

✦ 4th Sunday after Epiphany ✦
February 4, 2018 10:00 A.M.

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

Please use the time during the prelude for quiet meditation to prepare yourself for worship.

◆Prelude

◆Call to Worship (In Unison)

Praise the Lord!
Have you not known?
Have you not heard?
The everlasting God, the LORD,
The Creator of the ends of the earth,
Neither faints nor is weary.
His understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the weak,
And to *those who have* no might He increases strength.
Even the youths shall faint and be weary,
And the young men shall utterly fall,
But those who wait on the LORD
Shall renew *their* strength;
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
They shall run and not be weary,
They shall walk and not faint.

Praise the LORD!
For *it is* good to sing praises to our God;
For *it is* pleasant, *and* praise is beautiful.

◆Hymn of Praise (BH #207) *Christ is the Truth, the Way*

◆Invocation
The Lord's Prayer (forgive us our sins...)

WORD

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 40:21-31

Mark 1:29-39

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

◆*Gloria Patri* (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆**Hymn of Preparation** (BH #57) *This is My Father's World*

Message "Why We Are Here"
Rev. Mark Westlind

RESPONSE

◆**Hymn of Response** (BH #684) *We All Are One in Mission*

Prayer of Confession (In Unison):

Everlasting God, we know how easy it is to forget your presence and power in our lives. Focused on our daily planners, we do not pay attention to the night sky and the stars that glitter. Surrounded by the sounds of anger, violence, and hate, we have trouble listening to your whispers of hope and grace. Thinking that Scripture is filled only with stories, we cannot understand your truth which can change lives. Forgive us. There is no one who can hold a candle to you when it comes to mercy and hope. Lift us to our feet so we may walk with you; fill us with your strength so we may serve your people; touch us with your healing so we may proclaim to everyone the Good News that has come in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Time for personal reflection and confession.

Words of Assurance (Responsively):

Pastor: Haven't you been listening?
The Good News is this:
God never tires out, God is always with us,
God heals us with mercy, God strengthens us for service.

**People: The One who numbers the stars
knows each of us by name.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Life Together

Offering

Offertory (Green Hymnal #52) *They that Wait Upon the Lord*

◆ *Doxology*

◆ Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

◆ Affirmation of Faith (BH #878)

◆ Words of Institution

◆ Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

◆ **Hymn of Dismissal** (BH #687) *So I Send You*

◆ **Benediction**

Postlude

◆ **Indicates those who are able should stand.**

**ANNUAL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 11:15 A.M.
PETERSON HALL**

Rev. Mark Westlind.....Interim Pastor
Stuart Seale.....Director of Music and Worship
Betty Aardema and Nate Van Der Male.....Organists
Amanda Fulton.....Director, Noah's Ark Preschool
Karen Christakos.....Church Secretary
Joe Michalowicz.....Custodian

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1 Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make full use of my rights as a preacher of the gospel. ¹⁹Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. ²¹To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

WELCOME TO TRINITY

So that we can get to know you better and you can better know us, please complete the tear-off below and place in the offering plate. Thank you!

Date: _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

NOTES OF INTEREST

Childcare is offered for infants and younger children in the church nursery. If you need directions or more information feel free to ask an usher for assistance.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Greg Goetz, Dorothy Karner, Carol Latimer, Barbara Mateer, Joyce Olson, Bruce Sladek, Lorraine Sorensen, Gloria Vitro, Linnea Wimpenny.

As a church family we extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Linda and Gary Kozak and Cheryl Johnson on the death of their mother Britta M. Johnson who entered the life eternal on Friday, January 26. A memorial service was held at Trinity on Wednesday, January 31. Peace be to Britta's memory.

As a church family, we extend our deepest sympathy to William Schenold and family on the death of William's wife, Gayle L. McElhinney Schenold who entered the life eternal on Wednesday, January 24, 2018. A Memorial Service was held at Trinity on Saturday, February 3. Peace be to Gayle's memory.

Calendar for the Week:

- Today:**
- 10 A.M. Worship
 - 10-11 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade
 - 11:15 A.M. Confirmation Class and High School Youth Group
 - 11:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School
 - 12:15 P.M. Jr. High & High Schoolers gathering, Lee's house, 3901 W. 108th Place, Chicago.

This Week:

- Mon.-Fri. 9 A.M. Noah's Ark Preschool
- Tues. 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study
- Thur. 11 A.M. Pryme Tymers

Next Sunday:

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 - 11:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School
 - 3-5 P.M. Youth Group (ages K through 6th grade), Peterson Hall
- Annual Reports are due February 11.

Feb. 11 – Nursery Helpers: Joyce Gorney, Janice Goetz

Greeters: Dave & Arlene Sladek

Announcements:

Adult Sunday School

In February, we welcome back Dr. Carol Noren teaching class on the topic of four familiar biblical narratives with a slightly different perspective: not exactly feminist, but taking a closer look at overlooked aspects of stories featuring women. February 4: (Genesis 2 & 3) All About Eve: Blaming the Woman; February 11: (Exodus 1) Subversive Women Save the Day; February 18: (Ruth) What's A Woman Without a Man? and February 25: (Luke 10:38-42) Sister Acts: Cooperation or Competition?

Join us at 11:30 A.M. in the Fireside Room to explore these narratives, it's guaranteed to be interesting.

Attention! Jr. High and High Schoolers

Today, February 4 all Jr. High and High Schoolers (7th grade and up to 12th grade) are invited to an afternoon of fun at 12:15 P.M., at the Lee's house, 3901 W. 108th Place, Chicago. We'll start the afternoon with a pizza lunch and movie (Resurrection of Gavin Stone) followed by Carpetball Tournament. Hope you can join us for this social event! If you have any questions, please see Kellie Lee.

Annual Reports

Please prepare and send your Annual Report to the church office by Sunday, February 11. Please email: office@trinitycovoaklawn.org or drop in the box on the table in the church office. Thank you.

Camp Registration

Reminder - Early bird registration for Summer Camp is due Sunday, February 25 (a \$35 discount!) See Kellie Lee for information.

Today's Scripture:

Isaiah 40:21-31

Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded? ²² He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in. ²³ He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing. ²⁴ No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they

take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff. 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.

Mark 1:29-39

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. ³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. ³² That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was. ³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" ³⁸ Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." ³⁹ So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.



**Youth Group
Sunday,
February 11**

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