

WORSHIP SERVICE
November 7, 2021
Twenty-Forth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship: (From Psalm 98)

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has done marvelous things

The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations

He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to his people

Make music before the Lord with your instruments and voices.

Shout for joy before the Lord your King!

* Opening Song: "Ten Thousand Reasons" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #559

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul. Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning it's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me. Let me be singing when the evening comes. Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul. Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing. Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul. Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing. The end draws near and my time has come.

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending. Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul. Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name. Worship Your holy name. Worship Your holy name.

* Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

God's Instruction to His People: (From Colossians 3:1-14)

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of

you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Prayer of Confession

Father, draw our hearts into alignment with yours, so that we desire what you desire. Forgive us when we follow our selfish desires or motivations. Help us to seek first your kingdom, and to honor you with our thoughts, words, and deeds. In the name of your Son, and our example, we pray. Amen.

God's Assurance: (From 1 Corinthians 15:20-23)

Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

Song of Response: "I Stand Amazed"

Lift Up Your Hearts #174

I stand amazed in the presence Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how he could love me, A sinner, condemned, unclean.

Refrain:

How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be;
How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me!

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them his very own;
He bore the burden to Calv'ry, And suffered and died alone. **[Refrain]**

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages To sing of his love for me. **[Refrain]**

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 58

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹ Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

¹² But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you

are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Message: "Jesus People: Living in the Light of Eternity"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "Beneath the Cross" *Lift Up Your Hearts #825*

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy That calls me as I am;
For hands that should discard me Hold wounds which tell me, "Come."
Beneath the cross of Jesus My unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus His family is my own—
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams, Now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus See the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus— The path before the crown—
We follow in His footsteps Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us To be His perfect bride;
Beneath the cross of Jesus We will gladly live our lives.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" *Lift Up Your Hearts #223 (vs 1&2)*

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
who rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing who died and reigns on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

* Postlude

* Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Christina Helfers
Musicians: Andrew Friend

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

THIS WEEK

Communion - Today, we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Congregation of Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for believers. If you are sorry for your sins and follow Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, you are invited to come to his table.

Special Offering – Today is World Hunger Sunday. Our Special Offering is for **World Renew** and their work to help put food on tables around the world. World Renew has the plans, the systems, the partners, and the people to come alongside communities experiencing hunger. Peter Fish will also be collected today. There is a basket outside the sanctuary for you to put the Peter Fish in. The Deacons will count the money and then work with the Sunday school teachers to have the kids pick out specific donation opportunities from World Renew, such as a goat, chicken, seeds, tools, and the like.

Church Strategic Planning Discussions today - The high school and adult classes will meet in small groups to discuss the results of the internal strengths/ weaknesses and external opportunities/challenges and next steps. There will be Sunday School for Pre-K through middle school.

Sunday Evening Bible Study will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to continue our study of Psalms. Melody Franje will lead us in the discussion of Psalm 130. New members are welcome.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Gerine Corbin passed away peacefully last Sunday evening, 10/31. Please continue to keep her family in your prayers.

SMALL GROUPS

UFOs will meet this Tuesday, November 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, you can contact Kelly Hobson or Christina Helfers.

Sunday Evening Bible Study will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to continue our study of Psalms. Melody Franje will lead us in the discussion of Psalm 130. New members are welcome.

Adult Sunday School Class will meet on **November 14th** to continue their study of the Book of Ruth. Tom Niehof will lead us in the study of Ruth chapter four.

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

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Generosity: Read Acts 4:32-35 and ponder or discuss the following questions. The early church was characterized by a spirit of generosity. How does today's church (or your own congregation) measure up? Do today's Christians have a reputation for generosity? In what ways is that true or untrue? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

ReFrame Ministries

Confession Prayers - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Have you ever hidden from someone or something? In our prayers, God does not want us to hide from him. He wants us to seek him by confessing our sins to him when we pray. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

Seeking God's Face - is a daily, contemplative devotional—rooted in the ancient traditions of the Divine Office and lectio divina—guiding you to renewed communion with God through sacred Scripture and universal prayer. Subscribe for daily emails at seekinggodsface.org/subscribe.

Groundwork: Jonah: Praying for God's Deliverance - When we find ourselves in situations that we cannot fix, it's natural to feel anxious, desperate, overwhelmed, exhausted, and scared. Join Groundwork as we study Jonah 2 to remember that God is ready to hear us, to deliver us, and to offer us his abundant mercy. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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