

## WORSHIP SERVICE

March 15, 2026

### The Shepherd and His Sheep

#### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship (Ezekiel 34:11, 12)

*For this is what the sovereign Lord says:*

**I myself will search for my sheep and look after them.**

*As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them,*

**So will I look after my sheep.**

\* Opening Song: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" *Lift Up Your Hearts #575*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of creation! O my soul, praise him,  
for he is your health and salvation! Come, all who hear; brothers and sisters  
draw near, join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wonderously reigning, sheltering you  
under his wings, oh, so gently sustaining. Have you not seen all that is needful  
has been sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; surely his  
goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew what the Almighty  
can do as with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O, let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and  
breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his  
people again. Gladly forever adore him!

\* Opening Prayer

\* Song: "Come, Worship God"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #509*

Come, worship God, who is worthy of honor;  
enter God's presence with thanks and a song!  
You are the rock of your people's salvation,  
to whom our jubilant praises belong.

Ruled by your might are the heights of the mountains;  
held in your hands are the depths of the earth.

Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,  
God above all gods, who gave us our birth.

We are your people, the sheep of your pasture;  
you are our Maker, and to you we pray.

Gladly we kneel in obedience before you;  
great is the one whom we worship this day!

Now let us listen, for you speak among us;  
open our hearts to receive what you say.

Peace be to all who remember your goodness,  
trust in your word, and rejoice in your way!

### **WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

God's Will for His People: Isaiah 30:21, Colossians 3:7-14

*Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."*

*You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.*

*Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.*

Hymn of Response:

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"      *Lift Up Your Hearts #730*

I want to walk as a child of the light, I want to follow Jesus

God set the stars to give light to the world, the star of my life is Jesus

In Him there is no darkness at all, the night and the day are both alike

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God, I want to look at Jesus

Clear Sun of righteousness shine on my path

And show me the way to the Father

In Him there is no darkness at all, the night and the day are both alike  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart Lord Jesus.  
I'm looking for the coming of Christ, I want to be with Jesus  
When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus  
In Him there is no darkness at all, the night and the day are both alike  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart Lord Jesus.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

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

The Setting: A Sheepfold in Palestine

Scripture Reading: John 10:1-14 (p. 989 in pew Bible)

"Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

<sup>7</sup>Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

<sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. <sup>13</sup>The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

<sup>14</sup>"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—

Message: My Sheep Hear My Voice

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

## Prayer of Application

\* Song of Response: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #330  
Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need your tender care;  
In your pleasant pastures feed us, or our use your fold prepare:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, yours we are;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, yours we are.  
We are yours, in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
Keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.  
You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.  
Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song: "God, the Father of Your People" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #927  
God, the Father of your people, you have called us to be one  
Grant us grace to walk together in the joy of Christ, your son  
Challenged by your Word and Spirit, blest with gifts from heaven above,  
As one body we will serve you and bear witness to your love  
May the grace of Christ, our savior, and the Father's boundless love,  
With the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon us from above  
May we now remain in union with each other and the Lord  
And possess in sweet communion, joys that earth cannot afford.

Postlude

\* Please stand

Children's Message: Rob Barnes

Message: Rev. Tom Niehof

Musicians: Elijah Goossen, Elijah Hufford, Pam Voss

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

**Sunday School Classes** meet after fellowship time. No class on Mar 15-Spring Break.

**Children and Worship** meets during the service, after the Children's Message.

**Roots Youth Group** meets weekly on Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm

**Young Adult Ministry** meets on Fridays and Sundays throughout the year. Contact Derek Ten Pas to get connected.

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

**UFO** meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. Next meeting March 16 at 6:30pm for their annual soup swap. Contact Kelly Hobson for details.

**Women's Bible Study** meets on the first Monday of the month; next meeting is April 6. Contact Pam Voss for details.

**Pub Theology** meets monthly on a Sunday at The Mucky Duck. Next meeting is March 29 at 7:00 pm.

**Hymn Sing** meets monthly on a Sunday. Next meeting is April 12 at 5:00 pm.

**Next Regular Council Meeting** is March 11 at 6:45 pm.

**Next Search Committee Meeting** is March 26 at 6:30 pm.

## **TCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Rev. Tom Niehof leads us in worship** this week with a focus on The Shepherd and His Sheep as revealed in John 10:1-14.

**Memory verse for this week:** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full. I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. (John 10:10,11)

**The special offering this week** will support participation by youth from Trinity CRC in the **Midwest B.A.S.I.C** (Brothers And Sisters In Christ) **Youth Bible Camp**. The camp is open for students who have completed grades 6-12 and is held at Pine Lake Christian Camp in Eldora, Iowa. Typically, families are asked pay the pre-registration fee (\$50/student) with Trinity covering the remainder. Bible Camp 2026 will be August 2-6. Pictures and videos from past camps can be found by searching for "Midwest B.A.S.I.C. Youth Bible Camp" on Facebook. Questions? Contact Pam Whitney.

