

WORSHIP SERVICE

November 3, 2024

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship - from Isaiah 42

Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the ends of the earth,

Let them give glory to the Lord and proclaim his praise in the islands.

Let them shout it from the mountaintops and sing for joy in the wilderness.

For the Lord says, "I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them;

I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. I will not forsake my people."

* Opening Song : "Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah"

Lift Up Your Hearts #518

Praise the Lord! Sing hallelujah! Come, our great Redeemer
praise

I will sing The glorious praises Of my God through all my days

Put no confidence in princes Nor on human help depend

They shall die To dust returning All their thoughts and plan shall
end

Happy are The ones professing Jacob's God to be their aid

They are blest Whose hope of blessing On the Lord their God is
stayed

Heaven and earth The Lord created Seas and all that they contain

He delivers from oppression Righteousness he will maintain

Food he daily give the hungry Sets the mourning prisoner free

Raises those Bowed down with anguish Makes the sightless eyes
to see

God our Savior love the righteous And the stranger he befriends

Helps the orphan and the widow Judgment on the wicked sends
Praise the Lord! Sing hallelujah!

Come, our great Redeemer praise I will sing The glorious praises
Of my God through all my days Over all God reigns forever
Through all ages he is King Unto him Your God, O Zion Joyful
hallelujahs sing

* Opening Prayer

* Song: "Breathe On Me, Breath of God"

Lift Up Your Hearts #747

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.
Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.
Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life for all eternity.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Dear Father, we thank you for the gracious ways in which you lead us.

**Your Word and Spirit show us your way. You forgive and
restore us when we fall.**

Forgive us Lord, when we lead with force, coercion, or condescension.

**Help us show the same grace to others that you have shown to
us. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon *Psalm 103:8-12*

*"The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in
love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he
does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our
iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his
love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has
he removed our transgressions from us."*

Song of Entrusting: "There's A Wideness In God's Mercy"

Lift Up Your Hearts #689

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.

There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

Make our love, O God more faithful, let us take you at your word,

and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Matthew 12:13-21

13 Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." So he stretched it out and it was completely restored, just as sound as the other. 14 But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus. God's Chosen Servant 15 Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. A large crowd followed him, and he healed all who were ill. 16 He warned them not to tell others about him. 17 This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: 18 "Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. 19 He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets. 20 A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he has brought justice through to victory. 21 In his name the nations will put their hope."

Message: Beyond Belief - "Gracious Leadership: Serving Others with Purpose"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts" vs 1-3

Lift Up Your Hearts #823

O Jesus, Joy of loving hearts, The Fount of life, The Light of all,

from fullest bliss that earth imparts, we turn unfilled to hear your call.

Your truth unchanged has ever stood; you save all those who on you call;

to those who seek you, you are good, to those who find you, all in all.

We taste you, ever living Bread, and long to feast upon you still; we drink of you, the Fountain-head, our thirst to quench, our souls to fill.

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S COVENANT WITH US

The Lord's Supper

Communion song: "Table Of Plenty" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #808

Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty!

God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.

O come and sit at my table where saints and sinners are friends.

I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love.

Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty!

God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.

O come and eat without money; come to drink without price.

my feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life.

Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty!

God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.

My bread will ever sustain you through days of sorrow and woe.

My wine will flow like a sea of gladness to flood the depths of your soul.

Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty!

God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.

Your fields will flower in fullness; your homes will flourish in peace.

For I, the giver of home and harvest, will send my rain on the soil.

Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty!

God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Blessing

*Closing Song: "Fill thou My Life, O Lord, My God"

Lift Up Your Hearts #356

Fill thou my life, O Lord my God, In every part with praise,
That my whole being may proclaim Thy being and thy ways
Not for the lip of praise alone, Nor e'en the praising heart I ask,
but for a life made up of praise in every part.

Praise in the common words I speak, life's common looks and tones,

in fellowship enjoyed at home with my beloved ones,
enduring wrong, reproach or loss with sweet and steadfast will,
forgiving freely those who hate, returning good for ill.

So shall each fear, each fret, each care

Be turned into a song, And every winding of the way
The echo shall prolong. So shall no part of day or night
From sacredness be free, But all my life, in every step,
Be fellowship with Thee.

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Rev. Lora Copley

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Elizabeth Hobson, Derek TenPas, Pam Voss

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Communion: Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Congregation of Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for believers. If you are sorry for your sins and follow Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, you are invited to come to his table.

This week we will be distributing Peter Fish/ World Renew during the Children's message. Please help the children of Trinity collect change, which will be given to the World Hunger Campaign: Fish for Change! (an initiative of World Renew). We ask that the Peter Fish be returned in two weeks.

From Fellowship: Please join us for Pumpkin Sunday Fellowship on November 3. If you'd like to bring a dessert sign up sheet is in kitchen or contact Elaine or Sue.

There is an opportunity to volunteer on Nov 5th, Tuesday, around 6 to 8 pm. It is for meals for the heartland. Contact Mark Voss.

