

WORSHIP SERVICE

November 5, 2023

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (Psalm 9:1-2,7-10)

I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done.

I will be filled with joy because of you. I will sing praises to your name, O Most High.

The Lord reigns forever... He will judge the world with justice and rule the nations with fairness.

The Lord is a shelter for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

Those who know your name trust in you, for you, O Lord, do not abandon those who search for you.

* Opening Song: "All Who Hunger Gather Gladly" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #534

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wandering. Here in truth we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.

Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.

We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.

Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been led.

Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

* Opening Prayer

Song: "I Lift My Eyes Up"

Sing a New Creation #208

I lift my eyes up to the mountains; where does my help come from?
My help comes from you, Maker of heaven, Creator of the earth.
Oh, how I need you Lord. You are my only hope; you're my only
prayer. So I will wait for you to come and rescue me. Come and give
me life.

I lift my eyes up to the mountains; where does my help come from?
My help comes from you, Maker of heaven, Creator of the earth.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

*Lord, we confess that when we see endless wars and cycles of
violence, our hope for peace can grow dim.*

**When we see aggression, pride, and endless thirst for power, our
confidence in your reign may falter.**

When we see our world disregard you, we fear the consequences.

**So speak to us Lord, assure us of your sustaining providence, your
justice, and your endless compassion for your creation.**

*Do not stand far off, Lord. But lead us forward, into the work of your
kingdom. Amen.*

Words of Assurance (from the Belgic Confession, article 13)

*We believe that God did not abandon this world to chance or fortune,
but leads and governs according to his holy will. God is not the
author of sin, but works all things into his great plan, even when the
devil and the wicked act unjustly. His ways surpass our ability to
comprehend, so in reverence and humility we honor his judgements.
For we know that not a hair can fall from our head without the will of
our Father.*

Song of Entrusting: "Is He Worthy"

Do you feel the world is broken? *We do*

Do you feel the shadows deepen? *We do*

But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting
through? *We do*

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? *We do*

Is all creation groaning? *It is*

Is a new creation coming? *It is*

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? *It is*

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? *It is*

(Sing together:)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal
and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah Who conquered the grave, He is David's Root and
the Lamb who died to

ransom the slave. Is He worthy, is He worthy, Of all blessing and
honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us? *He does*

Does the Spirit move among us? *He does*

And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves? *He does*

Does our God intend to dwell again with us? *He does*

(Sing together:)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal
and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave He is David's Root And
the Lamb who died to ransom the slave From ev'ry people and tribe
every nation and tongue

He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son

Is He worthy, is He worthy, Of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy, Is He worthy, Is He worthy of this?

He is Is He worthy, Is He worthy? He is

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Psalm 4

¹ Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God. Give me relief
from my distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer. ² How long
will you people turn my glory into shame? How long will you love
delusions and seek false gods? ³ Know that the Lord has set apart his
faithful servant for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

⁴ Tremble and do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your

hearts and be silent. ⁵ Offer the sacrifices of the righteous and trust in the Lord. ⁶ Many, Lord, are asking, "Who will bring us prosperity?" Let the light of your face shine on us.⁷ Fill my heart with joy when their grain and new wine abound. ⁸ In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Message: Peace In The Storm

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(*It is well*) with my soul (*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(*It is well*) with my soul (*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(*It is well*) with my soul (*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(*It is well*) with my soul (*with my soul*)

It is well, it is well with my soul

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S COVENANT WITH US

The Lord's Supper

Communion songs

“I Am The Bread of Life” vs 1 and 2 *Lift Up*
Your Hearts #842 sung during passing of the bread
I am the Bread of life; they who come to me shall not hunger;
They who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father draws them.
And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up, and I will raise
them up on the last day.
The Bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,
And they who eat of this bread,
They shall live forever, they shall live forever.
And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up, and I will raise
them up on the last day.

“I Am The Bread of Life” vs 3, 4 *Lift Up Your*
Hearts #842 sung during passing of the wine
I am the resurrection, I am the life.
They who believe in me,
Even if they die, they shall live forever.
And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up, and I will raise
them up on the last day.
Yes, Lord, we believe that you are the Christ,
the Son of God
who has come into the world.
And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up, and I will raise
them up on the last day.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: “When We Walk With The Lord” *Lift Up*
Your Hearts #327

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: Deb Niehof

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Naomi Friend, Maggie VanDyk, Nate
VanDyk

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.

Peter Fish – Our special offering for this week. Over 1 billion people around the world are hungry. In three weeks, we'll be observing World Hunger Sunday. God gives us food for the body and food for the spirit. He has a place for all of us at His table. worldrenew.net/worldhunger. We will collect the Peter Fish on November 12th.

Adult Sunday School Class: Adult Sunday School Class: This week (Nov. 5) we will visit the Pool of Bethesda, a sheepfold, a vineyard, and other sites associated with Jesus' ministry as recorded in the Gospel of John. We meet in Room 7. All are welcome.