**There will be no Sunday School classes this Sunday, March 15** due to Spring Break. We look forward to gathering again when **classes resume on Sunday, March 22**. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing everyone back after Spring Break!

**Upcoming Adult Sunday School Classes** - We have two wonderful Adult Sunday School sessions coming up!

**Next Sunday, March 22**, Joel Copley will share insights from his experience as a Grade School Principal and Special Education teacher. He will also talk about how his Christian faith is woven into his daily work as an educator.

**The following Sunday, March 29**, Laura Hufford will speak with the class about her work in medical science and how her Christian faith guides and shapes her calling as a physician.

We look forward to these meaningful opportunities to hear how faith can be lived out in different professions. Everyone is invited to join us!

**Easter Flowers for Easter Sunday:** Sign up by **March 29** to sponsor an Easter flower to adorn the sanctuary for our Easter Service on April 5. Find the sign-up sheet on the table in the church entryway. Plants are \$11 each. You may leave cash in an envelope or a check to Trinity CRC in the offering basket, noting "Easter Flowers". (Please do not pay for flowers with an online contribution.) Flowers may be taken home after Easter. Questions? Contact Pam Voss at 515-708-2676.

**From the TCRC Council:** During our pastor vacancy, if you or your family have a situation that requires prayer and/or pastoral care, please contact one of the elders. The elders will help in directing you to the appropriate care needed. At the February classis meeting, Wendell Davelaar volunteered to be TCRC's classis councilor during the pastor vacancy.

**Lora and Joel Copley will be away for Spring Break** next week. For any pastoral needs, please see one of the elders. Psalm 20 blessings.

**UFO will meet** on Monday, March 16th at 6:30pm for our annual Soup Swap. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kelly Hobson.

**Trinity CRC's Annual Family2Family Sale is coming up soon—Saturday, March 28, 2026!** Time to clean out those closets and cupboards, reserve your sale space, and invite our community to participate. Find all the details and the space rental link on Trinity's website ([amestrinity.org](http://amestrinity.org)). Grab some flyers to share and look for opportunities to promote on socials. Church proceeds support God's Mercy to Haiti.

**Repairs inside the building:** There will be some drywall repair work happening in the building over Spring Break (March 16-20).

**Resonate's March/April Gift Matching Opportunity.** The Deacons are excited to share a special giving opportunity with Resonate Global Mission! From March 13 through April 30, every gift to Resonate's *Where Most Needed* fund will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous group of donors—up to \$275,000. This is a wonderful chance to double the impact of your support. If you would like to give directly, please visit: [www.resonateglobalmission.org/double](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/double)

**The Rehoboth Christian High School Band invites you** to attend their concerts while they are touring in your local area.

March 26: Shalom CRC Sioux Falls, SD 5:00-6:30 PM Navajo Taco Meal, 7:00 PM Concert

March 27: Dordt University, BJ Haan Auditorium 7:00 PM Concert

March 28: Calvary CRC Orange City, IA 5:00-6:30 PM Navajo Taco Meal, 7:00 PM Concert

March 29: Trinity CRC Rock Valley, IA 9:30 AM Service Participation

March 29: Luverne CRC. Luverne, MN 6:30 PM Concert

All concerts are free to attend with a free-will offering taken. For more information visit <https://www.rcsnm.org/admissions/schools/finearts.cfm> or email Laura Blystra at [lblystra@rcsnm.org](mailto:lblystra@rcsnm.org).

**Please keep food and drinks contained to the fellowship hall.** This helps to keep our space neat and free of unwanted pests. Thank you!

**If your group or committee has an announcement,** please submit an update to the church office by 10:30 am on Thursdays to be included in the announcements for the week. If you leave a written message in the office, please include your name in case a follow-up is necessary. Thank you!

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## DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner Devotions: Jesus Cried** - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Jesus Cried," at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Everyone has big feelings, and learning to notice how others feel helps us be kinder friends. Just like Jesus, we can listen, care, and show love when someone is sad or happy. Prepare for Easter with all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like Kids Corner's Lent Devotional.

**Groundwork: Carrying Jesus' Cross on the Road to Golgotha** - When we reach stations seven and eight of the Stations of the Cross, we reflect on the movement of Jesus and the cross toward Golgotha. Join Groundwork as we study John 19:6-17, Matthew 27:19-31, and Mark 15:21 to consider the symbolism of the cross beam placed on Jesus, the significance of Simon of Cyrene carrying Jesus' cross, and what it means to bear the cross with Jesus in our lives. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### Thrive

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - The New Testament Gospels all include the account of a woman who interrupts a dinner party and pours out a precious perfume to anoint Jesus (Matt. 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-50; John 12:1-8). The disciples are offended at the intrusion. Jesus calls it a fitting tribute to his love, and a preparation for the way he will lay down his life. This week be mindful of incidents that interrupt your plans, or of individuals who intrude on your time and space. See each one as a divinely orchestrated opportunity to reorient your attention to the Savior who poured out his life for you. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