Sunday school has started. The Adult Sunday School class will meet in Room 7. Melody Franje and Rex De Bruin will lead a discussion on different faith practices and how to incorporate these spiritual disciplines into our personal and communal lives.

The inner door of the church main entrance has a new lock, so to use a key, you will need to insert your key and turn, then twist the handle to open the inner door. It is our understanding that this will only need to happen at certain times of the day, so please ask Pam or Randy if you have questions or issues.

Hymn Sing: Join Andrew Friend and Elijah Goossen for a Thanksgiving hymn sing at Trinity on **November 3 at 5:00 pm!** Bring ideas for hymns and songs and we can sing them and talk about them together. Please let us know ahead of time for songs not in the red Lift Up Your Hearts or green Sing! A New Creation hymnal so we can make sure everyone will have music.

General Elections November 5th A reminder that the church will be a polling place for the general election on November 5th. Equipment will be delivered on the 4th, people will be in the church from 6 am till 8 pm. They are thankful that we allow the use of our building for this event. There will be school on this day.

Children's Christmas Program will be December 15th more information to come

The church/fellowship hall will be in use **Saturday on November 2nd** from noon to 7 pm. Please be respectful if you come at this time.

The church will be in use **Saturday on November 16th** from 9 am to 1 pm. Please be respectful if you come at this time.

Randy will be on vacation November 12 – 17 and December 26 -31
Pam will be on vacation November 29 – December 13

There is printout of Birthdays, Greeters, Congregational Prayer, Nursery, and Children's message on the table outside the office. The directory with the newest updates. is on the table outside the office. Please review your changes if you made any. If you have changes or need to add info, please do it on this sheet.

Children and Worship - During our morning worship service, immediately following the children's message, ages three through third grade are invited to attend, meeting 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 pick up your child(ren) at the end of the service



Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes 10:50 am, after church and fellowship time

Children and Worship – Happening after the children's message

Breakfast Club meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the Lincoln Center Hy-Vee at 8:30 AM.

UFO meets the 3rd Monday of the month

Women's Bible Study Will meet the first Monday of the month

Pub Theology meets the last Sunday of the month, Nov 24th 7 pm
Mucky Duck.

Next Council meeting is November 6th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 3 is World Hunger Sunday. World Renew invites you and your church to help families around the world plant hope and end hunger through our World Hunger Campaign. With your support, families will know God's compassion by receiving the training and tools needed to grow enough food. Find information and resources at crcna.org/ChurchYear

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - During this week, the global church commits to praying for resolutions to the growing problem of world hunger. The World Food Program (wfpusa.org) tells us that “up to 783 million people worldwide are facing chronic hunger. That means one in ten people are not consuming enough food to lead an active, healthy life.” Each day of the coming week, pick a different country to pray for—asking that increased resources may be found, that food may be shared, and that all of God’s children may flourish and thrive. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Beatitude 5: Showing Mercy Like Jesus - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. There is no better example of someone showing mercy than Jesus showing care to the people he healed and to a crowd of hungry people. We can thank him for the compassion he showed us on the cross and ask for his help to show others mercy each day. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story Podcast Jesus Feeds 5000 People.

Groundwork: Growing in Our Salvation and Recognizing Truth - Do you ever feel like God asks the impossible of us? Join Groundwork as we study 2 Peter 1 to learn from the apostle Peter who reminds us that we aren’t meant to rely on ourselves to live godly lives; rather it is when we rely on God’s divine power and

promises that we grow in our salvation, recognize truth, and persevere in our faith. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Lora Copley
Sound: Bryan Van Belle
Nursery Megan and Alisabeth
Children's message: Lora Copley
Greeters: Copley

Greeters

November 3	Copley	December 22	Hertz
November 10	Hobson	December 29	Irvin
November 17	Voss	January 5	N Klemme
November 24	Huber	January 12	Kleinwolterink
December 1	Hufford	January 19	Kopaska
December 8	Friend	January 26	Kuyper
December 15	Hallihan		

Nursery

November 3	Megan and Alisabeth	December 15	Jessica and Kenzie
November 10	Judy and Kathlyn	December 22	Donna and Sue F
November 17	Elaine and Brianna	December 29	Elaine and Elizabeth H
November 24	Lyndee and Kristy	January 5	Mindy and Caraline
December 1	Rachel and Cassie	January 12	Megan and Stacy
December 8	Melody and Pam	January 19	Judy and Alisabeth
N		January 26	Mary K and Kathlyn

Children's Message

November 3	Lora Copley	November 17	Jeff Kopaska
November 10	Laura Hufford	November 24	Deb Niehof

December 1 Stacy Hertz
December 8 Rex De Bruin
December 15 Randy Raak
December 22 Donna and Sue F
December 29 Lora Copley

January 5 Laura Hufford
January 12 Jeff Kopaska
January 19 Deb Niehof
January 26 Rex De Bruin

Congregational Prayer

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