

WORSHIP SERVICE
June 6, 2021
2nd Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

- * God's Greeting
- * We Greet One Another
- * Call to Worship (Psalm 149:1-4)

"Praise the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

O Israel, rejoice in your Maker. O people of Jerusalem, exult in your King.

Praise his name with dancing, and make music to him with tambourine and harp

For the Lord delights in his people; he crowns the humble with salvation."

- * Opening Song: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #521 (vs. 1 & 3)

Come thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;

streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount – I'm fixed upon it mount of God's unchanging love

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee;

prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

- * Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

God's Vision for His Church (*Our World Belongs to God*, articles 34-35)

In our world, where many journey alone, nameless in the bustling crowd, Satan and his evil forces seek whom they may scatter and isolate;

but God, by his gracious choosing in Christ, gathers a new community— those who by God's gift put their trust in Christ.

In the new community all are welcome: the homeless come home, the broken find healing, the sinner makes a new start; the despised are esteemed, the least are honored, and the last are first. Here the Spirit guides and grace abounds.

The church is the fellowship of those who confess Jesus as Lord. She is the bride of Christ, his chosen partner, loved by Jesus and loving him: delighting in his presence, seeking him in prayer— silent before the mystery of his love.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord of the Church, your vision for us is beautiful, powerful, and humbling. We pray that you would give us the courage, power, grace, and humility to engage your vision. We ask your forgiveness for the times when we are too proud, fearful, self-centered, or materialistic to do so. In the name of our gracious Lord and Savior we pray, amen.

God's Words of Assurance (1 Peter 1:3-5)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

Installation of new Elders and Deacons

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Scripture Reading: John 12:20-26

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

Message: "Unless a Grain of Wheat Falls"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Song of Response: "Beneath the Cross"

Lift Up Your Hearts #825

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy That calls me as I am;
For hands that should discard me Hold wounds which tell me, "Come."
Beneath the cross of Jesus My unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus His family is my own—
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams, Now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus See the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus— The path before the crown—
We follow in His footsteps Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us To be His perfect bride;
Beneath the cross of Jesus We will gladly live our lives.

Prayer of Application

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

Sing! A New Creation #284 (vs 1 & 4)

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing; you are my own.

I, the Lord, will bless and keep you, and give you peace.

I, the Lord, will smile upon you, and give you peace.

I the Lord, will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.

Go, my children. I will keep you, and give you peace.

* Postlude

* Please stand if you are able

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Tara Tilstra

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Evening Book Club - Tyler Helfers is leading a Sunday Evening Book Club this summer. They will be discussing J.I. Packer's classic book *Knowing God*. As we ease out of pandemic restrictions and return to a sense of normalcy, rediscover the wonder and joy of knowing God through this book! Begins **this Sunday, June 6 at 6:30 PM**.

Communion - This Sunday, we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Congregation of Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for believers. If you are sorry for your sins and follow Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, you are invited to come to his table. Through this celebration, we remember that:

- a. The Lord's Supper is a thanksgiving to God.
- b. The Lord's Supper is a memorial of Christ.
- c. The Lord's Supper is a participation in the body and the blood of Christ.
- d. The Lord's Supper signifies the work of the Spirit.
- e. The Lord's Supper seals the present and coming kingdom of God.

Church Softball Games - Come cheer on the church softball team on Tuesday evenings at the River Valley Softball Complex. This week their games are at **6:10 PM** on Field 6 and **7:10 PM** on Field 5.

Bible Camp Donations - The Midwest B.A.S.I.C. Youth Bible Camp board is seeking donations for a care package service project for camp 2021. We are in need of felt, ribbon, and larger buttons for a craft we will be putting together. We will also be including a few other items that it will be easiest and most cost effective for us to purchase in bulk. If you would like to contribute money for those items, donations can be sent to Youth Bible Camp, c/o Brian Hofman, 129 E 3rd St. Kanawha, IA 50447. Donations will be received through Sunday, July 11. Thanks so much for your support!

Breakfast Club meets on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays** at the Lincoln Center HyVee at **8:30 AM**.

Midwest B.A.S.I.C. Youth Bible Camp - Camp is from July 19-23 in Eldora. All graduates of grades 6-12 are encouraged to attend. You can register on the camp Facebook page (search for Midwest B.A.S.I.C. Youth Bible Camp). If you plan to attend, please register soon so that they can make sure they have enough counselors.

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Wonder: The faith practice of wonder helps us glimpse with surprise just how creative, faithful, good, big, and present God is. Each day this week, look for at least one of these God-glimpses and share them with someone. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices).

New Resources for the Practice of Wonder - Wonder helps us "glimpse with surprise just how creative, faithful, good, big, and present God is." We invite you to explore these new resources for the faith practice of wonder from the Faith Practices Project! Find them at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

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ReFrame Ministries

GROUNDWORK: DISCIPLESHIP DURING LIFE'S TRAGEDIES - What happens to our discipleship while we experience grief, pain, frustration, anger, and the many other emotions we experience during these times? Join Groundwork as we study Job 1:13-22, Psalm 56:8, 1 Peter 5:7, and Job 42:10-11 to stay the course of discipleship during life's tragedies. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

GOD'S CALL FOR JUSTICE - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. God saw injustice in Israel. Through the prophet Isaiah, God spoke out against their wrong. He protested to help the Israelites make a change! Will you join God in his call for justice? Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

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