

## WORSHIP SERVICE

February 18, 2024

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship From Jeremiah 31:3-7

*The Lord has said to us, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.*

**I will build you up again... again you will take up your tambourines and go out to dance with the joyful**

*So sing with joy and shout to the nations.*

**Make your praises heard, for the Lord will save his people.**

\* Opening Songs: "Shout To The North"

\* Opening Prayer

\* Song: "Create In Me A Clean Heart"

*Sing! A New*

*Creation #49*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and renew a right spirit within me.

### WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

*Lord, we acknowledge that, at times, we turn away from you and go our own way.*

**Sometimes, we consider ourselves to be wiser than you, and reject your wisdom and your ways.**

*Or, we would rather delude ourselves and try to justify the wrong we do, rather than repent and turn to you.*

**Lord, let your grace draw our hearts to you again. Amen.**

Words of Assurance From Jeremiah 31:10-13

*“He who scattered Israel will gather them and will watch over his flock like a shepherd. For the Lord will [redeem his people] and they will come and shout for joy in His presence.... Then maidens will dance and be glad, young men and old as well. ‘I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow,’ declares the Lord.”*

Song of Entrusting: “In Thee Is Gladness”

Lift Up Your Hearts #344

In Thee is gladness amid all sadness, Jesus, day-star of my heart!  
By Thee are given the gifts of heaven, thou the true Redeemer art!  
Our souls thou wakest; our bonds thou breakest.

Who trusts Thee surely has built securely and stands forever:  
Allelujah!

Our hearts are longing to see thy dawning. Living or dying, in thee  
abiding,

naught can us sever: Allelujah!

Jesus is ours! We fear no powers, not of earth or sin or death.

He sees and blesses in worst distresses; he can change them with a  
breath.

Wherefore the story - tell of His glory with hearts and voices;  
all heaven rejoices in him forever: Allelujah! We shout for gladness,  
triumph o'er sadness, love him and praise him,  
and still shall raise him glad hymns forever: Allelujah!

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 8:4-11

<sup>4</sup> “Say to them, ‘This is what the LORD says: “When people fall down, do they not get up? When someone turns away, do they not return?”

<sup>5</sup> Why then have these people turned away? Why does Jerusalem always turn away? They cling to deceit; they refuse to return. <sup>6</sup> I have listened attentively, but they do not say what is right. None of

them repent of their wickedness, saying, "What have I done?" Each pursues their own course like a horse charging into battle. <sup>7</sup> Even the stork in the sky knows her appointed seasons, and the dove, the swift and the thrush observe the time of their migration. But my people do not know the requirements of the LORD. <sup>8</sup> "How can you say, "We are wise, for we have the law of the LORD," when actually the lying pen of the scribes has handled it falsely? <sup>9</sup> The wise will be put to shame; they will be dismayed and trapped. Since they have rejected the word of the LORD, what kind of wisdom do they have? <sup>10</sup> Therefore I will give their wives to other men and their fields to new owners. From the least to the greatest, all are greedy for gain; prophets and priests alike, all practice deceit. <sup>11</sup> They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. "Peace, peace," they say, when there is no peace.

Message: Journey to Shalom - Reality Check

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

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response: "Lord, I Need You"

Lord I come I confess, bowing here I find my rest. And without you I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.

Lord I need you oh I need you. Ev'ry hour I need you. My one defense my righteousness. Oh God how I need you

Where sin runs deep your grace is more. Where grace is found is where you are. And where you are Lord I am free. Holiness is Christ in me. Where you are Lord I am free. Holiness is Christ in me

Lord I need you oh I need you. Ev'ry hour I need you. My one defense my righteousness. Oh God how I need you

So teach my song to rise to you. When temptation comes my way.

And when I cannot stand I'll fall on you. Jesus you're my hope and stay. And when I cannot stand I'll fall on you. Jesus you're my hope and stay

Lord I need you oh I need you. Ev'ry hour I need you. My one defense my righteousness. Oh God how I need you

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## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song: "My Friends May You Grow In Grace"

Lift Up Your Hearts #938

My friends, may you grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

My friends, may you grow in grace, and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Deb Niehof

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Derek Ten Pas, Chloe Berns-Schweingruber, Kathlyn Copley

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS :**

This 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.

**Thank you** to the Trinity Christian Reformed Church, Pastor Randy, and Tom Kuyper for the support we received during Carroll's illness. We gratefully appreciate the cards, flowers, and kind expressions of sympathy we received during this difficult time. Thank you especially to Pastor Tom Niehof for his guidance, thoughtfulness, and meaningful message during the service. The music and the worship were a

beautiful celebration of all that Carroll believed. – The family of Carroll Nikkel.

**A memorial service** for Carl Vander Wal will be held on Saturday, March 16 at 1:00 pm at First Christian Church, 250 W. E Avenue in Nevada. The family will be available for visitation for an hour immediately before the service.

**<https://www.rasmussonfh.com/obituaries/Carl-L-Vander-Wal?obId=30739654>**

**Adult Sunday School** starting February 18th in Room 7: Join Rex De Bruin and Andrew Friend as they lead a class on the Holy Spirit with the help of Francis Chan's "Forgotten God" book and DVD series. Thorough scriptural support and compelling narrative form Chan's invitation to stop and remember the One we forget all too often, the Spirit of the living God.

