

WORSHIP SERVICE
May 8, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship: (Inspired by Psalm 32)

*Our hearts are blessed as we gather before You today, O Lord,
for you have given us freedom from all our transgressions
and joy in exchange for heavy hearts.*

*You are the refuge we seek when we are troubled
and the courage we need when we venture into our days.*

*Bless us today with Your steadfast love
as we declare our trust in You.*

Amen.

* Opening Songs: Let All Things Now Living *Lift Up Your Hearts #5*

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.

His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces; the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,

till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:

To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

Love Divine All Loves Excelling vs. 1,2,4 *Lift up Your Hearts #351*

Love divine, all loves excelling,

Joy of heav'n to earth come down:

fix in us thy humble dwelling,

all thy faithful mercies crown:

Jesus, thou art all compassion,

pure, unbounded love thou art;

visit us with thy salvation,

enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit

into ev'ry troubled breast;

let us all in thee inherit,

let us find thy promised rest:

take away the love of sinning;

Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its Beginning,

set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,

let us all thy life receive;

suddenly return, and never,

nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,

serve thee with thy hosts above,

pray and praise thee without ceasing,

glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;

pure and spotless let us be:

let us see thy great salvation

perfectly restored in thee;

changed from glory into glory,

'til in heav'n we take our place,
'til we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

* Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession and Commitment

God, we confess that we do not always understand Your ways.

*We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns
and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing.*

*We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult,
and quick to question Your presence and Your power.*

Forgive us. Grant us patience to wait for Your good timing.

Open our eyes to recognize Your leading in our lives—

to listen for Your gentle whisper when we least expect it.

*And then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience,
trusting in Your leading even when we cannot yet see the outcome.*

We praise You for Your faithful love,

and pray that You would make us worthy to bear Your name.

Amen.

Words of Assurance (From Deuteronomy 31:6 and Matthew 28:20)

*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified... for
the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor
forsake you." As Jesus himself told us, "surely I am with you always, to
the very end of the age.*

Song of Response: Speak O Lord As We Come To You

Lift Up

Your Hearts #755

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy
Word.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your
likeness –

that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and
our deeds of faith. S

peak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.
Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love
and authority.

Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over
unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of
your plans for us.

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down
through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk
as you walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with
your glory.

Children's message

Congregational prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Deuteronomy 31:1-13

3¹ Then Moses went out and spoke these words to all Israel: ² "I am now a hundred and twenty years old and I am no longer able to lead you. The LORD has said to me, 'You shall not cross the Jordan.' ³ The LORD your God himself will cross over ahead of you. He will destroy these nations before you, and you will take possession of their land. Joshua also will cross over ahead of you, as the LORD said. ⁴ And the LORD will do to them what he did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, whom he destroyed along with their land. ⁵ The LORD will deliver them to you, and you must do to them all that I have commanded you. ⁶ Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."⁷ Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, "Be

strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the LORD swore to their ancestors to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance. ⁸The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

⁹So Moses wrote down this law and gave it to the Levitical priests, who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and to all the elders of Israel. ¹⁰Then Moses commanded them: “At the end of every seven years, in the year for canceling debts, during the Festival of Tabernacles, ¹¹when all Israel comes to appear before the LORD your God at the place he will choose, you shall read this law before them in their hearing. ¹²Assemble the people—men, women and children, and the foreigners residing in your towns—so they can listen and learn to fear the LORD your God and follow carefully all the words of this law. ¹³Their children, who do not know this law, must hear it and learn to fear the LORD your God as long as you live in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess.”

Message: Life Transitions: Stepping Into the New

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: Blessed Be Your Name *Lift Up Our Hearts* #343

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful, where your streams of abundance flow; blessed be your name. Blessed be your name when I’m found in the desert place. Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.

Every blessing you pour out I’ll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say, “Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.”

Blessed be your name when the sun’s shining down on me, when the world’s “all as it should be”; blessed be your name. Blessed be your

name on the road marked with suffering; though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say, "Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name."

* *Our World Belongs to God*, article 21

The Lord promised to be God to Abraham, Sarah, and their children, calling them to walk faithfully before him and blessing the nations through them. God chose Israel to show the glory of his name, the power of his love, and the wisdom of his ways. The Lord gave them the law through Moses and led them by rulers and teachers, shaping a people in whom God is revealed— a light to the nations.

