

Sunday, March 24, 2019

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Psalm 105:1

THANK YOU to those who are serving us during worship today.

MUSICIANS: Jan Johnson

GREETERS. Today – North Door – Mike Ascher Family
South Door – Arnie & Kay Swanson

Next Sunday: North Door – Marlyn & Marcia Allspach
South Door – Joel Reints Family

USHERS. Today – Rollyn DeGroot

Next Sunday – *No ushers*

VALET PARKING. Today – Dale Meester

Next Sunday – Rollyn DeGroot

COFFEE SERVERS. This week – Paul & Darlene Bruns

Next week – Sunday School & High School Students

SUNDAY SCHOOL. This week – Stacy & Kamie

Next week – Kayla & Shelly

Please note: If there are any differences between the schedule in the bulletin and the schedule in the Shepherd's Staff, please follow the schedule in the Shepherd's Staff.

THIS WEEK AT PARKERSBURG CRC

Today	9:30 a.m. – Worship Service
	10:45 a.m. – Adult Sunday School
Wednesday	6:15 p.m. – Life Plus
Next Sunday	9:30 a.m. – Worship Service
	10:45 a.m. – Sunday School

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Naomi Allspach, who will be observing her 93rd birthday on March 26.

Our sympathy goes out to Dennis and Sharon Schipper in the passing of Dennis's brother Duane Schipper. The memorial service has already taken place at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is invited for coffee and fellowship following the worship service this morning.

There will be no second offering next Sunday.

In this service for Week 3 of Lent, we recognize that so much of our lives, even in Lent, is spent worrying about what might happen or has happened. Christ teaches us to stop being anxious, but simply to trust that he knows what is best and will take care of us to the very end.

Care Group 3 will have brunch after the service next Sunday, March 31. Please check your mail slot. Thanks!

Please remember to pray for the work of Classis North Central Iowa, as we will be meeting in session this Tuesday at Trinity CRC, Ames.

Notice to the ladies of the church: The Sunshine Circle will have their first meeting of 2019 on April 3. Please consider joining us for Bible study, fellowship, prayer and projects to help fund our missionaries.

Bethany Christian Services' 5th Annual "Always Serving Kids" Dinner & Dessert Gala will be held at A Touch of Class Banquet Hall (5977 Mt Vernon Rd SE, Cedar Rapids) on Friday, April 5. All are invited to this exciting fundraising event, which will include a delicious meal, a powerful program of the work God is doing through our ministry, and a fun live dessert auction to benefit our mission to be radical advocates for children! Please call the Bethany office at 319.832.2331 or visit <https://www.bethany.org/cedar-rapids/Events> for more information or to RSVP.

The General Fund Collection for March 10 was \$1,421.25. The target amount for each week is \$2,411.00.

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

Morning Service

March 24, 2019 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Song: TCH 624 **His Eye Is On the Sparrow**

Responsive Reading

Leader:

Yet, O Lord, not thus alone, make me see your passion,

But its cause to me make known and its termination.

Ah! I also and my sin wrought your deep affliction;

This indeed the cause has been, of your crucifixion.

Bonds and strips and wretchedness and your crucifixion;

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Leader: *Do not be anxious about what you will eat or drink or wear.*

People: *Life is more than food and the body more than clothing.*

Leader: *Look at the birds of the air. They don't sow or reap or gather.*

People: *And yet our heavenly Father feeds them.*

Leader: *Consider the lilies of the field. They neither toil nor spin.*

People: *Even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like them.*

Leader: *But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?*

People: *Yes! Yes, he will!*

Leader: *Do not be anxious. Seek first the kingdom of God..*

People: *And all these things will be added unto us.*

Graciously my faith renew; help me bear my crosses,

Learning humbleness from you, peace mid pain and losses,

May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,

That I may in heaven above sing your praise forever.

Leader: *Jesus reminds us not to be anxious or worry. When we seek first his kingdom, everything will be added unto us. And yet we are anxious and we worry.*

People: *Most merciful God, we know that worry is sin. We know that when we are anxious, it is because we fail to put our full trust in you. Instead of seeking your kingdom, we seek to create our own kingdom filled with sin and selfishness. We think we know what's best for us and fail to see that you always have our best interest in mind. Please forgive us for our lack of faith and trust. When we worry, help us turn to you for full provision and protection. Please forgive us for worshipping ourselves instead of trusting in you.*

Leader: *God is gracious and his kingdom is filled with love and forgiveness. Because Jesus put his full trust in his heavenly Father and carried the weight of the world on the cross, your worry is overcome by God's great gifts. The greatest gift of all is the complete forgiveness of sins which I now proclaim to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

People: Amen.

Song: TCH 713 **Seek Ye First**

Children's Message

Song: **You Are Mine**

“I will come to you in the silence
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice. I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here.

“I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night I will be your light.
Come and rest in me. (CHORUS)

“I am strength for all the despairing,
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,
And all will know my name. (CHORUS)

“I am the Word that leads to all freedom.
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now walk, and live! (CHORUS)

CHORUS:

Do not be afraid; I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you, and you are mine.”

Leader:

*On my heart imprint your image, blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares and pleasures never may your
work erase;*

*Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation and my glory and salvation.*

Ministry in Music: Marcia Allspach and Jan Johnson

Old Testament Reading: **Isaiah 41:8-13**

New Testament Reading: **Philippians 4:5-7**

Song: TCH 626 **Lily of the Valley**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Matthew 6:25-34**

Message: **DO NOT WORRY**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for General Fund

Prayer of Dedication/Responsive Reading

Leader: *God of creation, you clothe the flowers, you take care of the birds of the air, and you grant us everything we need. You have made us your beloved children. Forgive us for our worry and enable us to put our full trust in you.*

People: *Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief.*

Leader: *God of creation, you provide government and order. When there is chaos and war, it is the direct result of human sin. Send your love to us and through us that peace would prevail in our world. Where there is need, use us to share out of the bounty you have first given us.*

People: *Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief.*

Leader: *God of creation, thank you for the gift of your church. Bind us together in unity. Make us a shining light on a hill. Draw all the nations to your church by your grace.*

People: *Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief.*

Leader: *God of creation, you have the power to bring health and healing. Where there is disease and sickness, bring the gift of a cure. Bring us all, at last, to the perfect health of your eternal kingdom.*

People: Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief.

Leader: Into your hands, God of creation, we place all of our needs, knowing that you are the one who has all authority, power, grace and mercy to do your will and turn unbelief into trust and belief.

People: Amen.

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: PH 460 **Jesus, Savior Pilot Me**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 340 **Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**

*Postlude

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MESSAGE NOTES

