

WORSHIP SERVICE
May 22, 2022
6th Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship: From Psalm 46:

God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the sea

Though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice and the earth melts.

He makes the wars cease to the end of the earth. He says:

**Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted
in all of earth!**

* Opening Song: "Mighty To Save"

Lift Up Our Hearts # 611

Everyone needs compassion Love that's never failing

Let mercy fall on me Everyone needs forgiveness

The kindness of a Saviour The hope of nations

Saviour He can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save He is mighty to save

Forever Author of salvation He rose and conquered the grave

Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me All my fears and failures

Fill my life again I give my life to follow

Everything I believe in Now I surrender

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing For the glory of the risen King
Jesus Shine your light and let the whole world see
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* Opening Prayer:

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Holy, God, we are embarrassed by our weaknesses and we ask for your forgiveness. Your Word is so clear and your grace is so good, but we shut out your voice, filling up our time with distractions of modern technology and other non-essentials of this present world How long, Lord , will you allow us to ignore your will? Help us to turn once again to the cross, to the empty tomb, to our interceding Lord and to the gracious gift of your spirit. Hear our prayer. Lord, as we ask this in your holy name. Amen

Assurance of Pardon: (Romans 5:1-2, 5)

Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. And hope does not put us to shame because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

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
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Children's Message

Installation of Officers

A Litany of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Today we celebrate the gift of God's leadership for his people. We are grateful for the gifts of all those who have served as elders and deacons in the past year.

People: Thank you, Lord, for the work that you have accomplished through your servants.

Pastor: Lord, you have provided them with gifts to equip them; you have worked through them to accomplish your purposes and we wholeheartedly pray they have honored your Name.

People: Continue your work in their lives, Lord. Bless the work they began here. Bless them as they go forward, and continue to lead them into paths of service for the sake of your Church.

Introduction and description of the offices

The Vows of New Office-bearers (**read in unison by new office-bearers, facing the congregation**)

I believe that through the call of this congregation, God himself is calling me to this holy office. I believe that the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God. I subscribe to the doctrinal standards of this church, and I will support them in the teaching and ministry of the church. I promise to do the work of my office faithfully, in a way that is worthy of my calling, and in submission to the government and discipline of the church.

The Charge to the Elders

People: We charge you, elders, to shepherd the church which Christ bought with his own blood. Be a model of faith; care for the needy; comfort the suffering; confront those who stray; devote yourselves to prayer; faithfully study the Word of God; and be completely mastered by your Lord.

The Charge to the Deacons

People: We charge you, deacons, to inspire us to faithful stewardship; encourage us to serve others; be sensitive and compassionate to the needy; minister to everyone discerningly; live

with integrity in your own life; devote yourselves to God's Word and prayer; and be completely mastered by your Lord.

Prayer for the entire church council: (**continuing officers join the new officers** up front)

Pastor: May God our heavenly Father, who has called you to these sacred offices, guide you by his Word, equip you with his Spirit, and so prosper your ministries that his church may increase and his name be praised. Amen.

* The Charge to the Congregation (Congregation stands)

Pastor: As your servants and the servants of God, I charge you, dear congregation, to pray for the council diligently, to support them with gratitude, and to encourage them joyfully. They do not act on their own authority but in the name of Jesus Christ, the King of the Church. They have been called to do his will among you, and ask you to accept them in his name.

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 5:1-4

5 To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: **2** Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; **3** not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. **4** And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

Message: "The Case of A Shepherd"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "The Power Of Your Love"

Lord I come to You Let my heart be changed renewed
Flowing from the grace That I found in You
And Lord I've come to know The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away By the pow'r of Your love
Hold me close Let Your love surround me
Bring me near Draw me to Your side
And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You Your Spirit leads me on
In the pow'r of Your love
Lord unveil my eyes Let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love As You live in me
Lord renew my mind As Your will unfolds in my life
In living ev'ry day By the pow'r of Your love
Hold me close Let Your love surround me
Bring me near Draw me to Your side
And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You Your Spirit leads me on
In the pow'r of Your love

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song "Forever"

Lift Up Our Hearts # 578

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
With a mighty hand and outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise

Forever God is faithful Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us Forever Forever
From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God we will carry on
His love endures forever Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong Forever God is with us
Forever and Ever
Forever God is faithful Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us Forever Forever

* Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Laura Hufford

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Rex DeBruin, Pam Voss

Today's Activities

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

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.

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). All donations need to be collected no later than the 25th.

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.

Mark & Pam Voss would like to invite the congregation to an open house to celebrate Pam's retirement **on Friday May 27 from 5:30-7:30** at the Homewood Golf Course club house. Please no gifts.

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

The special offering this 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.

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

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Randy Raak

Sound : Tom Whitney

Nursery: Judy and Alexa

Children's message: Laura Hufford

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

May 26 Bryce Niemeyer

June 1 Mae Whitney

June 4 Jim & Donna Bergman

June 5 Tyler Helfers

June 9 Mary Kuyper

June 11 Marv Bakker

June 12 Paul Kleinwolterink

Nursery

May 22 Judy and Alexa

May 29 (no nursery, Memorial Day)

June 5 Stacy and Kopaska

June 12 Kenzie and Caraline

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

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 Sauced