

WORSHIP SERVICE
October 24, 2021
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship: (From Psalm 9:1-2)

I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart;

I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and rejoice in you;

I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.

* Opening Song: "Lord Most High" *Lift Up Your Hearts #593*

From the ends of the earth, *From the ends of the earth,*

From the depths of the sea, *From the depths of the sea,*

From the heights of the heavens, *From the heights of the heavens,*

Your name be praised.

From the hearts of the weak, *From the hearts of the weak,*

From the shouts of the strong, *From the shouts of the strong,*

From the lips of all people, *From the lips of all people,*

This song we raise Lord

Throughout the endless ages you will be crowned with praises, Lord Most High.

Exalted in every nation, sovereign of all creation Lord Most High, be magnified be magnified.

* Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Awesome and merciful God, we come to you humbled and ask for forgiveness. We are called to live together and serve you, yet we seek to live for ourselves and our own desires. We sometimes struggle even in our church body to love and care for one another. We hesitate to reach out to our brothers and sisters who struggle. We forget that we are uniquely created by you and each of us is an indispensable part of your plan. Open our hearts to reconciliation and remove bitterness and resentment from our relationships. Strengthen us so we may come alongside each other in love and fellowship. Sanctify us through the power of your Holy Spirit so we may function as a faithful body for Christ in this world.

God's Words of Assurance: (From Psalm 145:13-14)

The Lord is faithful in all his words and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

* Song of Response: "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.

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" ²² On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, ²⁴ while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, ²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. ²⁸ And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

Message: "Jesus People: Unity and Interdependence"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Song of Response: "Jesus Calls Us, O're the Tumult"

Lift Up Your Hearts #121 (vs 1,4,5)

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his voice is sounding, saying "Christian, follow me."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By your mercy, Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

Prayer of Application

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: Pastor Randy Raak

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Musicians: Elijah and Laura Hufford, Andrew Friend and Tara Tilstra

THIS WEEK

Special Offering - The special offering this week is for **Ames Ecumenical Housing**. Through Keystone Apartments and Stonehaven Apartments here in Ames, Ames Ecumenical Housing provides housing for lower income older adults and those with mobility impairment.

Children's Music - Children's music time is starting this week. Preschool and Kindergarten will meet with Pam Voss in Room 9, Grades 3-8 will meet in the music room behind the Sanctuary with Laura Hufford.

TRUNK or TREAT on FRIDAY - The Trunk or Treat is this Friday, **October 29!** If you are helping with one of the stations/inflatables, please arrive at 3:30 for instructions on where to go. We can also use another volunteer to help with the inflatables. We'd like everything ready to go by 3:45. If you're decorating your car, have it parked between 3:30 and 3:45. Questions? Contact Mark Voss.

Adult Sunday School Class will meet by the fireplace to continue our study of the Book of Ruth. Tyler's **Young Adult Class** will not meet this week.

Sunday Evening Bible Study will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. New members are welcome.

SMALL GROUPS

New Women's Bible Study - A monthly women's Bible study will begin Monday, November 1 at 9:30 am. We will be discussing different Faith practices each month. In November, "gratitude" will be the topic. What acts of gratitude do you do daily? Are you quicker to give God thanks for big things or little things? How do you give Him gratitude in difficult times? The study will be held at Melody Franje's house

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

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peter Fish banks and Devotionals

World Hunger 2021: Hunger for Good - Over 1 billion people around the world are hungry. In two weeks, we'll be observing World Hunger Sunday. God promises in Scripture to fill the hungry with good things and invites us to join in that holy work. Pick up your World Hunger Campaign devotionals today and spend some thinking about what it means to hunger for good in our lives, our communities, and around the world. If you have children in your household, make sure to go online and download some special activities just for them at worldrenew.net/WorldHungerChurches

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.

The ACTS Prayer - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. There are lots of different ways to pray. One of them is called an ACTS Prayer. Each letter stands for a different section of the prayer. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

Groundwork: Your Questions about Discipleship, the Holy Spirit, and Death - We all ask questions to help us better understand the Bible and live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Samuel 3, Acts 10:44-48, Acts 19:1-7, 1 Corinthians 12:27-31, Philippians 1:20-26, and Luke 23:39-43 to answer some of the questions listeners like you have asked Groundwork this year. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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