

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**August 7, 2022**  
**Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

\*Call to Worship

*See, God has come to save me. I will trust in him and not be afraid.*

**The Lord God is my strength and my song; he has given me victory.**

*With joy you will drink deeply from the fountain of salvation!*

**In that wonderful day you will sing: Thank the Lord! Praise his name!**

*Tell the nations what he has done. Let them know how mighty he is!*

**Sing to the Lord, for he has done wonderful things. Make known his praise around the world.**

\*Opening Song "To God Be the Glory Lift Up Your Hearts #604

To God be the glory, great things he has done;

so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,

who yielded his life an atonement for sin,

and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory; great things he has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory; great things he has done.  
Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder,  
our transport, when Jesus we see.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory; great things he has done.

“Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down

Lift Up Your Hearts #510

Come, let us worship and bow down,  
Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.  
Come, let us worship and bow down,  
Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,  
And the sheep of his hand, just the sheep of his hand.

\*Opening Prayer

## **WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

The Lord's Supper

Communion song (sung during the passing of the bread)

“Behold the Lamb” Lift Up Your Hearts #840

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away

Slain for us and we remember The promise made that all

who come in faith Find forgiveness at the cross So we share  
in this Bread of Life And we drink of His sacrifice As a sign of  
our bonds of peace Around the table of the King  
The body of our Savior Jesus Christ Torn for you eat and  
remember The wounds that heal the death that brings us life  
Paid the price to make us one So we share in this Bread of  
Life And we drink of His sacrifice As a sign of our bonds of  
love Around the table of the King  
The blood that cleanses every stain of sin Shed for you drink  
and remember He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God So we share in this Bread of Life  
And we drink of His sacrifice As a sign of our bonds of grace  
Around the table of the King  
And so with thankfulness and faith we rise To respond and to  
remember Our call to follow in the steps of Christ As His  
body here on earth As we share in His suffering We proclaim  
Christ will come again And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King

Statement of Faith: "Jesus Loves Me" Lift Up Your Hearts #709

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.  
Jesus loves me - he who died heaven's gate to open wide.  
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.  
Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago,  
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Children's Message

## Congregational Prayer

### **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:1-3

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them. He said: <sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Message: Treasures of a Transformed Life: Humility

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

Lift Up Your Hearts #737

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Thou art the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me  
after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.  
Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Search me and try me, Master today! Open mine eyes, my  
sin show me now, as in thy presence humbly I bow.  
Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Wounded and weary, help me I pray! Power, all power,  
surely is thine! Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!  
Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Hold o'er my being absolute sway. Fill with thy Spirit till all  
shall see Christ only, always, living in me!

### **INSTALLATION of Rev. Lora Copley**

*Almighty God, Wisdom was your first creation and Wisdom was the architect by your side when you marked off the world's foundations.*

**Lord, grant us your wisdom to discern your truth and apply well in this time and place.**

*All truth is your truth and all your deeds are amazing. All who delight in them should ponder them.*

**Lord, give us a love of learning that will increase our reverence for you.**

*Leader: When you granted Solomon his request for wisdom, he established justice in Israel and his reputation brought honor to your name throughout the world.*

**Lord, grant us wisdom to do justice and mercy that your church may be the light of the world.**

*In the fullness of time, you sent us your Son, in whom lie all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. By the power of the cross, he made foolish the wisdom of the world and became our righteousness, our holiness and our redemption.*

**Lord, give us discernment to measure all this world's knowledge by the wisdom of your word.**

*Throughout this age you have sent your Spirit to raise up wise and godly men and women to lead your church, teach your people, and contribute to your kingdom in every way you desire.*

**Lord, give the spirit of wisdom to our leaders and teachers that they may follow your example.**

*You are the source of all knowledge. May our schools and universities be institutions where your knowledge is sought and taught.*

**Lord, grant that those who study your creation may come to the knowledge of its Creator.**

*We thank you for all these gifts you have given us. Reverence for you is the foundation of true wisdom and the rewards of understanding come to all who obey you.*

*Grant your people reverence and obedience so that our faith may not rest on human wisdom, but on your power in Jesus Christ.*

*Do you believe that in the call of this congregation and the Areopagus Campus Ministry, God calls you to this holy ministry?*

*Do you believe that the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and life?*

