

WORSHIP SERVICE

March 16, 2025

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship from Psalms 24 & 25

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it.

For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. In you I trust, O my God. No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame.

So show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God, my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

* Opening Songs: "Shout to the Lord" *Lift Up Your Hearts #603*

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days, I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,
let every breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands:
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

"Good to Me" *Lift Up Your Hearts #620*

I cry out for your hand of mercy to heal me.

I am weak; I need your love to free me.

O Lord, my rock, my strength in weakness-
Come rescue me, O Lord.

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O Lord, my rock, my strength in weakness-
Come rescue me, O Lord.

You are my hope; your promise never fails me.

And my desire is to follow you forever.

For you are good, for you are good, for you are good to me.
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WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

What we believe about God's providence (Matthew 6:25-27):

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear.

Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"

Prayer of Confession:

Our Father, you have been faithful to us. And yet, at times we obsess over the things of this world - over finances, property, careers. Lord, help us to trust you, and to see all these things as gifts from you. Help us to be good stewards of all that you entrust to us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

"Consider how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:30-33)

Song of Entrusting: "Speak, O Lord"

Lift Up Your Hearts #755

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness – that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity. Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 6:3-10

³ If anyone teaches otherwise and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, ⁴ they are conceited and understand nothing. They have an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions ⁵ and constant friction between people of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain.

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Message: A Look in the Mirror - Contentment vs. Materialism

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "Have thine Own Way, Lord"

Lift Up Your Hearts #737

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter, I am the clay.

Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Search me and try me, Master today!

Open mine eyes, my sin show me now, as in thy presence humbly I bow. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Wounded and weary, help me I pray!

Power, all power, surely is thine! Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!
Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold o'er my being
absolute sway.

Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me!

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Lead Me, Guide Me" (vs 1&3)

Lift Up Your Hearts #329

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with you; lead me my whole life through.
I am weak, and I need your strength and power to endure with grace my
weakest hour.

Help me through the darkness your face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with you; lead me my whole life through.

I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am blind without your light to
see.

Lord, forever may I your servant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with you; lead me my whole life through.

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Randy Raak

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Elijah Goosen, Pam Voss, Holly Raak, Derek Ten Pas

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The council received, with joy, Brianna and Casandra Kopaska's profession of faith at our last meeting. We look forward to their public profession of faith soon in one of our worship services.

The special offering this week is to 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 graduating from 6th to 12th grade and is held at Pine Lake Christian Camp in Eldora, Iowa.

Typically, we ask the families to pay the pre-registration fee (\$50 per student), and then Trinity covers the remainder of the registration fee. For pictures and videos from past camps, search for "Midwest B.A.S.I.C. Youth Bible Camp" on Facebook. For questions, please ask Pam or Rob, both who plan to be at camp again this year.

Jane Vogelzang would like to thank my beloved church family: I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone for all the thoughtful kindnesses shown to me during my surgery and recovery last season. Your thoughts, prayers, emails, texts, cards, flowers, gifts, meals, errands, visits, phone calls, helping hands and encouragement in all sorts of ways meant so much and were very appreciated. I am so thankful for each one of you. God's blessings to you all!

We have upgraded our YouTube interface at church using OBS software. Saturday March 22 @ 10:00AM we will be providing training on the new system. Anyone interested in learning the new system or interested in becoming involved in this ministry is invited to attend.

The church will be in use on March 15th 1 5 pm. for the home school cast party. Please be mindful if you come to the church during this time.

Sunday School: There will be no Sunday School on March 16th due to spring break, classes will resume on March 23rd

The Family 2 Family sale will happen again this spring, Saturday, April 5th, 2025, 9:00am - 1:00pm.

Please share with you family and friends, visit the webpage below for more details.

<https://www.amestrinity.org/church-events/family2family-spring-sale/>

The United States, it may be important to note that there is also a National Day of Prayer on **Thursday, May 1, 2025**. U.S. Councils, if you feel that participating in an Annual Day of Prayer can be done more meaningfully in conjunction with this National Day of Prayer (U.S.), please do so.

