

WORSHIP SERVICE
July 18, 2021
Eighth 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

Gather us in,

*The lost and the lonely, the broken and breaking,
those who long for the hope that rises out of your grace.*

Gather us in,

The proud and pretentious, the sure and superior, who long for the leveling found in your truth.

Gather us in,

*The lively and the laughing, the bright and the bustling,
who long for the deeper joys found in your love.*

Gather us in, to wonder and worship, to pray and praise, to know God's love.

- * Opening Prayer

- * Opening Song: "In Christ Alone"

Lift Up Your Hearts #770

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;

This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My comforter, my all in all— Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!

This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.

Till on the cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;

For ev'ry sin on Him was laid— Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;

Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;

For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death— This is the pow'r of Christ in me;

From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow'r of hell, no human plan, Can ever pluck me from His hand;

Till He returns or calls me home— Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, when you walked the earth, your humility obscured your kingship. Your meekness confused the arrogant and love was at the core of your every intention. Yet we approach you too often with pride. We think more highly of ourselves than we ought to think. We gloat over attention and praise from others and are discouraged by criticism. Teach us to be humble and to

banish our self-importance. Forgive us and free us from ourselves. Empower us to serve you joyfully and wholeheartedly.

God's Words of Assurance (from Psalm 32:1, 3-5)

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered, When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

* Song of Response: "Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #693

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

My chains are gone I've been set free My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine You are forever mine

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Scripture Reading: Luke 18:9-14

⁹To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

¹³"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

¹⁴"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Message: "Stories with Intent: Better than Them"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "Be Thou My Vision"

Lift Up Your Hearts #859

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art –
thou my best thought, by day or by night; waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be, thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not nor vain, empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever be fall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "They'll Know We Are Christians"

Lift Up Your Hearts #256

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side.
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us all one.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

* Postlude

* Please stand if you are able

Children's Message: Rev. Randy Raak

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Musicians: Laura Hufford and Char Verkade

THIS SUNDAY

Special Offering

The special offering this week is for **Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance** which provides emergency rent, utility and food assistance to Story County residents in an atmosphere of dignity, comfort, and encouragement. TCRC contributes to Good Neighbor as our way of assisting those in need in our community. To learn more, visit www.gnea.org/

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pastor Randy on Vacation - Pastor Randy will be on vacation from July 22 - 25. If you need assistance during this time, please contact an Elder or Deacon.

Service on July 25 - July 25th will be our monthly outdoor service and will be led by Tyler Helpers. Following the service, join Tyler and Christina in the Fellowship Hall as they share about their time in South Africa.

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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Some responses requested)

From Council - Thank you for your prayers and your input! The TCRC Council met this week and began talking about strategic planning for the future. We began by discussing how churches can go through organizational change in a healthy way, and what some of the inherent challenges are in the typical life-cycle of a church. Then we began discussing the internal strengths and weaknesses of TCRC and the external challenges and opportunities that affect us as well. It was helpful that TCRC has had similar discussions in the past which informed our discussion. We also began discussing the book *Growing Young* from the Fuller Youth Institute which describes 6 strategies that have helped American churches regardless of location, age, size, worship style, or denomination. We'd like to hold some small group discussions with the church family in the future to review what we identified and to get any more input that you may have. More details about that to come. Please continue to keep TCRC and our Council in your prayers, and feel free to talk with any council members about this!

Church keys - If you have a church key, please let us know what letter is listed on it (possibly the letter "M" or "S").

Nursery Volunteers Needed - We can still use more nursery volunteers. [If you are interested in being added, please let Christina know.](#)

Church Pictures - We'd like to update the family picture bulletin board. If you have your own picture that you want to use, please send it to Christina.

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

GROUNDWORK: LOVE: THE GUIDING PRINCIPLE FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING - The struggle for unity is not unique to the modern church. The Apostle Paul encouraged the Corinthian Christians to make Christ-like love their guiding principle and he taught them about spiritual gifts. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Corinthians 11-13 for guidance as we too seek to worship and live well together in community. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

WOW! CREATION! - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. God loves when you enjoy his creation. He loves that you have a favorite color! How incredible is 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 Remembering: In the sacrament of The Lord's Supper we remember both the great sacrifice and the wonderful gift of Jesus' death and resurrection. Think and talk about how you might more fully enter into both the sorrow and the joy as you celebrate communion.

Calvin University

"Praise Ye The Lord" Youtube Concert - The Calvin Alumni Choir presents a virtual concert "Praise Ye The Lord" featuring works of Alice Parker, Sean Ivory, Poulenc, F. Melius Christiansen, and more. Join us for the YouTube premiere on **July 23 at 7 PM**. Find us on YouTube or Facebook by searching "Calvin Alumni Choir". We look forward to sharing our music with you once again. Any questions can be emailed to alumnichoir@calvin.edu

Travel with Calvin University - Join Calvin experts on these unique trips designed to give an up-close look at each destination — Hawaii with Volcanoes National Park in February 2022, the geology and culture of the Netherlands "off the beaten path" in April 2022, and Florence through the eyes of Dante in May 2022. See calvin.edu/go/travel for details.

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