Advent Poinsettia Sign up Sponsor a poinsettia plant to enhance our worship services through Advent. Cost will be \$10.25 per plant. Money

for your order due **November 26th**. Please put your payment in the offering with Memo: Poinsettia Plant. You may take it home after December 31st service. Questions contact Pam Voss

The church fellowship hall will be used on Sunday evenings from 5 – 7 pm by Areopagus. They will be viewing “The Chosen” through November.

In November, a small group meets for mental health support. These meetings will take place Tuesdays, November 7 and 21, at 2-3:30pm in the Fellowship Hall at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ames (610 15th Street). This group will provide a safe place to discuss faith and mental illness. NAMI Connection groups are free and confidential recovery support groups for people at least 18 years old that have any mental health condition; the group offers respect, understanding, encouragement and hope. NAMI stands for National Alliance on Mental Illness, a national grassroots organization with local chapters that's dedicated to building better lives for people with mental illness and their families. To find out more or register, contact the NAMI office at 515-292-9400, NAMI education coordinator Erik Gustafson at egustafson@namicentraliowa.org or co-leader Anastasia Tuckness at atuckness@gmail.com.

The next Pub Theology (or Beers & Bibles/Spirits & Spirit/Brews & Truths) night at the Mucky Duck will be this Sunday evening (Nov 26) at 6:30. Bring your thirst, sense of humor, and hunger for off-the-wall theology questions ;) We've got some good questions coming in already – keep 'em coming! At this point we're planning on the 4th Sunday evening of each month.

Ames Christian School has expressed an interest in discussing the possibility of holding middle school classes at TCRC, starting with the 2024-2025 academic year. This would be a temporary arrangement while they are planning, fundraising, and building an addition onto their current facility. Council agreed to continue this discussion with them if they remain interested.

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Trinity CRC,
Thank you for your church's recent gift to the ministry shares program. Your gift helps the Christian Reformed Church proclaim the gospel of Christ, and strengthens more people to be disciples of Jesus. We are grateful to your church for its passion to promote the gospel story and bring people to salvation in Jesus Christ. We praise God for your willingness to pool your resources with those of other congregations so that we can advance the Kingdom of God in more places and in more ways than a single congregation could do on its own. Everyday, people learn about Christ and salvation because of the shared ministry work of Christian Reformed Church. I invite you to visit crcna.org/ministryshares to learn more about how your ministry share gifts are making a difference. I invite you to share a video, slide or printed material about the impact of this highly effective program with others in your congregation. Together, we are impacting the world for Christ. Again, thank you for your continued support of ministry shares. I pray you will be blessed by all of your giving. In Christ's Service, Jeff Bolt (CRC Director of Advancement)

There is a sign-up schedule outside the office if you want to go see Eleanor. We can group together to save cost of travel and make the trip a little less dull. Please sign up and let others know when you can go. If you have questions, please ask Judy Oltman or Pam Whitney know and we will see if we can find the answers.

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes Nov 5, 12, 19, (no class 26), Dec 3, 10, 17 (Christmas Program), (no class 24 or the 31), Jan 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb 4, 11, 18, 25, March 3, (no class 10), 17, 24, (no class 31), April 7, 14, 21, 28, and May 5.

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

UFO will meet the 3rd Monday of the month.

Women's Bible Study will meet Monday November 6th, and will be discussing the spiritual discipline of "Prayer Walking"

Areopagus – Sunday night from 5 – 7 in the fellowship hall.

Next Council meeting is November 8th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Renew

Let's Answer God's Call to Feed the Hungry - Global conflict and extreme weather are pushing more and more families into crisis. There is an urgency to answer God's call to feed the hungry, now more than ever.

Groundwork: The Spirit in Us - The power of the gospel is life changing and the apostle Paul really wants believers to understand that truth. Join Groundwork as we study Paul's teaching in Romans 8 to gain a better understanding of what it means for us to be IN CHRIST, be encouraged that we're not alone in this new life but have the help of the Holy Spirit, and receive the assurance that nothing can separate us from Jesus Christ. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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Congregational Prayer:	Jeff Kopaska
Sound:	Bryan Van Belle
Nursery:	Elaine and Kristy
Children's message:	Deb Niehof
Greeters:	Niehof

Greeters

November 5	Niehof
November 12	Niemeyer
November 19	Nikkel

Nursery

November 5	Elaine and Kristy
November 12	Mindy and Cassie
November 19	Megan and Pam N
November 26	Judy and Kenzie

Children's Message

November 5	Deb Niehof
November 12	Stacy Hertz

November 19 Rex De Bruin
November 26 Laura Hufford

Congregational Prayer

November 5 Jeff Kopaska
November 12 Lora Copley
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November 26 Melody Franje

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