

## WORSHIP SERVICE

January 28, 2024

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

\*Call to Worship (from Genesis 1&2 and Psalm 139)

*Lord, You have created us in your own image. You formed us from the dust of the ground, then breathed into us your breath of life.*

**I praise you because, body and soul, I am fearfully and wonderfully made. You knit me together, and you have searched me and known me.**

*All your works are wonderful, and your greatness is beyond our comprehension.*

**From the rising to the setting of the sun, is the name of the Lord to be praised.**

\*Opening Song: "God's Promises Will Stand"

When the world was filled with darkness Lord, you cleansed it with a flood

Safe aboard an ark your people Were protected by your love

With a dove you told your people When the mountain top was dry

Then a covenant you gave them Set your rainbow in the sky

At the waters of the Red Sea Moses called on You for aid

When he raised his staff above him Our God's pow'r was on display

All that night God held the water So the sea became dry ground

Out of Egypt came God's people For the Promised Land we're bound

John came crying in the desert "Make a highway for the man

"Whom God sent to save his people, In fulfillment of his plan."

When John baptized Christ at Jordan There came down on him a dove

Then a voice cried out from heaven "I'm well pleased; this is my Son"

Everyone of you who's thirsty Come to Him and drink your fill

Those who drink from other fountains They will find they're thirsty  
still

All who drink the living water Won't be thirsty anymore

Welling up a spring inside them Even life forevermore

Lord, your faithfulness is constant And your promises are true

In this sacrament of water We entrust our lives to you

When we're baptized we are buried Buried with the Son of Man

So as Christ was raised to glory We will rise and live with Him

Now the world is filled with darkness But it won't defeat the light

Nor the river—living water—Flowing near the tree of life

Flowing from the throne of Jesus For the healing of all lands

We will dwell with him forever For God's promises will stand

\*Opening Prayer

Song: "The City Is Alive, O God"

Lift Up Your Hearts #278

The city is alive, O God, with sound of hustling feet, with rapid  
change and flashing lights that pulse through every street; but oft  
there's in humanity behind the bright façade, and throngs with  
empty, hungering hearts cry out for help, O God.

Is it your will, O loving God, that races live in strife, that loneliness  
and greed and hate should mark a city's life? Do you desire one  
person's wealth to keep another poor? Must crime and slums and  
lust abound? O Lord, is there no cure?

In Galilee the people heard your servant Christ declare through  
healing touch, through word and cross, the good news of your care.  
He said your heart touched every heart that longed for peace and  
right, that those bowed down by burdens borne could find your life,  
your light.

O God, inspire your church today to take Christ's servant role, to love  
the world, to hear its claims to sense its yearning soul, to live within  
the marketplace, to serve both weak and strong, to lose itself, to  
share its dream, to give the world its song.

## **WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

Prayer of Confession (based on Psalm 139:23-24)

Lord, forgive me for the times when I think I can hide from you. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (*based on 2 Kings 13:23*)

*But, in spite of their sins, the Lord is gracious to his people, and he has compassion on them and He shows his concern for them because of the covenant He has made with them.*

Song of Entrusting: "On Eagle's Wings" Sing! A New  
Creation #185

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!" And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:

under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

For to his angels is given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Profession of Faith by Chloe Berns-Schweingruber

Song: "Here I Am Lord"

Lift Up Your Hearts #869

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them?

whom shall I send?

REFRAIN: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send? (REFRAIN)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send? (REFRAIN)

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:1-18

<sup>1</sup>You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.<sup>2</sup>You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.<sup>3</sup>You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.<sup>4</sup>Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.

<sup>5</sup>You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

<sup>7</sup>Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?<sup>8</sup>If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

<sup>9</sup>If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, <sup>10</sup>even there your hand

will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. <sup>11</sup> If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"  
<sup>12</sup> even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. <sup>13</sup> For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
<sup>14</sup> I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. <sup>17</sup> How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! <sup>18</sup> Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—when I awake, I am still with you.

Message: Immanent and Transcendent

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Prayer of Application

\* Song of Response: "You Are My Hiding Place" Lift  
Up Your Hearts #412

You are my hiding place. You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance. Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you. I will trust in you. Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord."  
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## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song "They'll Know We Are Christians" vs 1, 2, 4 Lift  
Up Your Hearts #256

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.  
All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us all one.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Profession of Faith: Rev. Tom Niehof

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Musicians: Nancy Berns, Chloe Berns-Schweingruber, Elijah Goossen,  
Elijah Hufford

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS :**

**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 this week's offering 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!

