

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**March 24, 2024**  
**Palm Sunday**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship: Matthew 21:1-11

\* Opening Song: "The King Of Glory Comes"

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

Who is the King of glory? What shall we call him?

He is Immanuel, the promised of ages.

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

In all of Galilee, in city or village,

he goes among his people, curing their illness.

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation;

he took upon himself the sin of the nations.

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen.

And he will share with us his heavenly kingdom.

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him, lift up your voices

\* Opening Prayer

\* Song: "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

Wonderful merciful Savior Precious Redeemer and Friend Who  
would have thought that a Lamb

Could rescue the souls of men Oh You rescue the souls of men

You are the One that we praise You are the One we adore  
You give the healing and grace Our hearts always hunger for  
Oh our hearts always hunger for Counselor Comforter Keeper  
Spirit we long to embrace You offer hope when our hearts  
Have hopelessly lost the way Oh we hopelessly lost the way  
You are the One that we praise You are the One we adore  
You give the healing and grace Our hearts always hunger for  
Oh our hearts always hunger for Almighty infinite Father  
Faithfully loving Your own Here in our weakness You find us  
Falling before Your throne Oh we're falling before Your throne  
You are the One that we praise You are the One we adore  
You give the healing and grace Our hearts always hunger for  
Oh our hearts always hunger for

## **WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

Prayer of Confession

*Dear Jesus, You showed us true humility in your life, and in your death. You showed us The Way, but sometimes we choose to follow lesser paths.*

**We put a coat of Christian veneer over our pursuits of recognition or admiration, influence or power, comfort or pleasure.**

*We may follow your ways for purposes that glorify us more than you - more for self-optimization than sanctification; more to gain wealth than to learn stewardship; or that your wisdom would bring respect to us more than glory to you.*

***Lord, turn our hearts toward you. Help us to live out of a sincere love for you and love for our neighbor. Amen.***

Words of Assurance 1 John 1:8-9

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

Song of Entrusting: “His Mercy Is More”

What love could remember No wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum

Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more  
Praise the Lord, His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more  
What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more  
Praise the Lord, His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more  
What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more  
Praise the Lord, His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more  
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Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup> I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Message: Journey to Shalom: True Humility

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

Prayer of Application

\* Song of Response: "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"     *Lift Up Your Hearts #175*

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.  
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my  
God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through  
his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled  
down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so  
rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a  
present far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul,  
my life, my all

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song: "To God Be The Glory"     *Lift Up Your Hearts #604*

To God be the glory, great things he has done; so loved he the world  
that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate  
that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory;  
great things he has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the  
promise of God;

the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a  
pardon receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory;  
great things he has done.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great  
our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport,  
when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice! O come to  
the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory; great things he has done.

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Rex DeBruin

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Naomi Friend, Rex De Bruin

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS :**

This week's special offering is for **Areopagus**, a ministry to Iowa State University. Areopagus aims to reflect the relevance of the Gospel and a Reformed Christian worldview to the world of higher education, and in the lives of students and faculty. For more information, please talk with Lora Copley (Areopagus director), or visit <http://www.isu-areopagus.org/>

**Deb Niehof** had her last cancer treatment on March 15. She is grateful for all the prayers, meals, and support she received from our Trinity family during this past year. God has been good!

**Maundy Thursday service, this Thursday evening (3/28) at 6:30.** We'll gather to remember Jesus' final evening with his disciples and his suffering that led to the cross. We'll be celebrating the Lord's Supper during this service

**Easter Sunday**, we'll have our Sunrise Service at **6:30 am** by the fire pit on the church lawn, and then our regular Easter service at **9:30**. There will be a small breakfast provide at the church for those who are staying at the church between the services..

**There will be Easter color** pages available on the table outside the office. Please color and pin to the bulletin board outside the Library. Lets share our Church Family' talents with coloring. Put your name on them so they can be returned after the holiday..

**Adult Sunday School** 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! Check out our church web site for all the details.

<https://www.amestrinity.org/events/family2family-spring-sale-april-6-2024/>

**Summer BBQ plans - July 26**, Friday night, grilling for the neighborhood, burgers and hot dogs, inflatables, possibly music

**Dear Friends at Trinity CRC**, Thank you for joining God in all He's doing through Resonate! All around the globe, God is working through your church's support for your Christian Reformed missionaries, church planters, and ministry leaders. Together, we are taking part in the way God's Spirit is moving! I hope you are continually encouraged by the good and fruitful work we are accomplishing together. Your church's gifts and prayers help make it possible to carry the hope and redemption of Jesus to the ears of unreached people in over 40 countries around the world! Your community's support is an important way you help make this ministry possible. We couldn't do it without you! Thank you for using your gifts to partner with Resonate. I hope that you find warmth in knowing that by sending others to share the Good News of Jesus, your church is helping change the lives of

individuals and communities for generations to come! Thank you! In Christ, Kevin DeRaaf, Director, Resonate Global Mission

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

If you are not on our weekly emails and updates, please supply your email address to Pam Whitney at [office@amestrinity.org](mailto:office@amestrinity.org). Please update the directory on the table outside the office as well. I will make a new version at the end of March.

