

WORSHIP SERVICE
June 13, 2021
Third Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

- * God's Greeting
- * We Greet One Another

Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Call to Worship (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Rejoice always,

pray without ceasing,

give thanks in all circumstances;

for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

- * Opening Song: "Sing to the King" *Lift Up Your Hearts #474*
Sing to the King who is coming to reign, Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain,
Life and salvation his empire shall bring and Joy to the nations when Jesus is King.

Come let us sing a song, a song declaring that we belong to Jesus; he is all we need.
Lift up a heart of praise. Sing now with voices raised to Jesus; sing to the King.

For his returning we watch and we pray; We will be ready the dawn of that day.
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed, 'cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King.

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- * Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

**Lord, though you guide us, we inform ourselves; though you rule us, we control ourselves;
though you fulfill us, we console ourselves. We think your truth too high, your will too hard,
your power too remote and your love too free. Help us to seek you Lord. Heal our confused
minds with your word and our troubled consciences with your love. Restore to us the joy of your
salvation. Give us a willing spirit to show your love to your world.**

God's Words of Assurance (Matthew 7:8-9, Psalm 50:15)

*Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.
For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks,
the door will be opened. Call on me in the day of trouble. I will deliver you, and you shall glorify
me.*

- * Song of Response: "Seek Ye First" *Lift Up Your Hearts #899*
Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto
you. Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find; knock and the door shall be opened
unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu,
alleluia.

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Scripture Reading: Acts 10:1-23

At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. ² He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. ³ One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, "Cornelius!"

⁴ Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked.

The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. ⁵ Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. ⁶ He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea."

⁷ When the angel who spoke to him had gone, Cornelius called two of his servants and a devout soldier who was one of his attendants. ⁸ He told them everything that had happened and sent them to Joppa.

⁹ About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. ¹⁰ He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. ¹¹ He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. ¹² It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles and birds. ¹³ Then a voice told him, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat."

¹⁴ "Surely not, Lord!" Peter replied. "I have never eaten anything impure or unclean."

¹⁵ The voice spoke to him a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean."

¹⁶ This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven.

¹⁷ While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found out where Simon's house was and stopped at the gate. ¹⁸ They called out, asking if Simon who was known as Peter was staying there.

¹⁹ While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Simon, three men are looking for you. ²⁰ So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them."

²¹ Peter went down and said to the men, "I'm the one you're looking for. Why have you come?"

²² The men replied, "We have come from Cornelius the centurion. He is a righteous and God-fearing man, who is respected by all the Jewish people. A holy angel told him to ask you to come to his house so that he could hear what you have to say." ²³ Then Peter invited the men into the house to be his guests.

The next day Peter started out with them, and some of the believers from Joppa went along.

Message: "Unlikely Heroes in the Early Church: Cornelius"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Song of Response: "Speak, O Lord"

Lift Up Your Hearts #755

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness – that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity. Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.

Prayer of Application

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Go to the World"

Lift Up Your Hearts #925

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.

Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go into every place.

Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.

Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.

As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,

when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen." Alleluia!

* Postlude

* Please stand if you are able

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Tara Tilstra, Char Verkade, Chloe Berns-Schweingruber

COMMITTEE NEEDS

The **Technology Committee** is looking for people interested in helping run the audio and visual equipment for services. If interested, please contact one of the committee members- Tom Kuyper, Tom Whitney, John VanDyk, or Jane Sterenberg. No experience necessary, training will be provided, rewards will be provided by the King of Kings.

The **Fellowship Committee** is looking for a new member to join their committee. If interested, please contact Sue Fee or Elaine Oftedal.

Children's messages - We are looking for people to assist with leading the Children's Message each week. Please contact Christina if you are interested in being added to the schedule (office@amestrinity.org).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our **special offering** this Sunday will be for Resonate Global Mission and Peterson Wahiura Wang'ombe's work in Nairobi, Kenya. Peterson leads the Nairobi Transformational Network, which connects, equips, and encourages local ministry leaders in their mission to transform communities in Nairobi.

Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund - Applications for this year's assistance are on the table outside of the sanctuary. Applications need to be in by **July 11**. Any questions, please see a deacon.

Monthly Outdoor Services - Each month, there will be one morning service that will be held outdoors. These will be: June 27, July: TBD, and August 22. Also, mark your calendars that August 22nd is Welcome Sunday.

Church Barbecue and Outdoor Service on June 27 - We would like to kick off summer and welcome (finally) Pastor Randy and Holly to our church and to show appreciation for all they have done since arriving in Ames a year ago. Since we can now mix n' mingle safely in fellowship, the Fellowship Committee would like to invite everyone to a fellowship barbecue on **June 27**, following the morning service. Tom Whitney will be barbecuing hamburgers and hot dogs and the Fellowship Committee is providing the rest of the food. Our morning worship service will be outside on this day.

Deacon Care Groups - Council decided to assign each deacon a care group. Feel free to reach out to the deacons for any needs you may have. A-G = Tina VanDyk, H-K = Andrew Friend, L-S = Judy Oltman, T-Z = Donna Bergman

Upcoming Story Theater Play - Story Theater Company presents Young Sherlock at the Ames City Auditorium: June 18 & 25 at 7 PM and June 19, 20, 26, 27 at 2 PM. Tickets are available online (<https://www.storytheatercompany.org>) or at the door. Participants include: Chloe, Eli, Amelia, Sarah, Maggie, Nate, and Bethany.

Sunday Evening Book Club - This group is discussing J.I. Packer's classic book *Knowing God*. They meet on **Sundays at 6:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall.

Church Softball Games - Come cheer on the church softball team on **Tuesday evenings** at River Valley Softball Complex. This week their games are at 8:10 PM and 9:10 PM on Field 5.

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

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Council of Delegates Meeting - Synod 2021 was cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. A special, virtual meeting of the Council of Delegates will be held **June 15 and 16** to deal with matters that cannot wait for Synod 2022. **Please keep this important meeting and its participants in your prayers.** Learn more or watch the livestream at crcna.org/COD-2021

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Wonder: William Brown, author of *Sacred Sense: Discovering the Wonder of God's Word and World*, observed, "Wonder and wisdom fit hand in glove. Without a sense of wonder, faith and practice become routine, lukewarm, trivial."

HELPING HANDS, HUMBLE HEARTS - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. When we help others, we also learn about community. Community means living and working together, taking care of each other. God's great design includes all of us fitting together. No one has to be alone! Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

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