*Do you subscribe to the doctrinal standards of this church, rejecting all teaching that contradicts them?*

*Do you promise to be a faithful minister, to conduct yourself in a manner worthy of your calling, and to submit to the government and discipline of the church?*

*Lora Copley, what is your answer?*

**Answer: I do, God helping me.**

*People of God— Do you, in the name of the Lord, welcome Lora as the Areopagus Campus Ministry director and Minister of the Word? Do you promise to sustain her with your prayers, encourage her in the exercise of her tasks, and share with her in the work of her ministry?*

**Answer: We do, God helping us.**

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Blessing

\*Closing Song “God of Mercy, God of Grace”

Lift Up Your Hearts #934

God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of your face. Shine upon us, Savior, shine; fill your church with light divine; all your saving health extend unto earth's remotest end. Let the people praise you, Lord; be by all that live adored. Let the nations shout and sing glory to their gracious King; at your feet their tribute pay, and your holy will obey. Let the people praise you, Lord; earth shall then its fruits afford. Unto us your blessing give, we to your devoted live, all below and all above, one in joy and light and love.

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Stacy Hertz

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Naomi Friend, Holly Raak, Tara Tilstra

### **TODAY'S ACTIVITIES**

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

10:30 a.m. Fellowship

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS 8/7/22**

Communion: Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Congregation of Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for believers. If you are sorry for your sins and follow Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, you are invited to come to his table

The special offering this 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

The Elders and Pastor Randy will meet August 13 at 9 am for time of prayer and discussion. Prayer request can be given to any elder.

Please pray for Harrison Yoder and his fiancé, Grace Johnson. They will be married on the 13th of August. We pray that as they unite, God continues to lead them on their path for his work

**From the Fellowship committee Aug 21<sup>st</sup>** there will be a "Welcome meal" after church for everyone. We will be

specifically welcoming the Copleys and college students. Food will be provided by Tom Whitney

**The Education committee** is looking for a few new members, contact Rachel De Bruin if you are interested.

NAMI has a fall class starting on September 12<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8:30 pm, for 8 weeks, if you are interested, please visit their web site. For more information.

Pam Whitney will be out of the office till the 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month.

**Women's Bible Study** – Meet the first Monday of the month. 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 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

### **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**God's in Control - Not Us** - Check out the kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Before Joshua led the battle at Jericho,



the Lord commanded him to be strong and courageous. God promised to be with him. This week, take time to remember all the great things God has done for you. Rest easy that there is no problem too great for our God. Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content.

**Groundwork: When Discipleship Growth Stalls** - Sometimes the things we do and say are out of sync with the faith we profess to believe. Study Acts 10:34-48, Galatians 2:11-16, James 1:22-27, 1 John 1:8-10, and Philippians 3:12-14 with Groundwork to understand what God does for us in these situations and what we need to continue growing again as Christ's disciples today. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**World Renew DRS 50th Anniversary Tour** - At World Renew Disaster Response Services, we are grateful to celebrate 50 years of DRS! Our work with churches and volunteers is how Christ's hope and love is shared through disaster response, home repairs, and more. Join us on our anniversary tour in Pella, Iowa, at Pella Christian High School on September 14th from 4-7PM, open house style, to reconnect, join in fellowship with a meal, and more.

**Kentucky Flood Response:** - World Renew Disaster Response Services is preparing to assist the survivors of flash flooding in Kentucky. There has been heavy damage to buildings and homes, and more than 37 people have died. Please pray for Kentuckians affected by this devastation, and give generously to help families recover at [worldrenew.net](http://worldrenew.net) or call 800-552-7972 to give by credit card. You can also mail your check made out to World Renew, with "DRS-Kentucky Flooding 2022" in the memo line, to World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr SW, Byron Center, MI 49315-7400.

**Office of Diversity** Next Week is Diversity Sunday - On August 14, we will recognize and celebrate the growing number of non-Anglo congregations in the CRC. Learn more about the CRC Office of Diversity and consider giving to its mission as it serves and grows diverse leadership throughout the denomination. Check out the website: [crcna.org/Diversity](http://crcna.org/Diversity)

### **Nursery**

August 7 Pam N and Melody

August 14 Stacy and Chloe

August 21 Kenzie and Megan

August 28 Pam N and Caraline

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