

WORSHIP SERVICE
April 24, 2022
Second Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship: (From Isaiah 26:6-9)

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well aged wines.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day:

Lo, this is our God; We have waited for him, so that he might save us. Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation for worthy is the lamb who was slain to receive power and wisdom, honor, glory and might forever and ever! Amen

* Opening Song: "Oh To See The Dawn" *Lift Up Your Hearts # 177*

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood. This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us. Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin. Every bitter thought, every evil deed crowning your blood stained brow. This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us. Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows his head. Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life, "Finished!" the victory cry. This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us. Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, for through your suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live, won through your selfless love! This the power of the cross: Son of God slain for us. What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

* Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Jesus Christ is the hope for God's world. In his death, the justice of God is established; Forgiveness of sin is proclaimed. On the day of the resurrection, the tomb was empty; His disciples saw him; death was defeated; new life has come. God's purpose for the world was sealed. Our ascended Lord gives hope for two ages. In the age to come, Christ is the judge, rejecting unrighteousness, isolating God's enemies to hell, blessing the new creation in Christ. In this age, the Holy Spirit is with us, calling nations to follow God's path, uniting people through Christ in love.

Assurance of God's love:

God so loved the world that he gave up his only beloved son, so that all who believe in him will not perish, but have everlasting life. We remember in hope and declare with joy that God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but instead to save it.

Thanks be to our risen Lord!

Song of Response: "Above All"

Above all powers above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began

Above all kingdoms above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure
What You're worth

Crucified laid behind the stone
You lived to die rejected and alone
Like a rose trampled on the ground

You took the fall and thought of me
Above all

Children's Message:
Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Genesis 28:10-22

Message: "Life Transitions: Transitioning Toward God"

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. ¹¹ When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. ¹² He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ There above it stood the Lord, and he said: "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. ¹⁴ Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. ¹⁵ I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

¹⁶ When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it." ¹⁷ He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

¹⁸ Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz.

²⁰ Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear ²¹ so that I return safely to my father's household, then the Lord will be my God ²² and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth."

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of application

Song of Response: "You Are My King (Amazing Love) *Lift Up Your Hearts # 360*

I'm forgiven because you were forsaken.
I'm accepted; you were condemned.
I'm alive and well, your Spirit is within me
because you died and rose again (x2)

Amazing love, how can it be
that you, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true;
it's my joy to honor you (x2)

In all I do, I honor You. You are my king. You are my king. Jesus,
You are my King. Jesus You are my King.

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I'm alive and well, your Spirit is within me
because you died and rose again (x2)

Amazing love, how can it be
that you, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true;
it's my joy to honor you (x2)

In all I do I honor you

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Lift High The Cross" (Vs, 1,4,6,7) *Lift Up Your Hearts # 264*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. O Lord, once lifted on the tree of pain, draw all the world to seek you once again.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. Set up your throne, that earth's despair may cease beneath the shadow of its healing peace

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory!

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

* Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Rex DeBruin

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend , Rex DeBruin, Pam Voss

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School Spring Schedule - The last day of Sunday School will be **May 1st**.

Sunday School Survey - Parents of ALL students and jr high and high school students please consider filling out a survey to help the education committee improve classes at TCRC. Surveys can be found on the table outside the office, please fill out and return to the box by May 15. Thank you!

Fellowship Graduates will be honored on May 1st, we will be celebrating this spring with punch and cake. The Graduates for this year: High School Graduates-Alexa Kopaska and Bethany Van Dyk; College-Garret Van Dyk; Masters-Mary Saucedo and Tara Tilstra. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL. And once again fellowship is seeking volunteers to provide snacks for fellowship time, sign up sheet will be provided in fellowship hall.

Rev Lora Copley- We are grateful to announce that Rev. Lora Copley has accepted the call to become the next Areopagus Campus Ministry pastor! She and Joel and their daughters Alisabeth (6th grade) and Kathlyn (7th grade) plan to arrive in the middle of July. Their sons Johnathan and David will both be attending Dordt College next year. Thank you all for your prayers for God's leading and discernment for them over the last couple months. We ask for your continued prayers for a good transition for them. Address and email listed below.

