

WORSHIP SERVICE
September 12 2021
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

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

Come, Spirit of Truth, fill our hearts.

Come, Spirit of Life, change our hearts.

Come, Spirit of Love, soften our hearts.

Come, Spirit of Hope, heal our hearts.

Come, Spirit of Faith, strengthen our hearts.

Come, Spirit of God, move in our hearts.

We Come, Lord, to celebrate the mystery of your never-ending love.

- * 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.

God of the Word,

Sing! #84

Out of the babble that surrounds us, out of the chaos that's within, where can we go to find our meaning? Is there a place we can begin?

God of the Word, now let the Word be spoken. Word of our God, come visit us with grace. Rise like a fragrance, like a chord of music, filling all this holy place.

- * Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, you have given us gifts

Just as you built us, and the creation we enjoy today,

You gave us creative minds to discern your ways,

To build your kingdom.

We confess that we do not remember that you give us these gifts to serve you.

Selfishly and out of fear, we say

“Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves.”

Lord, soothe our fears, and banish our waywardness.

Give us your Spirit to guide us towards humility and truth.

Give us endurance, even when the voices of the world say it is foolishness.

Help our creations to build your Kingdom.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Philippians 1:4-6,9-11

“In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.... And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.”

Take, O Take Me As I Am,

Sing! #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: 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

⁶We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷No, we declare God’s wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹However, as it is written:

“What no eye has seen,
what no ear has heard,
and what no human mind has conceived”—
the things God has prepared for those who love him—
¹⁰these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. ¹³This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. ¹⁴The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. ¹⁵The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, ¹⁶for,

“Who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

Message: Jesus People - A Different View of Reality

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Application

Song of Response: Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart vs 1,3,4,5

Lift Up Your Hearts #618

Spirit of God, who dwells within my heart,
wean it from sin, through all its pulses move.
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are,
and make me love you as I ought to love.
Did you not bid us love you, God and King,
love you with all our heart and strength and mind?
I see the cross there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek you and O let me find!
Teach me to feel that you are always nigh;
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,

to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
teach me the patience of unceasing prayer.
Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame:
the fullness of the heaven-descended Dove;
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: May the Mind of Christ, My Savior vs. #1&4

Lift Up Your Hearts #334

May the mind of Christ, my Savior,
live in me from day to day,
by His love and power controlling
all I do and say.

May the love of Jesus fill me
as the waters fill the sea.
Him exalting, self abasing:
this is victory.

* Postlude

*Please Stand if You Are Able

Children's Message: Randy Raak

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Char Verkade, Naomi Friend

THIS WEEK

TCRC Council Meeting Update:

The meeting was held with a combination of in-person and remote (zoom) attendees.

We reviewed the results from the congregation's feedback regarding our strategic planning identification of internal strengths and weaknesses and external challenges and opportunities. We'll be putting that into a more readable format and getting that information out to the congregation. On the whole it was quite encouraging.

Our next Classis meeting is next week Tuesday. If the TCRC congregation approves of being Tyler Helfer's calling church this Sunday, he will be examined there for ordination as a Minister of the Word in the CRC for his work at the Stellenbosch International Fellowship in South Africa.

We are planning a Trunk or Treat event at church for October 29. It addresses our biggest external challenge of not being visible to the community, by using our biggest strengths of being friendly and good at one-time events. We'll need as many church members with their cars as possible to hand out candy to neighborhood kids, and a handful of other volunteers. The Endowment Committee is helping to fund some large inflatable bounce houses, obstacle courses, Polaroid photo booth, etc.

We are tentatively planning to move services indoors on September 26, and also starting Sunday School and Children & Worship on that date. We will continue monitoring the local Covid situation closely.

We thank the Berns-Schweingruber family and Tim Angus who are coordinating plans to replace the aging playground equipment, hopefully next spring.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday Evening Bible Study: The Sunday Evening Bible Study will kick off the fall season on Sunday evening, September 12, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will meet to catch up with each other, enjoy some ice cream, have a prayer time, and choose the topic for our first study. Feel free to bring suggestions of things you might like to study, or topics you would like to discuss. See Tom Niehof or Marv Bakker for more information.

Multigenerational activity: We will be doing a church grounds clean up on Wednesday evening, Sept. 22. Contact Jeff Kopaska with questions.

Breakfast Club

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Sunday School:

Children's Service and Sunday School will start **September 26th, 2021**.

Sunday School Teacher

The person we asked about teaching the 3rd grade class has declined and just wants to sub. So the education committee is looking for someone to teach or to team-teach the 3rd Grade class for the upcoming year.

Adult Sunday School Facilitators

The Ed. Committee is looking for Adult Sunday School Facilitators. The materials will come from a RightNow Media study and the facilitator will guide the group through the discussion. Most of the studies are 4-6 weeks long and the facilitator can choose a study that interests them. Please talk to Pastor Randy or Rachel DeBruin if you are interested.

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Sabbath: Read Mark 2:23-28 and ponder or discuss the following questions: What would a sabbath that is “made for you” look like? What would be life-giving? What would be restful? What would point you to God? For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

ReFrame Ministries

FAMILY FIRE - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

GOD LIKES YOU - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. God wants to be with you. He loves to watch you run and play. He laughs at the jokes you tell. He celebrates your accomplishments. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

GROUNDWORK: YOU SHALL NOT MURDER - The sixth commandment “You shall not murder” seems quite straight forward. Yet as we read the whole Bible we discover it demands more of us than simply not killing another person. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Exodus 20:13, Genesis 4:2-12, and more to gain a deeper understanding of the sixth commandment. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.