**Thank You! Dear beloved Trinity Church**, on behalf of Areopagus Campus ministry – our board, leader team and students—please accept our deep appreciation for your incredible financial gifts and prayer support of our ministry. We are humbled by the multiple ways you have invested into God's work on ISU and shown tangible care and encouragement. Truly, we feel about you exactly what Paul wrote: that your giving and service ***“not only supplies the needs of the Lord's***

***people but it also overflows in many expressions of thanks to God.” 2***  
Cor 9:12

Located on the table outside the office, there are pamphlets for **“Read the Bible in a Year”**. Please take one if you would like, makes for a great way to keep on track for reading the bible.

**There is printout of Birthdays, Greeters, Congregational Prayer, Nursery, Children and Worship, and Children’s message on the table outside the office.** I will print this at the beginning of each month for the entire month.

**Church friends and family,** Rachel is going to need some homemade, white, paper snowflakes for an upcoming bulletin board! If anyone can make a few (or a dozen) and bring them to church by 2/4 that would be amazing! The more unique the better! We have some paper with a letter head from a previous pastor, that have been trimmed down and placed on the table outside the office, if you would like to use it for your snowflakes

**The next Pub Theology** (or Beers & Bibles/Spirits & Spirit/Brews & Truths) night at the Mucky Duck will be Sunday evening (Jan 28th) at 6:30. Bring your thirst, sense of humor, and hunger for off-the-wall theology questions. – keep those questions coming Meeting the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday evening of each month.

Reminder as we come upon the winter season, please be sure to wipe your shoes before you come into the church to help with keeping our church home clean.

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

**Sunday School Classes** Jan 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** UFO meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month

**Women’s Bible Study** meet the first Monday of the Month.

**Pub Theology** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 6:30 pm, This month Mucky Duck

**Next Council meeting** is February 21<sup>st</sup>

## **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ReFrame Ministries

**Groundwork: Generosity** - Giving generously of our time, money, and ourselves does not always come naturally. Join Groundwork as we study Mark 6:35-44, Titus 3:3-7, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15, and 1 Timothy 6:17-19 to discover why generosity is an important virtue for Christ's followers to cultivate, what it looks like to be generous people, and how we can nurture generosity in our everyday lives. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Retelling Bible stories together helps those stories “stick,” especially for kids. Check out the one-page resource [5 Ways to Retell a Bible Story with Kids \(tinyurl.com/5WaysRetell\)](http://5WaysRetell.com) for ideas. Learn more at [crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject)

World Renew

**Food and Faith (webinar) Series: 6 Weeks** - Join the 2024 Food and Faith 6-week series of discussions with leaders working in food justice and faith. Topics will include Food and Our Faith; Food, Faith and Farming; Food, Faith and Creating Just Food Systems; Food, Faith and Church Growing Projects; Food, Faith and Sharing with Community; and Food, Faith and Advocacy. Discussions will include congregations in the US who are responding in creative and caring ways because of their faith. Dates: February 8-March 14, Thursday PM (7:30 Eastern, 6:30 Central, 5:30 Mountain, 4:30 Pacific). Register at [worldrenew.net/events](http://worldrenew.net/events). There will be a giveaway at each session, but you must be present online to win! Contact Jodi Koeman at [jkoeman@worldrenew.net](mailto:jkoeman@worldrenew.net).

Calvin University

**Calvin Symposium on Worship (Feb. 7-9, 2024)** - Join us as leaders from churches and worshiping communities of all sizes and settings gather February 7–9, 2024, on the campus of Calvin University & Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to learn and worship together.



The book of Ezekiel will be the preaching focus at the five primary Symposium worship services. In a fractured time for the worldwide church, Ezekiel's messages of judgment and profound hope provide just the word the people of God need. Learn more at [worship.calvin.edu/event-programs/2024-calvin-symposium-on-worship](http://worship.calvin.edu/event-programs/2024-calvin-symposium-on-worship)

### **Greeters**

January 28	Verkade
February 4	Voss
February 11	Sanders/Bassham
February 18	Yoder
February 25	Bakker

### **Nursery**

January 28	Megan and Cassie
February 4	Judy and Pam
February 11	Sue and Kenzie
February 18	Mary and Kathlyn
February 25	Rachel and Jayden

### **Children's Message**

January 28	Randy Raak
February 4	Lora Copley
February 11	Jeff Kopaska
February 18	Deb Niehof
February 25	Stacy Hertz

### **Congregational Prayer**

January 28	Paul Kleinwolterink
February 4	Lora Copley
February 11	Randy Raak
February 18	Melody Franje
February 25	Tom Niehof

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