

First CRC Fulton
May 1, 2022
Mark 8:22-30
Bulletin/Leader

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Jesus Messiah

Welcome: Worship Leader

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Call To Worship: Pastor Jake

God's Greeting: Pastor Jake

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

Oh How Good It Is

Word of God Speak

Congregational Prayer: Rollie

Worship Through Song:

Open My Eyes

He Touched Me

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Today's Scripture: Mark 8:22-30

²²They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. ²³He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?"

²⁴He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around."

²⁵Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. ²⁶Jesus sent him home, saying, "Don't even go into[a] the village."

²⁷Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

²⁸They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

²⁹“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.”

³⁰Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

Thematic Texts:

Luke 4: 18-19

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

2 Cor. 1: 21-22

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.*

Psalms 133

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 12

Q & A 31

Q. Why is he called “Christ,” meaning “anointed”?

A. Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance; our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us

Q & A 32

Q. But why are you called a Christian?

A. Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for eternity.

Sermon: Anointed! - Pastor Jake

Prayer

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Parting Song: My Jesus I Love Thee (Brown Praise, 386)

Blessing: Pastor Jake

Announcements

On May 22, we are planning on having a special congregational meeting. The finance and building team are bringing a proposal for a parking lot repaving.

"Help Wanted:." "It has been my pleasure to change the 14th Avenue sign for the last few years, but I am looking to retire and focus on other programs in church. If you are interested or willing to take over, please let me know. -Stacy"

"As my chemo journey ends and my radiation journey begins, I would like to thank everyone for the texts, phone calls, cards and most importantly- prayers. Your prayers and kind words got me through some hard days. I am very blessed to have such an amazing Church Family. - Carman F."

Blood Drive: First CRC will be hosting their semi-annual Blood Drive on Wednesday, May 25th from 2:30 – 6 p.m. Masks and appointments are required. To schedule an appointment, please contact Amy Dykstra at 563-357-8555 or go online to www.bloodcenter.org Use group code #2371. Last date to donate elsewhere was 3/30/22. Thank you for saving lives!

Remember in prayer our members in care facilities and those that are homebound:

Dorothy B, Jeanette B, Carroll E, John S, Betty S, Mark S, Albert

Deacons News

Please place your offerings in the plates located on the back table.

General Fund-\$682.00

Ministry Shares: \$38.00

Offerings Today: General Fund-Building Fund

Offerings Next Sunday: General Fund-UCSB

Community News

Join us for our Voices of Praise presentations of “We Will Stand!” Three services of powerful worship & praise at Emmanuel Reformed Church, 202 E. Morris St. Morrison, IL. Rescheduled for Friday, May 13 at 7pm, Saturday, May 14 at 3pm and Sunday, May 15 at 7pm.

Operation Food Drop in the Netherlands is the theme for the 2022 Dutch Days Festival. We are commemorating the missions conducted by British and American forces that dropped 11,000 tons of food over the course of ten days to the starving Dutch people.

Harlan and Betty Wiebenga are the directors of the Fulton Food Pantry and were selected to be grand marshals of the 2022 Dutch Days parade. They, along with a group of volunteers, distribute food each week to area residents in need.

Donations to the Fulton Food Pantry are encouraged during the month of May.

There are many ways to donate. Items can be placed in boxes that will be outside at the food pantry (1114 Third Street) on May 6 and 7 from 10:00-4:00. On Saturday, May 7, there will be a tub for donations on the stage on Fourth Street.

Cash donations can be given at any time by making a deposit at Central Bank or mailing a check to Fulton Food Pantry Box 244. Thank you.

There will be a worship service on May 8 at 6:00 at Bethel CRC (1208 Third Avenue) to close out Dutch Days week-end. Retired Pastor Jake Ritzema will be speaking. The offering has been designated for Ukraine relief.

Bike Rodeo will be on Saturday, May 14 from 9 a.m. to noon at the CrossView Church parking lot. It is sponsored by the Fulton Police Department and CrossView Church. Prizes will be given: 6 helmets and 6 bikes.

Plant Sale: The annual Fulton Plant Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Windmill will be Saturday, May 14 at Cattail Park (follow 8th Ave. toward the golf course) from 8:00am-noon. Donated plants may be brought to Cattail Park from 1:00 pm-5:00 pm on Friday, May 13. Master Gardeners will be available to answer gardening questions. Proceeds are used for beautification of the windmill area.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 1	Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 8	Community Dutch Days Service at Bethel	6:00 p.m.

	Today	Next Sunday
Recorder & Sound	Joe V	David D
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Snack Provider	Lynell B	Lynda V
Server	Lynell B	Stacy S

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