

WORSHIP SERVICE
June 27, 2021
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

- * God's Greeting
- * We Greet One Another
- * Call to Worship

Praise is to you, O God and to you shall vows be performed, O you who answers prayer! To you all flesh shall come,

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;

You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.

You silence the roaring seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;

you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

- * Opening Song: "Shout to the Lord" *Sing! A New Creation #223*

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days, I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,
let every breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands:
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.

Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

- * Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

The Mission Of God's People: (*Our World Belongs to God*, Article 44)

Following the apostles, the church is sent with the gospel of the kingdom to make disciples of all nations, to feed the hungry, and to proclaim the assurance that in the name of Christ there is forgiveness of sin and new life for all who repent and believe. The church is sent to tell the good news that our world belongs to God. In a world estranged from God, where millions face confusing choices, this mission is central to our being, for we announce the one name that saves. We repent of leaving this work to a few, we pray for brothers and sisters who suffer for the faith, and rejoice that the Spirit is waking us to see our mission in God's world.

God's Assurance

The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us.

The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us.

Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving.

Thanks be to God!

Song of Response: "Take, O Take Me As I Am" *Sing! A New Creation #215*

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;

set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Scripture Reading: Acts 23:12-24

¹² The next morning some Jews formed a conspiracy and bound themselves with an oath not to eat or drink until they had killed Paul. ¹³ More than forty men were involved in this plot. ¹⁴ They went to the chief priests and the elders and said, "We have taken a solemn oath not to eat anything until we have killed Paul. ¹⁵ Now then, you and the Sanhedrin petition the commander to bring him before you on the pretext of wanting more accurate information about his case. We are ready to kill him before he gets here."

¹⁶ But when the son of Paul's sister heard of this plot, he went into the barracks and told Paul.

¹⁷ Then Paul called one of the centurions and said, "Take this young man to the commander; he has something to tell him." ¹⁸ So he took him to the commander.

The centurion said, "Paul, the prisoner, sent for me and asked me to bring this young man to you because he has something to tell you."

¹⁹ The commander took the young man by the hand, drew him aside and asked, "What is it you want to tell me?"

²⁰ He said: "Some Jews have agreed to ask you to bring Paul before the Sanhedrin tomorrow on the pretext of wanting more accurate information about him. ²¹ Don't give in to them, because more than forty of them are waiting in ambush for him. They have taken an oath not to eat or drink until they have killed him. They are ready now, waiting for your consent to their request."

²² The commander dismissed the young man with this warning: "Don't tell anyone that you have reported this to me."

²³ Then he called two of his centurions and ordered them, "Get ready a detachment of two hundred soldiers, seventy horsemen and two hundred spearmen to go to Caesarea at nine tonight. ²⁴ Provide horses for Paul so that he may be taken safely to Governor Felix."

Message: "Unlikely Heroes in the Early Church: Paul's Nephew"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

Song of Response: "Lord, Make Us Servants" *Sing! A New Creation #204*

Lord, make us servants of your peace: where there is hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we forgive; where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek to be consoled, but to console, nor look to understanding hearts, but look for hearts to understand.

May we not look for love's return, but seek to love unselfishly, for in our giving we receive, and in forgiving are forgiven.

Dying, we live, and are reborn through death's dark night to endless day; Lord, make us servants of Your peace to wake at last in heaven's light.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "The City Is Alive, O God"

Lift Up Your Hearts #278

The city is alive, O God, with sound of hustling feet, with rapid change and flashing lights that pulse through every street; but oft there's in humanity behind the bright façade, and throngs with empty, hungering hearts cry out for help, O God.

Is it your will, O loving God, that races live in strife, that loneliness and greed and hate should mark a city's life? Do you desire one person's wealth to keep another poor? Must crime and slums and lust abound? O Lord, is there no cure?

In Galilee the people heard your servant Christ declare through healing touch, through word and cross, the good news of your care. He said your heart touched every heart that longed for peace and right, that those bowed down by burdens borne could find your life, your light.

O God, inspire your church today to take Christ's servant role, to love the world, to hear its claims to sense its yearning soul, to live within the marketplace, to serve both weak and strong, to lose itself, to share its dream, to give the world its song.

* Postlude

* Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Mary Saucedo

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Rex De Bruin, Pam Voss

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Barbecue and Outdoor Service this Sunday

Sunday's service will be held outdoors. Following the morning service, there will be a barbecue. Tom Whitney will be barbecuing hamburgers and hot dogs and the Fellowship Committee is providing the rest of the food and drinks .

Special Offering

The special offering this week is for **NAMI Central Iowa**. NAMI's mission is to provide support, education, and advocacy for persons living with mental illness and their family members. To learn more about support groups and educational classes, visit the website at namici.org or call 515-292-9400.

Communion Next Week

Next week we will gather at the Lord's Table. Come, all who are sorry for their sins, who believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, have confessed his name, and desire to live in obedience to him. Come, for Christ our risen Lord invites you to fellowship with him at his table.

The **Fellowship Committee** is grateful that Mary Saucedo and Holly Raak have joined their committee.

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. Even if you have not attended before, consider bringing a friend and trying out something new! You can register on the camp facebook page (search for Midwest B.A.S.I.C. Youth Bible Camp).

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.

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.

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 7:10 PM and 8:10 on Field 6.

Breakfast Club

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

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

CREATED TO CREATE - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. God created you to be creative like him, so no matter how uncreative you might sometimes feel, you can still go out and make things yourself. God loves to see you doing that! Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Wonder: Take a strong magnifying glass with you on a walk, and look at how the tiniest details of nature point to the Creator of the universe. You'll be amazed by what you see!

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Elder Care Groups are as follows: A-G = Tom Kuyper, H-K = Melody Franje, L-S = Mark Voss, T-Z = Paul Kleinwolterink

Deacons: A-G = Tina VanDyk, H - K = Andrew Friend, L-S = Judy Oltman, T-Z = Donna Bergman