

WORSHIP SERVICE
June 20, 2021
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship

Whether young or old,

God finds us here.

In want or overflowing,

God finds us here.

Weary or rested,

God Finds us. Speaks to us, and draws us in.

However, whoever, and wherever we are, God calls us to come, rest, and listen.

He calls us to center and direct ourselves in his wise ways.

* Opening Song: "Come, All You People"

Lift Up Your Hearts #496

Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker; come, all you people, come and praise your Maker; come, all you people, come and praise your Maker; come now and worship the Lord.

Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior; Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior; Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior; come now and worship the Lord.

Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit; Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit; Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit; come now and worship the Lord.

* Opening prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

God's Will for Our Lives (John 10:7-10 , 27-30)

"Jesus said, Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord, we confess that sometimes we do not pay attention to your call,

Sometimes we miss your voice.

We get distracted by the illusion of greener pastures.

Forgive our unbelief.

Thank you for the safety and comfort of your fold.

Help us to walk in your ways,

Help us to bring about your Kingdom.

Song of Response: "As the Deer"

Lift Up Your Hearts #503

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you;
you alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield;
you alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you!

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Acts 16:11-15

¹¹ From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. ¹² From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

¹³ On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. ¹⁵ When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

Song of Response: "We Sing of Loyal Lydia" (To the tune of *Lift Up Your Hearts #145*)

We sing of loyal Lydia who dealt in purple dye,
a woman Paul and Silas found at prayer in Philippi.
Her heart was warmed when she heard Paul relate God's love for all.

She and her household were baptized. They answered God's clear call.
This widow tested culture's rules by opening her home
to Paul and those who came to hear how they such faith could own.

When Paul and Silas were in jail, she suffered deep despair.
Yet when the jailer was transformed, she knew God answered prayer.
When her friends moved from Philippi, they left believers blessed.

And Lydia helped the church to grow as they their faith confessed.
May we today our witness share that other hearts be stirred.
Let us take courage as we dare to daily live God's Word.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "This Little Light of Mine"

Lift Up Your Hearts #930

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me; I'm gonna let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me; I'm gonna let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me; I'm gonna let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

* Postlude

* Please stand if you are able

Children's Message: Rex DeBruin

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musician: Char Verkade

COMMITTEE NEEDS

The **Technology Committee** is looking for people interested in helping to 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

Upcoming Story Theater Play - Story Theater Company presents Young Sherlock at the Ames City Auditorium: June 18 & 25 at 7:00 PM and June 19, 20, 26, 27 at 2:00 PM. Tickets are available online (<https://www.storytheatercompany.org>) or at the door. Participants include: Chloe, Eli, Amelia, Sarah, Maggie, Nate, and Bethany.

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.

Outdoor Services - Each month, there will be one week where the morning service will be held outdoors. These are June 27, July 24, 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. 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 service will be outside on this day.

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 game is at 6:10 PM on Field 6.

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

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

GROUNDWORK: ONLY GLORIFY JESUS - The Apostle Paul offers a valuable perspective on power, authority, and leadership in the church, and a vital reminder that Christ is the foundation upon which we should build all things. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Corinthians 3 to gain a better understanding of what it means to dwell in Christ and live and work as believers today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

World Renew

Human Trafficking Prevention Live Dialogue Series - Join World Renew in our second dialogue about human trafficking prevention on **June 23 at 2:00 PM** with Esther Kuhn from World Renew Senegal. You'll hear stories from the field where World Renew works proactively with communities to stop human trafficking before it starts. Register on Zoom at bitly.com/livedialogue or join on Facebook at facebook.com/worldrenew/live. The first session was held on June 16 about the theology of flourishing with Rev. Roy Berkenbosch and can be accessed on World Renew's Facebook page.

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Wonder: Albert Einstein said, "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle; the other is as though everything is a miracle." How might you become more attentive to God's miraculous work all around you?

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