

First CRC Fulton
March 19th, 2023
While You are Waiting

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: He Has Risen - Written by Pastor Michael

Welcome

Announcements

Call To Worship

Leader: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.

**All: Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I
am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest
for your souls.**

Leader: For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” The
Lord Be with You.

All: And Also with you

God’s Greeting

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

I Will Call Upon The Lord

Lord Most High

Power of Your Love

Responsive Reading:

Leader: Let us worship God, for whom our souls thirst and
our bodies long.

**All: Listen, listen to me, and your soul will delight in the
richest of fare.**

Leader: We have come to hear the Word God has sent.

All: God's Word will not return empty but will accomplish through us his holy purpose.

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

All: Then we will go out with joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills will sing; the trees of the field will clap their hands.

Congregational Prayer - Paul T

Worship Through Giving: Offertory

Worship in Song:

Great Are You Lord

Holy Holy Holy

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Isaiah 40:25-31

²⁵*"To whom will you compare me?*

Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One.

²⁶*Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens:*

Who created all these?

*He who brings out the starry host one by one
and calls forth each of them by name.*

*Because of his great power and mighty strength,
not one of them is missing.*

²⁷*Why do you complain, Jacob?*

Why do you say, Israel,

"My way is hidden from the Lord;

my cause is disregarded by my God?"

²⁸*Do you not know?*

Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth.

*He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.*

²⁹*He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.*

³⁰*Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;*

³¹*but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.*

*They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.*

Sermon: While You are Waiting - Pastor Lora Copley

Prayer

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Parting Song: How Great is Our God

Blessing: Pastor Lora

Announcements

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 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, 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.

Have you been heard? Please visit crcna.org/survey/2442 to answer the 2023 CRC denominational survey survey by March 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 located on the back table.

3/12/23

Budget: \$2,042.00

Received: \$1783.00

Short: \$259.00

GEMS: \$131.00

Offerings Today: General Fund - Faith Promise

Next Sunday: General Fund - UCSB

Youth Group

We will not have Youth Group this Sunday, March 19. Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 26 at First CRC from 5:30-8:00. We are invited to join Praise and Prayer that evening at First CRC. If you have not turned in your SERVE paperwork please do so ASAP. We have to have everyone registered by the last week of March. All payments are due by April 16.

Unity Christian School News

We are excited that we have a boys volleyball team this spring! This adds to our athletics program, and we encourage everyone to watch a game. We also have our second year of girls soccer this spring as well as junior high track and the 7-12 drama production.

Next week is our Spiritual Emphasis Week with chapels and small group discussions daily. Please join me in praying for an impactful week for our students and their relationship with Christ.

Thursday, March 23 - 6:30pm UCS Association

Meeting - Building Update (in gymnasium)

Saturday, March 25 - Spring Gala at the Tuscany

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 Quad Cities Christian School (@ Drives Field)

6:00pm Boys Volleyball vs Quad Cities Christian School
(in gymnasium)

Monday, April 17 - 4:30pm Girls Soccer vs Faith
Christian School (@ Drives Field)

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

Thursday, April 20 - 6:30pm Preschool Spring Program
(in gymnasium)

Friday, April 21 - 6:30pm K-6th Spring Program (in
gymnasium)

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

Community News

Thursday This is our scheduled week for donating items to the Fulton Food Pantry. This month the suggested donation is Bar Soap or Laundry Soap.

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.

Pizza Hut and L'Arche Clinton are Teaming up on the 3rd Monday of every month!! Enjoy your favorite Pizza Hut meal Monday, March 20, 5-7 p.m. Dine-in, Pick-up or Delivery. Call 563-242-3333 to order. L'Arche will receive 20% of sales to benefit our Community. For more information call Jean 563-249-2569.

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	David D	Paul T
Nursery Attendant	Stacy S	Stacy S
Snack Provider	Joan J	Lynell B
Server	Carman F	Lynell B

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 19	Sunday Worship	9:00am
Thurs, March 23	Elders Meeting	6:00pm
	Deacons Meeting	6:30pm
	Council Meeting	6:45pm

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