

WORSHIP SERVICE
July 10th, 2022
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (from Ecclesiastes 3:11-14)

He has made everything beautiful in its time.

He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live.

Everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it; and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear him.

* Opening Songs "Lord Most High"

Lift Up Your Hearts #593

From the ends of the earth, *From the ends of the earth,*

From the depths of the sea, *From the depths of the sea,*

From the heights of the heavens, *From the heights of the heavens,*

Your name be praised.

From the hearts of the weak, *From the hearts of the weak,*

From the shouts of the strong, *From the shouts of the strong,*

From the lips of all people, *From the lips of all people,*

This song we raise Lord

Throughout the endless ages you will be crowned with praises, Lord Most High.

Exalted in every nation, sovereign of all creation Lord Most High, be magnified be magnified. (REPEAT)

"You Are My Hiding Place"

Lift Up Your Hearts #412

You are my hiding place. You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance.

Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you. I will trust in you.

Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord."

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* Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Our Father, by faith we see your hand in the light of creation's grand design. And by faith we see your hand in the lives of those who prove your faithfulness as they walk by faith and not by sight. We confess that we are more inclined to live by our own wisdom than by yours. We are more likely to follow our own plans than to have faith in your ways. Give us the shield of faith to extinguish the arrows of doubt, and to deflect the insults from those who work against you. Give us faith to believe that eventually all mountains will be moved and your kingdom will prevail. In our Savior's name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Colossians 3:17, 23-24; Proverbs 16:3)

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.

Song of Entrusting "You Are My King"

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.
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

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Joshua 2

2 Then Joshua son of Nun secretly sent two spies from Shittim. "Go, look over the land," he said, "especially Jericho." So they went and entered the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there. **2** The king of Jericho was told, "Look, some of the Israelites have come here tonight to spy out the land." **3** So the king of Jericho sent this message to Rahab: "Bring out the men who came to you and entered your house, because they have come to spy out the whole land." **4** But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. She said, "Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they had come from." **5** At dusk, when it was time to close the city gate, they left. I don't know which way they went. Go after them quickly. You may

catch up with them.”⁶ (But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax she had laid out on the roof.)⁷ So the men set out in pursuit of the spies on the road that leads to the fords of the Jordan, and as soon as the pursuers had gone out, the gate was shut.

⁸ Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof⁹ and said to them, “I know that the LORD has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you.¹⁰ We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed.¹¹ When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone’s courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.

¹² “Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign¹³ that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them—and that you will save us from death.”

¹⁴ “Our lives for your lives!” the men assured her. “If you don’t tell what we are doing, we will treat you kindly and faithfully when the LORD gives us the land.”

¹⁵ So she let them down by a rope through the window, for the house she lived in was part of the city wall.¹⁶ She said to them, “Go to the hills so the pursuers will not find you. Hide yourselves there three days until they return, and then go on your way.”

¹⁷ Now the men had said to her, “This oath you made us swear will not be binding on us¹⁸ unless, when we enter the land, you have tied this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you have brought your father and mother, your brothers and all your family into your house.¹⁹ If any of them go outside your

house into the street, their blood will be on their own heads; we will not be responsible. As for those who are in the house with you, their blood will be on our head if a hand is laid on them. ²⁰ But if you tell what we are doing, we will be released from the oath you made us swear.”

²¹ “Agreed,” she replied. “Let it be as you say.”

So she sent them away, and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window.

²² When they left, they went into the hills and stayed there three days, until the pursuers had searched all along the road and returned without finding them. ²³ Then the two men started back. They went down out of the hills, forded the river and came to Joshua son of Nun and told him everything that had happened to them. ²⁴ They said to Joshua, “The LORD has surely given the whole land into our hands; all the people are melting in fear because of us.”

Message: Treasures of a Transformed Life: Faith

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response “As the Deer”

Lift Up Your Hearts #503

As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you;
you alone are my heart’s desire,
and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield;
you alone are my heart’s desire,
and I long to worship you! (REPEAT)

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song “Step By Step”

Sing! A New Creation #17

O God, you are my God,
And I will ever praise you.

O God, you are my God,
And I will ever praise you.
I will see you in the morning,
And I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you'll lead me,
And I will follow you all of my days.(REPEAT)

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Deb Niehof

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Ben Giles, Elijah Hufford, Laura Hufford, Breanna Sterenberg,
Nate VanDyk

Today's Activities

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

ANNOUNCEMENTS 7/10/22

July council meeting will be held on July 13th at 6.30 pm.