If your group or committee has an announcement, please be sure to get me an update by 10:30 am on Thursday so I have time to get it into the announcements for the week. Thanks Pam

There is printout of Birthdays, Greeters, Congregational Prayer, Nursery, and Children's message on the table outside the office. This has been updated into early 2025. 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 3 through 3rd 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 Happening at 10.50, after fellowship

Children and Worship – Happening after the children's message

Young Adult Ministry – Meets Sunday after Sunday School

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, March 30th 7 pm Mucky Duck.

Hymn Sing will be held the first Sunday of the Month at 5 pm at the Church. April 6th is the next one.

Next Council meeting is April 9th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Living in God's Kingdom - Check out this week's kids' devotion "Living in God's Kingdom" at www.kidscorner.net. Have you noticed that the Bible is full of stories about the kingdom of God? That theme appears more than 80 times in the New Testament. What does it mean to be a part of God's kingdom? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

Groundwork: Paul's Second Journey: Jesus the Messiah and the Resurrection of the Dead - As he traveled, Paul convinced new believers of the gospel message, but his message also stirred up opposition. Join Groundwork as we explore his second missionary journey in Acts 15:39-18:22 to gain theological clarity and encouragement for our own efforts to share our faith and remain faithful to Jesus Christ in all circumstances. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Calvin University

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece - (October 13 - 24, 2025) Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (4 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - The Bible talks about many different ways to engage our bodies while we pray. As you observe the CRC's Annual Day of Prayer this week, try a different prayer posture: you could kneel, lie flat, pray with your hands or eyes open, dance to a worship song, or journal your prayer. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Lora Copley

Sound: Brian Sterenberg

Nursery Elaine and Sue F

Children's message: Laura Hufford

Greeters: Oftedal

Greeters

March 9	Oftedal	May 11	Bakker
March 16	Saldana	May 18	Bergman
March 23	Sanders/Bassham	May 25	De Bruin
March 30	Schweingruber/Berns	June 1	Franje
April 6	Sterenberg	June 8	Copley
April 13	t' Hoen	June 15	Hobson
April 20	VanDyk	June 22	Voss
April 27	Verkade	June 29	Hubert
May 4	Kopaska		

Nursery

March 9	Elaine and Sue F	May 11	Donna and Pam
March 16	Mindy and Elizabeth	May 18	Elaine and Kenzie
March 23	Megan and Caraline/Stacy	May 25	Mindy and Sue F
March 30	Judy and Brianna	June 1	Megan and Elizabeth
April 6	Lyndee and Alisabeth	June 8	Judy and Caraline/Stacy
April 13	Mary and Kathlyn	June 15	Mary and Brianna
April 20	Rachel and Sue F	June 22	Lyndee and Alisabeth
April 27	Melody and Kristy	June 29	Rachel and Kathlyn
May 4	Jessica and Cassie		

Children's Message

March 9	Laura Hufford	April 20	Randy Raak
March 16	Randy Raak	April 27	Laura Hufford
March 23	Lora Copley	May 4	Lora Copley
March 30	Jeff Kopaska	May 11	Jeff Kopaska
April 6	Stacy Hertz	May 18	Stacy Hertz
April 13	Rex De Bruin	May 25	Rex De Bruin

June 1 Randy Raak
June 8 Laura Hufford
June 15 Lora Copley

June 22 Jeff Kopaska
June 29 Stacy Hertz

Congregational Prayer

March 9 Lora Copley
March 16 Tom Kuyper
March 23 Randy Raak
March 30 Tom Niehof
April 6 Rex De Bruin
April 13 Randy Raak
April 20 Tom Niehof
April 27 Randy Raak
May 4 Mark Voss

May 11 Paul
Kleinwolterink
May 18 Randy Raak
May 25 Jeff Kopaska
June 1 Tom Niehof
June 8 Randy Raak
June 15 Lora Copley
June 22 Tom Kuyper
June 29 Randy Raak

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