**Save the date:** Our next Family2Family Sale will be **Saturday, April 6**. It's a great way to help neighborhood families by recycling your kids' (and your own) outdated or outgrown clothes into some extra cash! Details about how to reserve a space for this sale will be coming soon :)

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 out at the beginning of each month.

**The next Pub Theology** (or Beers & Bibles/Spirits & Spirit/Brews & Truths) night at the Mucky Duck will be Sunday evening (Feb 25<sup>th</sup>) 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.

Each year, the second **Wednesday in March** is designated as the CRC Day of Prayer. On this date, all CRC congregations are requested to take time to seek God's leading, blessing, and transformation to become more like Christ.

The fellowship hall will be in use on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 1-6. Please keep this in mind if you have any plans to visit the church this day.

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.

**Children and Worship** - During our morning worship service, immediately following the children's message, children ages three through third grade are invited to attend Children and Worship, which meets in room 3, located to the south of the sanctuary. Children experience worship in the same order as in the sanctuary: we approach God in reverence, hear His Word proclaimed, respond in praise, and go forth in peace and love to serve in God's name. Visitors are welcome to attend. Please come pick up your child(ren) at the end of the service.



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

**Sunday School Classes** Feb 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 on Monday February 19th at 6:30pm at Deb Niehof's home. You are welcome to bring a craft/project to work on, or just come and enjoy the fellowship.

**Women's Bible Study** will be Feb 26th and we will be discussing the Discipline of Holy Communion.

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

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

### **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner: Names of God: The Lord Is My Peace** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Can you think of a time when you did not feel worthy enough to do something? Maybe you thought, "Why did they pick me?" or "There's someone else better than me." If so, you know exactly how Gideon felt in Judges 6:11- 24. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

**Groundwork: Why Jesus Had To Die On A Cross** - We begin the season of Lent by slowing down and remembering why Jesus Christ's awful death was necessary. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 3:14-15, Romans 5:12-17, Isaiah 10:1-3, Habakkuk 1:2-4, and Jeremiah 31:31-34 to reflect on scriptures that answer the question: "Why did Jesus have to die on a cross?" Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Wendell Berry wrote, "Rats and roaches live by competition under the laws of supply and demand; it is the privilege of human beings to live under the laws of justice and mercy." Which laws in your community promote justice, mercy, and human flourishing? Which do not? Learn more at [crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject)

Calvin University

**Festival of Faith And Writing** - The Calvin Center for Faith and Writing invites you to attend the Festival of Faith & Writing, April 11-13, on the campus of Calvin University. The Festival features over 70 speakers, including plenary speakers Anthony Doerr, Yaa Gyasi, and Tracy K. Smith. Visit our website to see our full roster of fabulous speakers, purchase tickets, or to learn more. Questions? Reach out to [ccfw@calvin.edu](mailto:ccfw@calvin.edu).

World Renew

**World Renew DRS Sunday is Next Week** - The damage from a tornado, flood, or hurricane is overwhelming for people who have lost their belongings – but you can help. Join us for World Renew DRS Sunday on February 25, 2024. Your prayers and financial support provide vital

services for those in need. Visit [worldrenew.net/drs](http://worldrenew.net/drs), call 800-848-5818, or email [drs@worldrenew.net](mailto:drs@worldrenew.net) to give or learn more.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Congregational Prayer: Melody Franje  
Sound: Tom Whitney  
Nursery Mary and Kathlyn  
Children's message: Deb Niehof  
Greeters: Yoder

### **Greeters**

February 18 Yoder  
February 25 Bakker  
March 3 Bergman  
March 10 De Bruin  
March 17 Franje  
March 24 Copley  
March 31 Hobson

### **Nursery**

February 18 Mary and Kathlyn  
February 25 Rachel and Jayden  
March 3 Melody and Caraline  
March 10 Jessica and Stacy  
March 17 Donna and Alisabeth  
March 24 Elaine and Kathlyn  
March 31 Mindy and Brianna

### **Children's Message**

February 18 Deb Niehof  
February 25 Stacy Hertz  
March 3 Rex De Bruin  
March 10 Randy Raak  
March 17 Lora Copley  
March 24 Laura Hufford  
March 31 Jeff Kopaska

### **Congregational Prayer**



February 18	Melody Franje
February 25	Tom Niehof
March 3	Randy Raak
March 10	Tom Kuyper
March 17	Randy Raak
March 24	Mark Voss
March 31	Rex De Bruin

**Pastor Randy Raak:** pastor@amestrinity.org or 928-699-9329

**Lora Copley:** director@isu-areopagus.org or 505-387-6861 (Areopagus Campus Ministry)

**Elders:** A-G = Brian Sterenberg; H-K = Rex De Bruin; L-S = Tom Kuyper;  
T-Z = Jeff Kopaska

**Deacons:** A-G = Joseph Yoder; H-K = Pam Niemeyer; L-S = Tom Whitney;  
T-Z = Mark Irvin