

WORSHIP SERVICE
May 29, 2022
Ascension Sunday

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

- * God's Greeting
- * We Greet One Another
- * Call to Worship: (Psalm 47)

Clap your hands, all you nations, shout to God with cries of joy.

For the Lord Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth.

He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet.

He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.

God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.

God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.

- * Opening Songs: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High
Lift Up Your Hearts #610

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,

from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky.

Lord I lift your name on high!

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Lord I lift your name on high!

“Rejoice, the Lord is King

Lift Up Your Hearts #224

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore. Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice. Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o’er earth and heaven; the keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice. Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God’s right hand till all his foes submit, bow down at his command, and fall beneath his feet. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice. Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope; for Christ, the Judge, shall come to gather all his saints to their eternal home. We soon shall hear the archangel’s voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

* Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession:

Dear Jesus, our risen King, in so many ways we act as though our lives belong only to ourselves. We forget to recognize you as our Lord and King: by what we think and what we say; by what we do and what we don’t do; and by how we spend our time and use our bodies. Lord, remind us that we belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to you. Help us to live that way, offering you our lives as a living sacrifice. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

*Return to the Lord your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
In Christ, we are forgiven!*

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Children's Message:

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Revelations 12:1-6

12¹A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. ²She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. ³Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads. ⁴Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born. ⁵She gave birth to a son, a male child, who "will rule all the nations with an iron scepter." And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. ⁶The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.

Message: The Ascension and the Dragon

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "Before the Throne of God Above"

Lift Up Your Hearts #682

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea;
a great High Priest, whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands

no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.
When Satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look, and see him there
who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.
Behold him there! the risen Lamb,
my perfect, spotless righteousness;
the great unchangeable "I AM,"
the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die,
my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Lift High the Cross"

Lift Up Your Hearts

#264(verses 1,6,7)

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. 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.

* Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Randy Raak

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend

Sound Tech: Rex De Bruin

Today's Activities

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

ANNOUNCEMENTS 5/29/22

Communion: Next week we will gather at the Lord's Table. Come, all who are sorry for their sins, who believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, have confessed his name, and desire to live in obedience to him. Come, for Christ our risen Lord invites you to fellowship with him at his table.

The special offering next week, **June 5th**, will be for **World Renew**, which helps alleviate long-term poverty through integrated programs in health, agriculture, income-earning, literacy, and leadership development. Your prayers, involvement, and contributions make this work possible!

Christian Education Assistance Fund: Applications are being accepted for the Christian Education Fund for the 2022-2023 school year.

Applications are available on the table outside the office or from the attachment to these announcements. Complete the application and return it to a deacon or place in the manila envelope on the counter in the office by **June 12**.

A special offering will be taken for the Christian Education Assistance Fund on **June 12**. Please consider the church's commitment to this fund. The program goal: *To fulfill our promise made at Baptism to nurture and train children in the faith and encourage them in the fellowship of believers to be Christ's disciples.*

On June 12th after the service, join us to celebrate the **end of the school year and welcome summer** with a church 'brunch' potluck! Elder groups are asked to provide, if able-A-G and H-K=Breakfast main dish (egg bake, French toast bake, sausage links, scrambled eggs, yogurt); L-S and T-Z=sides (fresh/frozen fruit, granola, cheese tray); Juice, milk and coffee provided by the education committee

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.

Reminder that Primary elections will be June 7th from 7 am to 8 pm here at the church.

Next Council meeting will be June 8th.

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 or Lance Hillenga. Camp dates are August 8th through the 12th

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 first Monday of the month, June 6th at 9 am.in the fellowship hall.

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Banner Delayed - Due to worldwide paper shortages, delivery of the June issue of The Banner will be delayed by up to two weeks. In the meantime, visit TheBanner.org for new features, columns, news, and more. All reporting leading up to and during Synod 2022 can be found at thebanner.org/synod

ReFrame Ministries

The Great Commission: Reflecting God - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. We have the opportunity every day to proclaim God's love in our actions and words. In Matthew 28, God commanded us to share our faith with others: to share our stories of God's love for us. That's a big responsibility! Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Groundwork: Sharing Your Faith Tells God's Story - As we continue our look at biblical evangelism, we explore scriptures that help us better understand the content of our message. Join Groundwork as we study John 14:25-27, 15:26-27, 16:7-15, 1 Peter 3:13-16, Matthew 5:13-16, and Ephesians 2:8-10 to better understand how sharing our faith through our life and our words tells God's story. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Mark Voss
Sound : Rex De Bruin
Nursery: No Nursery Coverage
Children's message: Randy Raak

Nursery

May 29 (no nursery, Memorial Day)

June 5 Stacy and Kopaska

June 12 Kenzie and Caraline

June 19 Pam N and Cassie

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= Mary Sauced