**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** March 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** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month.

**Women's Bible Study** Will meet Monday March 25<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall at 9 am. Topic: Spiritual Friendship (pg 151-154 Spiritual Disciplines Book), copies on the table outside the office.

**Pub Theology** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month

**Next Council meeting** is April 10<sup>th</sup>

### **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thrive

**Legacy giving to the CRCNA** - Did you know cash isn't always the best way to give to CRCNA ministries like Thrive? You may be able to

increase your potential impact— and experience significant tax benefits by giving stock, real estate or other non-cash assets. Write to [advancement@crcna.org](mailto:advancement@crcna.org) to learn more.

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - In *Life Together*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, “Just as love to God begins with listening to His Word, so love for the brethren is learning to listen to them.” Who might you show this kind of “listening love” to in the coming week? Learn more at [crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject)

ReFrame Ministries

**Family Fire** - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at [familyfire.com](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

**Festival of Faith & Writing** - The Festival of Faith & Writing is a biennial gathering of readers, writers, and publishers interested in how issues of faith become fleshed out in the written word. The Calvin Center for Faith and Writing invites you to attend this year's 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? Check out <https://ccfw.calvin.edu/festival-2024/> or reach out to [ccfw@calvin.edu](mailto:ccfw@calvin.edu).

Resonate Global Mission

**Your Gift Doubled!** - Resonate Global Mission has a great opportunity for your giving to God’s mission through the Christian Reformed Church! Now through April 30, any amount you give for our special campaign will be matched, dollar for dollar, by a generous donor! Learn more at [www.resonateglobalmission.org/double](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/double)

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Congregational Prayer: Mark Voss

Sound: Tom Whitney

Nursery: Elaine and Kathlyn



Children's message: Rex De Bruin

Greeters: Copley

### Greeters

March 24 Copley

March 31 Hobson

April 7 Voss

April 14 Hubert

April 21 Hufford

April 28 Friend

May 5 Hallihan

May 12 Hertz

May 19 Irvin

May 26 N Klemme

### Nursery

March 24 Elaine and Kathlyn

March 31 Mindy and Brianna

April 7 Megan and Kristy

April 14 Judy and Cassie

April 21 Sue F and Pam N

April 28 Mary K and Kenzie

May 5 Rachel and Sue F

May 12 Melody and Jayden

May 19 Jessica and Caraline

May 26 Donna and Stacy

### Children's Message

March 24 Laura Hufford

March 31 Jeff Kopaska

April 7 Deb Niehof

April 14 Stacy Hertz

April 21 Rex De Bruin

April 28 Laura Hufford

May 5 Lora Copley

May 12 Jeff Kopaska

May 19 Deb Niehof

May 26 Stacy Hertz

### Congregational Prayer

March 24 Mark Voss

March 31 Rex De Bruin

April 7 Mark Voss

April 14 Paul Kleinwolterink

April 21 Randy Raak

April 28 Jeff Kopaska

May 5 Lora Copley

May 12 Randy Raak

May 19 Mark Voss

May 26 Tom Niehof

### Easter Flowers

**Brian and Jane Sterenberg:** "Richard and Alma Meinema", "Jacob and Inez Sterenberg", "Leonard and Gertruele Grunig", "Karen Baalsom"

**Judy Oltman:** "Ralph Oltman", "Adriane Lucille DeWaard", "Ben and Hilta Oltman"

**Shirley Ploegstra:** "Adrian Ploegstra"

**Mary and Tom Kuyper:** “William and Fay Haenlein”, “Thomas and Mary Kuyper Sr”

**Tom and Deb Niehof:** “Lois Walburg”, “Thelma Niehof”

**Jim and Donna Bergman:** “Helen Bergman”, “Betty Harken”

**Pam and Mark Voss:** “Melvin Voss”, “Carolyn Voss”, “Deb Voss”

**Tom and Elaine Oftendahl:** “Max and Evelyn Oftendahl”, “Walter and Gladys Kramlich”

**Pam and Joel Niemeyer:** “Harrietta Niemeyer”, “Don Westra”

**Paul Kleinwolterink:** “Jan Kleinwolterink” , “Tyler Klenwolterink”

**Randy and Holly Raak:** “Robert Songer” ,” Roger and Kay Raak”

**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