We Depart to Serve

* Blessing

* Closing Song: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light *Lift Up Our Hearts*
#730

I want to walk as a child of the light
I want to follow Jesus
God set the stars to give light to the world
The star of my life is Jesus
In Him there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart Lord Jesus
I want to see the brightness of God
I want to look at Jesus
Clear Sun of righteousness shine on my path
And show me the way to the Father
In Him there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike

The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart Lord Jesus
I'm looking for the coming of Christ
I want to follow Jesus
When we have run with patience the race
We shall know the joy of Jesus
In Him there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart Lord Jesus

* Postlude

Children's Message: Deb Niehof

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend

Today's Activities

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:50 a.m. Sunday School

6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a **short meeting** to after the service this morning, May 8th, to select by lot, new officers. The retiring elders are Paul Kleinwolterink and Tom Kuyper. The retiring deacons are Andrew Friend and Donna Bergman. For elder, the candidates are (in alphabetical order): Rex DeBruin, Jeff Kopaska, and Brian Sterenberg. For deacon, the candidates are: Joseph Yoder, Pam Niemeyer, and Mary Saucedo

Council will meet on Wednesday, May 11th, at 6.30 pm.

Sunday School Survey - Parents of ALL 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!

Our youth group, Roots, is getting to know the children of Killbite Village, Haiti. We made penpal portfolios to send to Haiti so they could get to know us. We have been raising money to get the kids in the village the supplies they need to learn and a few toys for fun. Pastor Jeff, with God's Mercy to Haiti, has given a wish list for the supplies they need the most. For the next two weeks we will be collecting items for donation in a box in the fellowship hall. If you would like to join in the donation for the children, please bring any of the following needs (new items only please): Pens and pencils, Erasers, A roll up dry erase board and markers, Hand crank mechanical pencil sharpeners (the old school type), Push pins, Balloons, Scissors, Paper clips (all sizes black metal ones), Glue sticks, Soccer balls (good ones please), Hot wheels cars, Back packs, Socks (black and white).

Midwest Basic Bible Camp: Attention, we are seeking a Nurse, Cabin Leaders, and other Volunteers for Midwest BASIC Bible Camp 2022 (August 8-12). Whether it's for one day or the entire week, we want your help to make the biggest impact we can on our Classis Youth Kids. If you or someone you know is interested, then please reach out to Travis Konig at 641-430-8343 or traviskonig@gmail.com or Lance Hillenga at 515-320-3875 or lancehillenga@gmail.com. Camp dates are August 8th through the 12th

Groenwold Van Dyks Here is our April prayer letter to share with the congregation: <https://mailchi.mp/05cd4fa24c83/april-2022-prayer-letter-telling-the-truth>

This week's special offering - Tyler and Christina Helfers (Stellenbosch International Fellowship-SIF)

In August, Tyler and Christina will be moving to Stellenbosch, South Africa, where Tyler will serve as pastor to an international church (SIF). The church exists to be a "global family in Christ", serving students, migrant workers, and refugees from around the world. Please consider a gift towards Tyler and Christina's work to reach out to non-Christians with the Gospel, and to disciple Christians to be witnesses to Christ and the Kingdom in all areas of life

Mary Greeley would like to thank us for the donation of care packages to the medical staff. They always strive to be the best in offering care and service to their patients and families. What a thoughtful gift to show your support for our medical staff. We are grateful for your generosity and commitment to our mission.

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 – The Sunday Evening Bible Study will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to conclude our study of "Angels: What the Bible Teaches, What You Need to Know" by Andrew J. Bandstra. This will be our final meeting of the season. Thanks to all who have participated.

UFO - Meets on the Third Monday of each month

Women's Bible Study – Meets the second Monday of the month, May 9th at 9 am.in the fellowship hall.

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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 April 27 prayer guide at <https://network.crcna.org/prayer/prayer-guide-synod-psalm-13>

ReFrame Ministries

God is Our Protector - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Psalm 121 tells how God is our ultimate protector. The psalmist reminds us that "He will not let your foot slip" (v. 3) and that God "is your shade at your right hand" (v. 5). This means that if we reach for help, God will be there. Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

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.

Believe: Jesus and the Disciples - Studying Jesus' first appearance to his disciples and later his appearance to Thomas offers us encouragement for our faith even when believing in Jesus isn't easy. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study John 20:19-31 to learn why belief in Jesus is a lifestyle, not a one time event, and why Jesus' promises to his disciples give us hope yet today. Listen now at

GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

World Renew

Let's Join World Renew in **Celebrating Moms of Hope** - A Mom of Hope is a woman who knows she is blessed by God with skills and resources to support her family. She looks to the future trusting in God's love and abundance. Today, your gift to World Renew's Free A Family® program will help equip mothers in vulnerable communities around the world to overcome trauma, multiply their income, and gain access to education and training so they can become Moms of Hope. To donate, call 1-888-WRLD-RNW or go online to: worldrenew.net/momsofhope

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Randy Raak

Sound: Rex De Bruin

Nursery: Kristy and Christina

Children's message: Deb Niehof

Nursery

May 8 Kristy and Christina

May 15 Donna and Megan

May 22 Judy and Alexa

May 29 (no nursery, Memorial Day)

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