

WORSHIP SERVICE
May 15, 2022
Fifth Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

*** God's Greeting**

*** We Greet One Another**

*** Call to Worship: (Psalm 106:47-48)**

Save us, Lord our God, and gather us from the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen.

*** Opening Songs:** Gather Us In *Lift Up Your Hearts #529*

Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of the day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart,
so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.
Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,

call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well,
and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away
here in this place the new light is shining now is the kingdom,
and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own; gather us in,
all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

*** Opening Prayer**

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession:

Father of light, teach us the depths of your love.

We are restless, impatient people and forget your merciful faithfulness and compassion towards all creation. We seek solace from worldly people and prizes when we ought to come to your fountain of grace for renewal and strength. We sometimes give little attention to you and neglect our own spiritual needs.

We seek to pray and praise you, generous God, and desire your nurturing love. All-loving and all-merciful God, help us today to accept the light of your love into our lives, so that with honest hearts, we may experience your peace surrounding and upholding us.

Assurance of Pardon: (Isaiah 44:21-22)

Remember these things, Jacob, for you, Israel, are my servant. I have made you, you are my servant; Israel, I will not forget you. I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. return to me, for I have redeemed you."

- * Song of Response:** "Be Thou My Vision *Lift Up Your Hearts #859*
Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;

naught be all else to me, save that thou art –
thou my best thought, by day or by night;
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.
Riches I heed not nor vain, nor vain empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever be fall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Mark 12:28-34

²⁸ One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

²⁹ "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'³¹ The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

³² "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. ³³ To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

³⁴ When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

Message: What’s Your One Thing?

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Application

Song of Response: “God Is Love”

Lift Up Your Hearts #305

Beloved, let us love one another,
For love is of God.
Beloved let us love one another,
For God is love

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 al 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**

Children's Message: Stacy Hertz

Message: Rev. Jerry Worrel

Musicians: Laura Hufford, Tara Tilstra, Char Vekade,

Today's Activities

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 10:50 a.m. Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would like to thank those leaving council for their time and dedication to serving the church and welcome those who were voted in to replace them. THANK YOU to Tom Kuyper, Paul Kleinwolterink, Andrew Friend, and Donna Bergman. WELCOME to Jeff Kopaska, Brian Sterenberg, Mary Saucedo, and Pam Niemeyer.

Please be in prayer for the Christian Reformed Church's synod this summer. It will meet in Grand Rapids, Mi from **June 10 – June 16**. Tyler Helfers and Paul Kleinwolterink from our church, and Pastor SJ Kim from the Ames Korean CRC, will be serving as delegates for Classis Northcentral Iowa.

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!

Thank you to Mindy Nikkel for your many years of dedicated service to the education committee! We appreciate your all your insight and creativity throughout your time serving. We are still looking for adding a member or 2, if interested please reach out to Rachel De Bruin.

Thank you to the teachers, helpers and music leaders this past Sunday school year. We appreciate your patience and willingness to teach and conform with the challenges of Covid and we hope next year can be a little more 'normal'! Have a great summer!

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).

The Kopaska family would like to cordially invite all members/attenders of Trinity CRC to Alexa's graduation open house on **Saturday, May 21**. Alexa and her friend Olivia Smalley are having a joint gathering, which will be held at the Smalley residence at 2408 Tullamore Lane, **from 3-6 PM**. We look forward to seeing you there!

The VanDyk family would like to invite you to the graduation open house for Bethany on Saturday May 28th, from 12:30 – 3:00pm at Trinity CRC. We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

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>

The special offering next week is for **Home for Awhile**. Several churches in the Ames area have partnered together to create this organization that seeks to reduce homelessness in our community. Families who have been recently evicted or are nearing homelessness are eligible for three months of subsidized housing through Home For Awhile.

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.

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

ReFrame Ministries

My Weakness. God's Strength. - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Is there something you're so proud of that you love to tell people about it? In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul didn't boast about some great thing he did, but about his weakness. Some translations of the Bible refer to Paul's problem as "a thorn in [his] flesh." Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Follow: Jesus on the Shore - The disciples' story of meeting Jesus on the shore helps us recognize that Jesus is in the ordinary and that he's willing to fellowship with us right where we're at. Join Groundwork as we study John 21 to learn how keeping our focus on the resurrected Jesus and his simple command for us to follow him cultivates our faith. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

World Renew

Thank You from World Renew - Thank you for your compassion and generosity. Your gift to World Renew's Free A Family® program is helping to equip women around the world with the training and tools needed to support their families on the journey towards flourishing. Thank you for supporting Moms of Hope as they support their families. To learn more about the Free A Family program, go to: worldrenew.net/free-a-family

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Rex De Bruin
Sound : Bryan Van Belle
Nursery: Donna and Megan
Children's message: Stacy Hertz

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

May 26 Bryce Niemeyer
June 1 Mae Whitney
June 4 Jim & Donna Bergman
June 5 Tyler Helpers
June 9 Mary Kuyper
June 11 Marv Bakker
June 12 Paul Kleinwolterink

Nursery

May 15 Donna and Megan
May 22 Judy and Alexa
May 29 (no nursery, Memorial Day)

June 5 Stacy and Tyler

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Elders: A-G=Brian Sterenberg: H-K = Melody Franje: L-S = Mark Voss: T-Z=Jeff Kopaska

Deacons: A-G =Tina VanDyk: H - K =Pam Niemeyer: L-S =Judy Oltman: T-Z
Mary Saucedo