**Hiring! Director of Thrive** - The Thrive Director will provide overall direction and leadership for Thrive, ensuring that strategic planning, fiscal management, programming, resource development, staff care and development, achievement of goals, and administrative functions are effectively carried out. The Director will ensure the overall implementation, assessment, and success of Thrive's mandate serving churches in both Canada and the United States. This is a full-time, hybrid position based in Burlington, Ont., or Grand Rapids, Mich. Learn more and apply by March 23 at [crcna.pinpointhq.com](http://crcna.pinpointhq.com)

### World Renew

**2026 Cambodia Discovery Tour** - World Renew invites you on a learning journey to explore Cambodia! Grow in your understanding of World Renew's work from communities already

leading change, while experiencing the history, traditions, and culture of Cambodia. Join us from November 6-16, 2026 and come discover what God is doing in Cambodia. Registration is limited. For more information and to register, visit: <https://bit.ly/cambodia2026info>

**Help Families Affected by Spring Storms** - As spring approaches, severe storms are already impacting North American communities, including the recent tornadoes in southwest Michigan. World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is preparing to walk alongside communities in the weeks and months ahead as more storms are forecasted this season. You can share Christ's hope with vulnerable families by giving at [worldrenew.net/springstorms](http://worldrenew.net/springstorms), by calling 1-800-552-7972, or by mailing a check made out to World Renew, with "North American Disasters 2026" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.

**Position Opening: Director of Communications** - We're pleased to announce that the Director of Communications position at World Renew is now live! This full time, hybrid role—based in Burlington, ON or Byron Center, MI—leads World Renew's voice, narrative, and public presence. The Director oversees brand storytelling, media relations, editorial direction, and a binational communications team, ensuring mission aligned, faith rooted, and ethical content. If you or someone you know is committed to mission driven communications, we encourage you to apply at <https://world-renew.breezy.hr/>

Calvin University

**Paul's Missionary Journeys in Turkey & the Seven Churches of Revelation** - (Oct 9-19, 2026) Visit ancient sites connected with Paul's First, Second, and Third Missionary Journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu)

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## VOLUNTEERS

Greeter: Kleinwolterink  
Nursery: Judy and Pam N  
Sound: Rex De Bruin  
Children's Message: Rob Barnes  
Congregational Prayer: Tom Kuyper

### **Greeters**

Mar 15 Kleinwolterink	Apr 26 Oltman
Mar 22 Kopaska	May 3 Saldaña
Mar 29 Kuyper	May 10 Sander/Bassham
Apr 5 Niehof	May 17 Sterenberg
Apr 12 Niemeyer	May 24 't Hoen
Apr 19 Hufford	May 31 Ten Pas

### **Nursery**

Mar 15 Judy and Pam N	Mar 22 Mary and Kenzie
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Mar 29 Lyndee and Sue  
Apr 5 Rachel and Elizabeth  
Apr 12 Melody and Clayton  
Apr 19 Jessica and Brianna  
Apr 26 Donna and Alisabeth

### **Sound Tech**

Mar 15 Rex De Bruin  
Mar 22 Bryan Van Belle  
Mar 29 Brian Sterenberg  
Apr 3 Tom Whitney  
Apr 5 Bryan Van Belle  
Apr 12 Rob Barnes  
Apr 19 Brian Sterenberg

### **Children's Message**

Mar 15 Rob Barnes  
Mar 22 Stacy Hertz  
Mar 29 Lora Copley  
Apr 5 Laura Hufford  
Apr 12 Christopher 't Hoen  
Apr 19 Jeff Kopaska

### **Congregational Prayer**

Mar 15 Tom Kuyper  
Mar 22 Paul Kleinwolterink  
Mar 29 Mark Voss  
Apr 5 Rex De Bruin  
Apr 12 Joel Copley  
Apr 19 Jeff Kopaska

May 3 Sue and Kathlyn  
May 10 Mindy and Natalie  
May 17 Megan and Kristy  
May 24 Judy and Cassie  
May 31 Mary and Pam

Apr 26 Tom Whitney  
May 3 Rex De Bruin  
May 10 Bryan Van Belle  
May 17 Rob Barnes  
May 24 Brian Sterenberg  
May 31 Tom Whitney

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May 17 Mark Voss  
May 24 Rex De Bruin  
May 31 Joel Copley

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**Elders:** A-G = Paul Kleinwolterink; H-K = Melody Franje; L-S = Joel Copley; T-Z = Naomi Friend

**Deacons:** A-G = Derek Ten Pas; H-K = Christopher 't Hoen; L-S = Mark Voss; T-Z = Donna Bergman

**Committee Chairs:** Building & Grounds – Jim Bergman; Education – Christopher 't Hoen; Endowment – Paul Kleinwolterink; Fellowship – Sue Fee; Technology – Rex De Bruin; Outreach and Enfolding – Mark Voss; Worship – Laura Hufford