

WORSHIP SERVICE
February 20, 2022
7th Sunday of Epiphany

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Opening Song: "All Creatures Of Our God and King" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #551

1 All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O burning sun with golden beam, and shining moon with silver gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 O rushing wind so wild and strong, white clouds that sail in heaven along,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

New rising dawn in praise rejoice, you lights of evening find a voice!
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Cool flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Fierce fire, so masterful and bright, providing us with warmth and light,
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Earth ever fertile, day by day bring forth your blessings on our way;
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All flowers and fruits that in you grow, let them his glory also show:
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 All you who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part;
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All you who pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care:
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession (inspired by Psalm 77: 1-20)

God, we call out to you!

From the depths of our hearts, we cry,

"Lord, hear our prayer!"

*Where are you, God, when we are consumed by grief, or the events of our lives threaten to overwhelm us? Deep down, we know that you love us—
we've experienced your mercy and your faithfulness in the past,
and it has sustained us, and all your children, through many difficult times.
We refuse to believe that you have deserted us,
or that you are unaware of the pain that we're feeling.
And so we turn to you again,
longing for your presence,
looking for your comfort and peace.*

**Surround us with your unfailing love.
Remind us that you alone are God,
and that you hold us in the palm of your hand.
Give us courage and strength to face the days ahead,
and strengthen us in the knowledge that we do not face them alone.
In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, we pray.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: (Colossians 2, 6-15:)

In Christ, you have been brought to fullness and peace. He is the head over every power and authority. Your whole self was ruled by the flesh, but that weight was taken off when you were buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in God's might, who raised Christ from the Dead!

Song of Response: I Need Thee Every Hour

Lift Up Your Hearts #332 vs 1,3,4

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.
I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

I need thee every hour, stay thou near by;
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.
I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

I need thee every hour, in joy or pain;
come quickly, and abide, or life is vain.
I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

I need thee every hour; teach me thy will,
and thy rich promises in me fulfill.
I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

I need thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed, though Blessed Son!
I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

Children's Message
Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Psalm 77:1-20

¹ I cried out to God for help;

I cried out to God to hear me.

² When I was in distress, I sought the Lord;
at night I stretched out untiring hands,
and I would not be comforted.

³ I remembered you, God, and I groaned;
I meditated, and my spirit grew faint. ^[b]

⁴ You kept my eyes from closing;
I was too troubled to speak.

⁵ I thought about the former days,
the years of long ago;

⁶ I remembered my songs in the night.
My heart meditated and my spirit asked:

⁷ "Will the Lord reject forever?
Will he never show his favor again?"

⁸ Has his unfailing love vanished forever?
Has his promise failed for all time?

⁹ Has God forgotten to be merciful?
Has he in anger withheld his compassion?"

¹⁰ Then I thought, "To this I will appeal:
the years when the Most High stretched out his right hand.

¹¹ I will remember the deeds of the LORD;
yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.

¹² I will consider all your works
and meditate on all your mighty deeds."

¹³ Your ways, God, are holy.
What god is as great as our God?

¹⁴ You are the God who performs miracles;
you display your power among the peoples.

¹⁵ With your mighty arm you redeemed your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

¹⁶ The waters saw you, God,
the waters saw you and writhed;
the very depths were convulsed.

¹⁷ The clouds poured down water,
the heavens resounded with thunder;
your arrows flashed back and forth.

¹⁸Your thunder was heard in the whirlwind,
your lightning lit up the world;
the earth trembled and quaked.

¹⁹Your path led through the sea,
your way through the mighty waters,
though your footprints were not seen.

²⁰You led your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Message: Prisoners of Hope: Hope in the darkness

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "Be Still My Soul"

The Hymnal For Worship3 #347

Be still, my soul, The Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently, The cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God, to order and provide.
In every change, He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul, Thy best thy heavenly Friend.
Through thorny ways, Leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake.
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake.
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul, the waves and wind still know.
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on.
When we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone.
Sorrow forgot, Love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past.
All safe and blessed, we shall meet at last.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song : "Canto de Esperanza/Song of Hope"

Lift Up Your Hearts #941

May the God of Hope go with us everyday
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace
May the GOD of justice speed us on our way
Bringing light and hope to every land and race

Praying let us work for peace
Singing, share our joy with all
Working for a world that's new
Faithful when we hear Christ call

God will be our Shepard as we go our way
And will not forsake us when we go astray
Even though the load of life is hard to bear
We must not forget that God is always there

Praying let us work for peace
Singing, share our joy with all
Working for a world that's new
Faithful when we hear Christ call

* Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Mary Saucedo

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Tara Tilstra, Chloe Berns-Schweingruber, Eli Hufford

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After Sunday's Service - We will take time to talk with Lora Copley, Aeropagus Applicant, **this morning**, there will be no adult or high school Sunday School.