National Day of Prayer—when people from different faiths are called to pray for the United States and its leaders. This year the National Day of Prayer falls on **Thursday, May 5**.

Women's Conference June 15-18 - Christina is attending the Gospel Coalition's Women's Conference in Indianapolis from June 15-18 and would love to have

others come with. The theme of the conference is "Remember Your Joy." The Endowment Committee has approved a request to pay for 2/3 of the cost of the conference for up to 6 women. If you are interested, please reach out to Christina (christina.helfers@gmail.com). More information on the conference can be found at www.thegospelcoalition.org/tgcw22.

Groenwold Van Dyks March 2022 newsletter -here is the link to this month newsletter. <https://mailchi.mp/2b95c6033aec/march-2022-prayer-letter-one-month-in-one-month-to-go>

SMALL GROUPS & SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Sunday Evening Bible Study – Will meet this week, Sunday April 24th.at 6:00PM. We will continue studying: "Angels: What the Bible Teaches, What You Need to Know" by Andrew J. Bandstra. New members are welcome.

UFO - Meets on the Third Monday of each month

Women's Bible Study – Meets first Monday of the month

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Family Fire - 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.

Your Smallest and Biggest Teachers - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. The Bible says that everything in nature, no matter how big, small, or even slimy, can teach us something about God. That's because he made everything with a purpose and he made a plan for all things. Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Other

Graduate Programs in Counseling - Northwestern College, IA, has started two online graduate programs that are distinctly Christ-centered to equip school or clinical mental health counselors who are called to serve Christ, people, and society in diverse settings. An M.A. in Clinical Mental Health or School Counseling

can prepare you for a rewarding, high-need career as a professional counselor. For more information visit: www.nwciowa.edu/counseling

CRC Communications

Join us in Praying for Synod 2022 - Synodical delegates, church leaders, and CRCNA members across the continent are praying for Synod 2022. Please join us! Prayer gatherings for synodical delegates are scheduled **for April 27, May 11, and May 25**. We will post prayer guides on the Network each time so that you can pray with us at a time that works for you as families, individuals, church councils, small groups, and others. Need some prayer points to pray through now? Find the March 30 prayer guide at network.crcna.org/prayer/prayer-guide-synod-philippians-44-9

Calvin University

Scriptoria: An Interfaith Writing Workshop - Morning workshops. Afternoon instruction. One-on-ones with editors. Deep faith conversations. Think boot camp for your writing—whether it's fiction, nonfiction, or poetry—on **June 20-24, 2022 in Grand Rapids, Michigan**. Scriptoria: An Interfaith Writing Workshop with Gary Schmidt, Hugh Cook, Patrice Gopo, L. S. Klatt, Robert Hudson, Nikki Grimes, Vinita Hampton Wright, and more. Visit scriptoriaworkshop.org

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece - (October 6 - 18, 2022) Travel by motor coach (8 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu

World Renew

Together We Can Help Foster Moms of Hope - In many communities around the world, women are denied opportunities to earn income and to thrive. In two weeks, learn how, through our gifts to World Renew's Free A Family® program, we can help share God's love and equip women with the tools and training needed to become Moms of Hope—women who help their families to journey away from hunger and poverty. For more information, go to: worldrenew.net/momsofhope

Faith Formation Ministries

Resonate Global Mission

Last Chance to Double Your Gift! - You can help join God's mission and spread the gospel in North America by supporting Resonate Global Mission. It's not too late to

double your gift by visiting www.resonateglobalmission.org/MatchMyGift! Any amount you give to this special campaign will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous donor! Don't wait—give today while your gift will go twice as far.

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Randy Raak
Sound Brian Van Belle
Nursery: Melody and Clayton
Children's message: Rex De Bruin

Nursery

April 24 Melody and Colton
May 1 Mindy and Jayden
May 8 Kristy and Christina
May 15 Donna and Megan

Pastor Randy Raak: pastor@amestrinity.org or 928-699-9329

Elders: 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