most. Click to donate at [worldrenew.net](http://worldrenew.net), call 800-552-7972, or send your check made out to World Renew DRS, with "DRS Spring Storms 2023" in the memo line to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Drive, Byron Center, MI, 49315.

ReFrame Ministries

### **Greeters**

April 9	Oltman
April 16	Raak
April 23	Saldana
April 30	Sanders/Bassham
May 7	Sauceda
May 14	Schweingruber/Berns
May 21	Sterenberg

### **Nursery**

April 9	Elaine and McKenzie
April 16	Mindy and Chloe
April 23	Megan and Jayden
April 30	Judy and Caraline
May 7	Sue F and Stacy

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**Deacons:** A-G =Tina VanDyk: H - K =Pam Niemeyer: L-S =Judy Oltman: T-Z Mary Saucedo