

Dispatch Christian Reformed Church
March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday

Welcome to the Dispatch Christian Reformed Church and our worship with Pastor Will Brouwers. We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting and invite you to join us downstairs after the service for a time of fellowship over a cup of coffee. Visitors are asked to please sign a guest book in an entryway. Church school classes will be held for all ages following the service.

GREETERS: west – Marianne Schlatter
east – Dave & Jennifer Herredsberg Family
March 31: west – Russell & Linda Groenendyk
east – Bob & Lynn Koops

USHERS: Don Koops & Jonny Schlatter

NURSERY: Lynn Koops

March 31 – Ethan Schlatter

ORGANIST: Stacy DeBey

SPECIAL OFFERING: Good Friday – Christian Care Fund

March 31 – Gideons International

OFFERING TOTALS:

Prayer Service – Zuni Christian Mission School \$240

March 17 – General Fund \$2,030; Dordt University \$280

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: April 7 – Pastor Will

HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Randy Koops April 7 – Adrienne A.

LETTER WRITING: Amy Hoogeveen – Randy Koops

John Wah Project – Don Koops

CARE GROUP A: January – April

The Lord's Day

Care Group A needs to meet following the service this morning to talk over next week's details.

This morning after the service and Sunday School hour, we will enjoy a potluck hosted by Care Group A. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided as well. A praise and worship service will be held shortly afterwards. There will be no small groups this week or next.

The Lord's Week

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. – Ora et Labora; lesson #15
devotions & serve – Sherri Eakin

7:00 p.m. – Cadets; snacks – Linda Groenendyk

Friday: 12:05 p.m. – Community Lenten Service and Luncheon –
Rose Valley Methodist Church hosts at the
Downs United Methodist Church

6:30 p.m. – Good Friday Communion Service

Next Sunday: 7:00 a.m. – Easter Sunrise Service in the Tanis Hills
10:00 a.m. – Easter Worship Service

No Small Groups

The Church Family

Thanks to those who supplied food and/or served at the Lenten luncheon this week.

Our offering on Good Friday is for the Christian Care Fund. The Christian Care Fund Committee is an amazing resource for our area. The committee is made up of people and/or ministers from the Downs area churches. The committee's purpose is to help provide immediate, temporary help for people in the Downs city limits and children attending USD #272. Most often help is given for utilities, Christmas items for children, and school supplies, if needed. There is an application form available at the Downs Carnegie Library and the Downs City Office. The Christian Care Fund is generously funded through area churches, businesses, and organizations from Downs, Cawker City, and Glen Elder. They strive to coordinate with the Ministerial Alliance and the Agape Shop to meet the needs of area people. It is blessing to have this available in our area.

Next Sunday our sunrise service will begin at 7 AM in the Tanis Hills north of Downs. A continental breakfast will take place in the church fellowship hall afterwards with Care Group A serving. Donations of cinnamon rolls or breads for the breakfast would be appreciated.

Next Saturday the high school Sunday School class will be preparing the site for the sunrise service. If you are able to assist them, see Don Koops for time and further details.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Called by Name - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net Mary was alone at the tomb. Then she met Jesus but did not recognize him. All he had to do was say her name, and then she knew she was loved and not alone anymore. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

Groundwork: The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ - Examining the story of Jesus' crucifixion in each of the four gospels reveals a beautiful tapestry of perspectives. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Matthew 27:45-53, Mark 15:40-41, Luke 23:13-25, and John 19:28-37 to witness the fulfillment of Scripture and remember the significance of what Jesus accomplished on the cross. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Legacy giving to the CRCNA - Did you know cash is not always the best way to give to CRCNA ministries like Thrive? You may be able to increase your potential impact — and experience significant tax benefits by giving stock, real estate, or other non-cash assets. Write to advancement@crcna.org to learn more.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In *Life Together*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, "Just as love to God begins with listening to His Word, so love for the brethren is learning to listen to them." Who might you show this kind of "listening love" to in the coming week? Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

Resonate Global Mission

Your Gift Doubled! Resonate Global Mission has a great opportunity for your giving to God's mission through the Christian Reformed Church! Now through April 30, any amount you give for our special campaign will be matched, dollar for dollar up to \$175,000, by a generous donor! Dispatch CRC will not be taking a special offering for this, but if anyone would like to donate, they can talk with a deacon. Learn more at www.resonateglobalmission.org/double

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(*Please stand as you are able.)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship - Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you nations;
shout to God with cries of joy.

**For the Lord Most High is awesome,
the great King over all the earth.
He subdued nations under us,
peoples under our feet.
He chose our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.**

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
For God is the King of all the earth;
sing to Him a psalm of praise.

**God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on his holy throne.
The nobles of the nations assemble
as the people of the God of Abraham,
for the kings of the earth belong to God;
He is greatly exalted.**

*God's Greeting - 2 Corinthians 13:14

*Songs - "Ho-ho-ho-hosanna"

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #145

Choir Song - "Then Will the Very Rocks Cry Out"

Prayer of Confession -

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon - Ezekiel 36:25-27

God's Will for Us - Ephesians 4:32-5:2

*Song of Response – “O Jesus, I Have Promised” LUYH #352

Offering: General Fund

Congregational Prayer

Song of Preparation – “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Lift Up Your Hearts #747

Scripture - Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon - “Lent - The Importance of Forgiveness”

Prayer of Application

*Closing Song – “Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

*Benediction - Numbers 6:24-26

*Doxology – “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Lift Up Your Hearts #965

*Postlude

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