Family to Family - The Outreach Committee is putting on a Family2Family sale (basically an indoor garage sale of kids items). We will have booths set-up in the Fellowship Hall and hallway for people to rent (\$7-12/booth). As you do spring cleaning and organize your kids' things, consider renting a booth to sell your items. TCRC attenders and their friends will have first dibs at renting tables, before we open it up to the public. Watch our Facebook page because registration will be open soon and flyers available in Sunday. If you have questions, feel free to talk to Christina or Tina.

Sunday School Spring Schedule - There will be no Sunday School class for Adults and High Schoolers on **February 20th** due to Lora Copley being in town, **March 16th** due to Spring Break and **April 17** due to Easter. The Children will be a part of the service on April 10th, the plan is for them to sing at the beginning of the service. The last day of Sunday School will be **May 1st**.

Midwest B.A.S.I.C camp for the 2022 year will happen the week of **August 8th through the 12th** at Pine Lake Christian Camp, same location as years before. The theme is "Run a Good Race" and will include all the great activities from before, Swimming, high ropes, carpet ball and group games just to name a few, and a few new ones being discussed. **SAVE THE DATE**, registration should be open soon. Contact Pam Whitney if you have any questions.

Pledges to support the Helpers in South Africa - Trinity CRC will be supporting Tyler and Christina's work in South Africa through our prayers and financial gifts. The council has voted to support them with \$5000 per year over the next three years (2022, 2023, 2024). Council is asking the congregation to make pledges towards that yearly \$5000 amount. Please prayerfully consider how much you can donate towards this effort. Pledge amounts can be sent to the deacons in-person or through email. Donations in fulfillment of the pledges should be made directly to the church.

Education Committee Members- The Education Committee is looking for an additional member or two. If you are interested, please contact Rachel DeBruin.

Nursery Help - If you are interested in helping with nursery on Sunday mornings, please contact Pam Whitney to let her know your availability.

Children's Sermon - If you would like to help during the service on Sunday with the children's message, please contact Pam Whitney to let her know her availability.

SMALL GROUPS & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Breakfast Club meets on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays** at the Lincoln Center HyVee at **8:30 AM**.

Sunday Evening Bible Study - The Sunday Evening Bible Study will begin a new season tonight, **Sunday evening, February 20, at 6:00 p.m.** at the home of Marv and Janet Bakker. We will be studying "Angels: What the Bible Teaches, What You Need to Know" by Andrew J. Bandstra. New members are welcome.

UFO Soup Swap - You are welcome to join us on **February 21st** at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for the Annual Soup Swap. If you wish to participate, bring 2 containers (3-4 cups each) of soup (frozen or not) to share, along with the recipe.

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Justice and Mercy: Read Isaiah 58:9-10 and ponder or discuss the following questions. A yoke is a type of harness used with a team of animals, typically oxen. Usually made of wood and iron, it's heavy and rigid, and it restricts the animals' freedom to move. In the Bible the word "yoke" is used to describe being bound to something or someone, for better or for worse. With this in mind, how would you describe "the yoke of oppression"? How might your church, or another group of which you're a part, begin to meet the needs of the oppressed and "do away with the yoke of oppression"? What practical steps might you take? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

ReFrame Ministries

Be Quick to Listen - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Listening is a skill and it takes practice to become a good listener. What makes someone a good listener? Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Focus on the Cross - Lent is a season to focus on the hope of Jesus Christ. Receive a free Today devotional email series to help you refresh, refocus, and renew your faith during Lent. Or download the ebook! Subscribe at todaydevotional.com/lent.

Groundwork: A Wise Perspective on Work - Much of our adult life revolves around work: work for our jobs, work on our houses and for our families, and work for the Lord. Join Groundwork as we study Ecclesiastes 4:4-8, 5:10-15, 9:7-10 to listen to the Teacher's wisdom on what makes our work meaningful. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Other

Online Bible Study - Building God's Church Together - "Building God's Church Together" is an online Bible study that explores God's vision for men and women serving the church together. It involves 7 self-guided

sessions and 5 scheduled virtual discussion groups every Wednesday during Lent (**March 9-April 6**) to cultivate deeper understanding. This series will be hosted by Rev. Elaine May and Rev. Liz Testa. Register now: tinyurl.com/BGCTstudy

Race Relations

Free Learning Webinar Event - February 22 - You're invited to a virtual learning event hosted by the CRCs Office of Race Relations on February 22 at 12:00pm (EST). The topic is "Black & Reformed: Generational Journeys in the CRC." In this panel discussion, we want to amplify and celebrate the voices of African American Pastors and leaders in the CRC. Get more information at crcna.org/Race/Events

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

Elders: A-G = Tom Kuyper, H-K = Melody Franje, L-S = Mark Voss, T-Z = Paul Kleinwolterink

Deacons: A-G = Tina VanDyk, H - K = Andrew Friend, L-S = Judy Oltman, T-Z = Donna Bergman