The special offering this week is for **Wings of Refuge**, which is a Christ-centered organization serving survivors of sex trafficking by providing a safe home and aftercare where women can have the opportunity to heal and find new life. They have a safe home located in Ames. For more info:

www.wingsofrefuge.net.

From the Fellowship committee - Save the dates - **July 31st** there will be a 'send-off' potluck for the Helpers. Meat will be provided by Tom Whitney. We are asking people whose last names begin with A - M to bring a side dish, and those with last names beginning with N-Z to bring a dessert.

Aug 21st there will be a "Welcome meal" after church for everyone. We will be specifically welcoming the Copleys and college students. More information to follow.

There is a coloring page on the table by the office for anyone who would like to color. This is a wish **Good Bye to the Helpers and Hello to the Copleys**. We will hang them up for everyone to enjoy. Pam will print more as needed, so just ask if you would like one and they are gone.

Reminder to Everyone With summer here and the church mainly used for Sunday worship, a casual reminder to please pick up after yourselves in the unused classrooms. This is always helpful anywhere in the church. Thanks for your help with keeping the church clean between cleanings

Midwest Basic Bible Camp: IS HAPPENING THIS YEAR. Camp will be August 8th through the 12th at Pine lake.

<https://pinelakecamps.org/summercamp/dates>. Sign up sheets are in the office. There is a flyer on the table by the office If you have more questions, please ask Pam Whitney, or contact the Travis or Lance.(Emails below)

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

NAMI has a fall class starting on September 12th from 6 to 830 pm, for 8 weeks, if you are interested please visit their web site. For more information.

Right Now Media has a lot of information on bible studies, check them out as planning for this fall begins.

SMALL GROUPS & SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

UFO – will meet on Monday July 18th at 7pm at Deb Niehof's home

Women's Bible Study – Meet the 1st Monday of the month.

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Groundwork: Jonah: Discovering God's Heart - Do you want to know and understand the heart of God? Join Groundwork as we study Jonah 4 to conclude our study of Jonah and witness the stark contrast between our human tendencies and his sovereignty. Together, we'll discuss how we can respond to God's relentless love and abundant mercy in our own lives today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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.

Eutychus: Staying Connected and Alert - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. A young guy named Eutychus fell asleep during an overnight worship service and fell out of a window! How does this story have a happy ending that comforts a community? Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Safe Church Ministry

Safe Church Ministry Series 2022: The Safe Church Basics - Webinar 3: Training Leaders and Volunteers - All church leaders and volunteers should know what constitutes abuse, how to spot it, and what is expected of them to prevent and respond to abuse well. Join us July 20, 2022 at 12pm EDT as we explore ways to train and support our safe church teams. Register at <https://bit.ly/SCwebinarJuly22>

World Renew

Help survival rates improve with clean water on Sunday, July 17th - In vulnerable communities where World Renew works, clean water can be more precious than food. People can survive for weeks without food—but only 3 days without water! By donating next week to World Renew,

you can give hope and help people flourish long-term by just helping them gain access to clean and safe water. To learn more or download our resources, go to worldrenew.net/cleanwater.

Pastor Church Resources

Register Today for Inspire 2022 - The deadline for Inspire 2022 has been extended to late July! Sign up today for this three-day gathering of Reformed believers from across the continent, where we'll worship, learn, fellowship, and grow together. Plenary speakers include Bishop David Zac Niringiye, Ken Shigematsu, Sandra Maria Van Opstal, Sandra McCracken, and Steven Argue. Workshops cover topics from relationship building to creation care to restorative justice to perseverance in ministry, and more. Join us and be refreshed! Learn more at www.crcna.org/inspire

Worship Ministries

Worship Leadership Course - Calling all worship leaders! You're invited to sign up now for the online Certificate in Worship Leadership course. This one-year course through Samford University is available to any CRC worship leader, pastor, planner, or team member who would like to study worship at a deeper level. Applications due July 18. Find details at network.crcna.org/worship/online-worship-leadership-certificate-course-2022-2023 Don't miss it!

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational	Prayer: Randy Raak
Sound :	Rex De Bruin
Nursery:	Mindy and Colton
Children's message:	Deb Niehof

Nursery

July 10 Mindy and Colton
July 17 Kristy and Jayden
July 24 Donna and Judy
July 31 Elaine and Megan
Aug 7 Pam N and Melody

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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