

WORSHIP SERVICE
November 10, 2024

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Call to Worship Revelation 21:2-4

"Then I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them.

They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God."

Lord Jesus, we welcome you here this morning, in all your grace and holiness.

*Opening Song: "You Are Holy" *Lift Up Your Hearts #598*

(Women echo)

You are holy (You are holy) You are mighty (You are mighty)

You are worthy (You are worthy) Worthy of praise (worthy of praise)

I will follow (I will follow) I will listen (I will listen)

I will love you (I will love you) All of my days (All of my days)

(Women in parenthesis sing same time as men)

I will sing to (You are Lord of Lords) And worship (You are King of Kings)

The King who (You are mighty God) is worthy (Lord of Everything)

I will love and (You're Emanuel) adore him (You're the Great I Am)

And I will bow down (You're the Prince of Peace) before him
(Who is the Lamb)
I will sing to (You're the living God) and worship (You're my
saving Grace)
the King who (You will reign forever) is worthy (You are Ancient
of days)
I will love and (You are Alpha, Omega,) adore him (Beginning,
and End)
And I will bow down (You're my savior, Messiah) before him.
(Redeemer and Friend)
You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for You

*Opening Prayer

Song: "Father, I Adore You"

Father, I adore You,
lay my life before You.

How I love You.

Jesus, I adore You,
lay my life before You.

How I love You.

Spirit, I adore You,
lay my life before You.

How I love You.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Dear Lord, we pray that you would uphold us and make us strong by the power of your Holy Spirit. You call us to a much higher standard than the world around us, so we ask that you would help us to resist the temptations we may experience. We offer our hearts, our minds, and our bodies as a living sacrifice to you. In Christ we pray, amen.

Assurance of Pardon (*1 John 3:1-3*)

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are

children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.”

Song of Entrusting: “We Are An Offering”

Sing! A New Creation #230

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,
Lord use our lives they are yours; we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to you;
we are an offering, we are an offering

Children’s Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:27-30

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

Message: Beyond Belief - Blurred Lines?

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: “My Jesus, I Love Thee” vs 1, 2, 4

Lift Up Your Hearts #366

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Blessing

*Closing Song: "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: Laura Hufford

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Char Verkade, Rex DeBruin, Laura Hufford

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 one week.

Next week's special offering is for Tyler and Christina are in Stellenbosch, South Africa, where Tyler is serving as pastor to an international church (SIF). The church exists to be a "global family in Christ", serving students, migrant workers, and refugees from around the world. Please consider a gift towards Tyler and Christina's work to reach out to non-Christians with the Gospel, and to disciple Christians to be witnesses to Christ and the Kingdom in all areas of life

There are "thank you" acorns and other small color designs on the front table. They are for everyone to color, as we will add them to the seasonal bulletin board.

It's time to sign up to sponsor a poinsettia to enhance our sanctuary during our Advent season. The poinsettias will appear the first day of Advent Dec 1 and can be taken home after the Dec 29 service. The cost will be \$11. Please put a check in the offering basket with "Poinsettia" on the memo line of the check. The deadline to order and pay is Sunday November 24. Please direct any questions to Pam Voss,

Hymn Sing: Join Andrew Friend and Elijah Goossen for an Advent hymn sing at Trinity on **December 1 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* hymnals so we can make sure everyone will have music.

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.

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

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 December 11th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 10 is one of two Sundays marked as an International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, when we recognize people around the world who are persecuted for their beliefs in Christ and lift them up in prayer. Find information and resources at crcna.org/ChurchYear

CRC Heritage Fund

Plan Ahead for Year End Giving - As the year end approaches and you think about a year end donation to your church (and other charities), please remember that if you give from your IRA those gifts must be received and deposited by December 31 to count for the 2024 tax year. To learn more about giving from your IRA and other ways to give visit: crcna.org/heritagefund

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - “Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 5:10, NIV). Today is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. We take for granted that we can go to church each week and have the freedom to worship God. This week, pray for our siblings in Christ around the world who are persecuted for their faith. Throughout the week, say short prayers thanking God for your freedom, and pray steadfastly for believers who suffer persecution. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Chaplaincy Sunday is Next Week (Nov. 17) - Next week, churches throughout the CRCNA will take time to pray for and encourage the frontline work of chaplains. Thrive endorses, trains, advocates, and provides care for these specialized ministers and pastors as they serve in institutional settings. Learn more and help support this essential and exciting ministry focus of Thrive by going to:

crcna.org/Chaplaincy

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Beatitude 6: Zoomed in on God - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. In the Beatitudes, God promises blessings to people whose hearts are pure because they see a clear picture of God. In the Bible, “heart” means your

emotions, thoughts, and attitude. So, when Jesus talks in Matthew 5:8 about people who have pure hearts, he means those whose feelings, thoughts, and attitudes are entirely focused on God. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story Podcast The Story of Lydia.

Groundwork: Be On Guard: False Teaching and Its Consequences - We will always experience pressure to compromise our faith in Jesus Christ. Join Groundwork as we study 2 Peter 2 to examine how Peter's ardent defense of the gospel helps us stay rooted in God's truth, learn discernment through the Holy Spirit, and live lives that fully align with the teachings of Christ. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Randy Raak
Sound: Brian Sterenberg
Nursery Judy and Kathlyn
Children's message: Laura Hufford
Greeters: Hobson

Greeters

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

Nursery

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

Children's Message

November 10	Laura Hufford	December 22	Donna and Sue F
November 17	Jeff Kopaska	December 29	Lora Copley
November 24	Stacy Hertz	January 5	Laura Hufford
December 1	Deb Niehof	January 12	Jeff Kopaska
December 8	Rex De Bruin	January 19	Deb Niehof
December 15	Randy Raak	January 26	Rex De Bruin

Congregational Prayer

November 10	Randy Raak	December 22	Mark Voss
November 17	Mark Voss	December 29	Rex De Bruin
November 24	Tom Niehof	January 5	Randy Raak
December 1	Randy Raak	January 12	Jeff Kopaska
December 8	Tom Kuyper	January 19	Tom Kuyper
December 15	Randy Raak	January 26	Lora Copley

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