

First CRC Fulton
March 26th, 2023
The Jericho Road, The Good Samaritan

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: He Has Risen - Written by Pastor Michael

Welcome

Announcements

Call To Worship

Leader: Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

All: We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!

Leader: Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

All: Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all.

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

All: Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!

God's Greeting

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

Cry of My Heart

Refiners Fire

Cups of Cold Water

Responsive Reading:

Leader: Journey with us, O holy God, as we continue our way to the cross.

All: Sharpen our focus, that our attention may center more on you than ourselves.

Leader: Lead us through the shadows of darkness and prepare our hearts,

All: That we might be a people of prayer, ready to perceive and respond to your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.

Congregational Prayer

Worship Through Giving:

Offertory - General Fund & Unity Christian School Boosters

Worship in Song:

From The Inside Out

Take My Life

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

²⁵On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

²⁷He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

²⁸"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

²⁹But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹A priest

happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³²So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

³⁶“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

³⁷The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

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Prayer

WE DEPART WITH GOD’S BLESSING

Parting Song: Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Blessing: Pastor Michael

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Easter Lillie Time! If you are interested in ordering an Easter lily in memory of a loved one, please contact Lori B by Sunday, April 2. The price is \$13.00 each. Please include whom the lily is in memory of, and who is giving the lily.

Sunday School will be starting back up **today** and will be downstairs from 10:30-11am. Please see Stacy for questions.

Gathering tonight at 6:30pm - we will be hosting Prayer and praise time with other local churches.

Palm Sunday Potluck will be on April 2nd after the service. It is Palm Sunday and Palm trees grow in tropical areas, so we will be having a Hawaiian theme. Bring a friend, your favorite Hawaiian dish, and Hawaiian celebration outfit.

Maundy Thursday service will be April 6th at 6:30 pm.

Save the Date: the next community evangelism event will be held May 7th and we have exciting ideas! If you would like to be on our planning team, please let Marissa or Stacy know.

Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be at 5:00 pm. We will also have our weekly 9:00 am service.

Please visit crcna.org/survey/2442 to complete the survey by 3/31.

March Birthdays

6	Nicole B	25	Evan A
10	Kraig S	25	Connie W
21	Lynn S	26	Jayson J
21	Aaron V	30	Lori B
21	John V	30	Mark S
22	Arlene D		

March Anniversaries

6	John & Angie V	25	Joe & Michelle V
21	Jason & Ashley V	28	Brad & Staci B
23	Jim & Trish B	28	Dale & Edith S

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 W

Deacons News

Please place your offerings in the plates as they are being passed.

3/19/23

Budget: \$2,042.00

Received: \$2,190.00

Over: \$148.00

Faith Promise: \$195.00

Offerings Today: General Fund - UCSB

Next Sunday: General Fund - Building Fund

Youth Group

Youth Group will meet this Sunday, March 26 at First CRC from 5:30-8:00. We are invited to join Praise and Prayer at First CRC. Please bring a snack to share. Our next meeting will be April 16. All SERVE payments are due by April 16. See you Sunday!

Unity Christian School News

Monday, March 27 - 5:00-8:00pm Class of '26 Pizza
Ranch Impact Night (Clinton Pizza Ranch)

Thursday, March 30 - First home games of the spring season
4:30pm Girls Soccer vs QC Christian (Drives Field)

6:00pm Boys Volleyball vs Quad Cities Christian (gym)

Mon, Apr 17-4:30pm Girls Soccer vs Faith Christian (@
Drives Field)

6:00pm Boys Volleyball vs Faith Christian (in gym)

Thurs, Apr 20-6:30pm Preschool Spring Program (gym)

Friday, Apr 2 -6:30pm K-6th Spring Program (in gym)

Tuesday, April 25 - Girls Soccer vs Galesburg Christian
School (@ Drives Field)

Community News

Felix Adler Center Omelet breakfast Fundraiser is today (3/26/23) 9 am - 1 pm - Made-to-Order Omelets, by EGG-stra special Chefs!

Baby Bottle Boomerang bottles and envelopes have arrived! Please pick up at Bottle at the back of the church, fill it with change, and return it by April 9th.

“**Let There be Life,**” the 37th Walk for Life at the Pregnancy Center, will be Saturday, April 29th. All are invited to Pray, Donate, or become a sponsored walker. Registration begins at 8:15am and the walk begins at 9am from The Pregnancy Center.

Roseland Christian Ministries invites you to join their Spring Banquet, “We Are Grateful,” on April 20 at Georgios, 8800 West 159th St. in Orland Park. Doors open at 6:30, dinner is served at 7 p.m. No tickets will be issued, but reservations are needed. Please restrict guests to high school age and older. Contact Kisha Pleasant @ 773/264-5665 for reservations or more details.

Iron Sharpens Iron, one-day men’s conference, hosted by Focal Point Ministries, will be Saturday, April 1st, 2023, from 8:30am to 4:00pm. The keynote speakers will be Joe Martin and Stephen Kendrick. You can visit FocalPointMinistries.net for more information.

Iron Sharpens Iron, one-day women’s conference, hosted by Focal Point Ministries, will be Saturday, April 22nd, 2023, from 8:30am to 4:00pm. The keynote speakers will be Erin Campbell and Rosalinda Rivera. Visit FocalPointMinistries.net for more information.

Biblical Study Tour to Italy (May 22 - June 2, 2023):
 Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu

	Today	Next Sunday
Recorder & Sound	Paul T	Joe V
Nursery Attendant	Stacy S	Lynell B
Snack Provider	Lynell B	Potluck
Server	Lynell B	Potluck

Weekly Calendar		
Sunday, March 26	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
	Youth Group	5:30 pm
	Gathering	6:30 pm
Tuesday, March 28	GEMS & Cadets	6:30 pm

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