

WORSHIP SERVICE
July 31, 2022
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

- * God's Greeting
- * We Greet One Another
- * Call to Worship based on *Colossians 3:1-4*

Brothers and sisters in Christ, since we have been raised with Christ, in this time and place let's set our hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Lord, as we come to you in worship, help us to set our minds on things above, not on earthly things.

For we died to earthly things, and our life is now hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ, who is our life, appears, then we also will appear with him in glory.

- * Opening Song: "In Christ Alone" Lift Up Your Hearts #770
In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song; This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My comforter, my all in all— Here in the love of Christ I stand. In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on the cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied; For ev'ry sin on Him was laid— Here in the death of Christ I live. There in the ground His body lay, Light of the

world by darkness slain; Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in
victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the precious
blood of Christ. No guilt in life, no fear in death— This is the
pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no human
plan, Can ever pluck me from His hand; Till He returns or
calls me home— Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

* Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

*Lord, we confess that we do not always live by your Spirit,
but live instead by our sinful human nature.*

**We get focused on the things of this world: our
possessions and positions, our amusements and
entertainments, our self-gratification and even self-
glorification.**

*Help us to not spend our time and effort pursuing those
things, but to pursue you first of all, Lord.*

**Help us to love what you love, and tune our hearts to sing
your praise. Amen.**

Words of Assurance Romans 8:1-4

*Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are
in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the
Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and
death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was
weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in
the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering.... that the
righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us,*

who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Song of Entrusting: "There Is A Redeemer" LUYH #833

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One
Thank You O my Father, For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done
Jesus my Redeemer name above all names Precious Lamb
of God Messiah Hope for sinners slain
Thank You O my Father For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done
When I stand in glory I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place
Thank You O my Father For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-5

5 ¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through 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. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Message: Treasures of a Transformed Life: Hope

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "Living Hope"

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope
Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope
Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope
Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(REPEAT)
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa
Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me

You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope
Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope
Jesus Christ my living hope
Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

WE DEPART TO SERVE

Commissioning of Tyler and Christina Helpers

* Blessing Romans 15:13

* Closing Song: "May The Peoples Praise You"

You have called us out of darkest night, Into Your glorious
light That we may sing the wonders of, The risen Christ
May our every breath retell the grace, That broke into our
strife With boundless love and deepest joy, With endless life
May the peoples praise You, Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes, That we may praise May praise the
Name of Jesus

All the earth is Yours and all within, Each harvest is Your
own And from Your hand we give to You, make Christ
known May the seeds of mercy grow in us, r those who
have not heard May songs of praise build lives of grace,
spread Your Word

May the peoples praise You, Let the nations be glad

All Your blessing comes, That we may praise

May praise the Name of Jesus

This our holy privilege to declare, Your praises and Your name
To every nation, tribe and tongue, Your church proclaims

May the peoples praise You, Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes, That we may praise May praise the Name of Jesus

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, Worthy, worthy is the Lamb
Who was slain Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, All creation
praise Your glorious Name

May the peoples praise You, Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes, That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus

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* Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Laura Hufford

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Elijah Hufford, Laura Hufford, Holly Raak, Breanna Sterenberg, Nate VanDyk

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time (Helpers Send off)

ANNOUNCEMENTS 7/31/22

Communion: We look forward to celebrating the Lord's Supper next Sunday morning. All who are trusting in Christ and have made a public stand for him are encouraged to join.

The special offering next week will be for the **God's Mercy to Haiti**. God's Mercy to Haiti is a teaching and mercy ministry to

the impoverished Haitian village of Kilbitè. They live without electricity or running water. Their warm hearts, eager minds, and resourceful efforts make them a delight to love and serve. Jeff Maskovich will be here to give us more information.

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.

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 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.

Pam Whitney will be out of the office starting August 1st through the 14th, but will still be responding to emails. Please send your updates to the office email for the quickest response.

Ames Community School District has dropped off some Hiring Event flyers. If you are interested or know someone who is looking to hire for the 2022-23 school year. The hiring event is scheduled for Tuesday, July 26th.

SMALL GROUPS, Committees, & SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

UFO – Meets on the 3rd Monday of the month.

Women's Bible Study – Meet the August 1st, at 8.45. Someone from Bridges will be coming to talk with the group. Faith Practice discussion for August will be on prayer. Questions to think about are: How have your prayers and expectations of praying changed over the years? What varieties of prayer methods have been beneficial to you? Discussion questions are on the table for anyone to take, and everyone is welcome to this study.

The Next Council meeting will be August 17th at 6:30 pm.

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

True Encouragement: Speaking the Truth in Love - Check out the kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. In 1 Corinthians 13, the apostle Paul teaches what it means to give and receive God's love and how we are to show love to one another. We

don't need to be afraid to share our big feelings. They are important and they matter. When we speak the truth in love, love can handle all things! Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Groundwork: Grow as a Disciple of Jesus Christ - God provides his grace and the Holy Spirit for our discipleship journey. Join Groundwork as we study Ephesians 4:7-15, Colossians 2:6-22, and Hebrews 6:1-12 to find out what maturing disciples of Jesus understand and recognize the signs of dynamic discipleship in your own life. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

World Renew

Position Opening: Regional Director - West Africa - The Regional Director position provides overall direction and leadership to the West Africa regional team (Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone) to achieve World Renew's vision of community transformation in alignment with World Renew's values, standards, and global strategic priorities. This position is also responsible for ensuring team organization, development, and performance, and represents the regional ministry team (MT) to the World Renew agency directors, teams, denominational (CRCNA) agencies and institutions, and external organizations.

Position Opening: CORE - Receptionist and Administrative Specialist (Part Time) - Serve at the front desk for World Renew's US headquarters to greet visitors, provide telephone coverage, and provide administrative support for World Renew.

Office of Social Justice

Season of Creation - Celebrate this time on the liturgical calendar starting September 1st. During this season the church praises God for Creation's beauty, focuses on their call as caretakers, and laments the brokenness and the groaning of all

creation. For resources go to: network.crcna.org/biblical-justice/seasons-creation

Nursery

July 31 Elaine and Megan
August 7 Pam N and Melody
August 14 Stacy and Chloe
August 21 Kenzie and Megan
August 28 Pam N 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 Saucedo