

Sunday, March 31, 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: Angie Meester

GREETERS. Today – North Door – Marlyn & Marcia Allspach
South Door – Joel Reints Family

Next Sunday: North Door – Ryan & Stacy Edeker

South Door – Dale & Angie Meester

USHERS. Today – *No ushers*

Next Sunday – Gerald Haan

VALET PARKING. Today – Rollyn DeGroot

Next Sunday – John Oltman

COFFEE SERVERS. This week – Sunday School & High School Students

Next week – Gene & Janet Venenga

SUNDAY SCHOOL. This week – Kayla & Shelly

Next week – Deb & JoLynne

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
Monday	7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting
Wednesday	1:30 p.m. – Sunshine Circle
	6:15 p.m. – Life Plus
Next Sunday	9:30 a.m. – Worship Service
	10:45 a.m. – Sunday School

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please remember our sick and shut-ins in your prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The second offering next Sunday will be for World Renew.

In this service for Week 4 of Lent, we recognize that we live in a very judgmental world, so Jesus' advice not to judge sounds radical to our modern ears. When we leave all judgement up to God, we free ourselves to look at one another through fresh and forgiving eyes.

Council will meet on Monday, April 1 at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

The Sunshine Circle will meet this Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 1:30 PM. We want to encourage you to join us as we look at the Easter story through Bible passages, music and readings about the last week of Jesus' life here on this earth. Come and spend the afternoon with us and leave with a new appreciation of what the Lenten season means in our lives today. There will be time for a nice lunch and fellowship.

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 17 was \$2,910.00. The collection for March 24 was \$1,237.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,411.00.

Timothy Christian School will be hosting an Informational Meeting on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 pm in the school library. This meeting is for families, with children of any age, who desire to hear what Christian education has to offer, ask questions, and tour the school. Childcare will be provided. For children ready to start school, Timothy Christian Kindergarten Round-Up will be held on Tuesday, April 16 from 8:20 am - 3:15 pm. Please call the school at 641-869-3679 to register for round-up or to find out more about the informational meeting.

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church
Morning Service – March 31, 2019

Scripture: **Matthew 7:1-5**

Message: **JUDGE NOT**

MESSAGE NOTES

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

Morning Service

March 31, 2019 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Song: TCH 348 **My Savior's Love**

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Responsive Reading

Leader:

Grant that I your passion view with repentant grieving.

Let me not bring shame to you by unholy living.

How could I refuse to shun ev'ry sinful pleasure

Since for me God's only Son suffered without measure?

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

People: Amen.

Leader: *Judge not, that you be not judged.*

People: Speak the truth in love.

Leader: *Take the log out of your own eye, then take the speck out of your friend's.*

People: Speak the truth in love.

Leader: *With the judgment you pronounce you will be judged.*

People: Speak the truth in love.

Leader: *Look at others through the lens of forgiveness.*

People: Speak the truth in love.

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: *Because of our sinful and holier-than-thou judgment of others, we ourselves deserve to be judged by our Heavenly Father.*

People: *Most merciful God, our eyes are wide open to the sins and shortcomings of others. We see the smallest details of the faults of our neighbors, but fail to see the large-scale sin in our own life. On the other hand, our eyes are too often closed to your commands. We see only our self-righteousness and think we have no need for any kind of help or forgiveness. Though we deserve your present and eternal punishment, we plead for your mercy and beg for your grace.*

Leader: *In his mercy and grace, God's eyes are blinded to our sin by the death of Jesus on the cross. Though we deserve his complete and total judgment, our punishment was placed on his Son. Though we are unjust in our judgment of others, God's judgment is righteous and perfect. In his mercy, he forgives totally and completely. It is my joy to declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

People: Amen.

Song: TCH 562 **Be Thou My Vision**

Children's Message

Song: PH 389 **Not What My Hands Have Done**

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.*

Old Testament Reading: **Isaiah 11:2-4**

New Testament Reading: **Romans 2:1-1**

Song: PH 430 **Lord, Like the Publican I Stand**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Matthew 7:1-5**

Message: **JUDGE NOT**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for General Fund

Prayer of Dedication/Responsive Reading

Leader: All-knowing God, you see our sins, faults and failures. We are sinful in thought, word and deed, by what we do and by what we leave undone. We deserve nothing but your punishment and judgment. Yet because of our Savior, Jesus, you have declared us “not guilty.” Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: All-knowing God, you are the Lord of your church and it grieves you when we judge others without recognizing the sin in our own lives. Help us to take the plank out of our own eye before we remove the speck from the eye of someone else. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: All-knowing God, far too often the nations of this world judge unjustly. We ask that you would fill the leaders of the nations and the leaders of our communities with so much of your love that all people would be able to live without fear of improper judgment, and the nations would know peace. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: All-knowing God, you know every hurt we suffer in body, mind or spirit. Use your wisdom and guidance to bring health and healing to all who are ill or suffering from disease. Bring comfort to those who suffer from worry, depression, or any kind of mental illness, that they would once again be given comfort and rest. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: All-knowing God, you knew us before the foundation of the world and chose us to be your own. We thank you for the lives and influence of those who have gone before us in the faith. Help us to imitate them in the way of love and forgiveness so that others will see you through us. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Into your hands, O God, we place our very lives, knowing that you judge us only based on the merit of the blood of Jesus our Savior.

People: Amen.

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 318 **I Believe In a Hill Called Mount Calvary**

*God's Blessing

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

*Postlude

