

WORSHIP SERVICE
August 14, 2022
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

*Call to Worship Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

*Opening Song "Give Praise to Our God" Lift Up Your Hearts
#566

Give praise to our God and sing a new song

Amid all the saints God praises prolong

A song to your Maker and Ruler now raise,

All children of Zion, rejoice and give praise.

With timbrel and harp and joyful acclaim

With gladness and mirth, we praise your great name

For now in your people your pleasure you seek,

With robes of salvation adorning the meek.

In glory exult, you saints of the Word

With songs in the night high praises accord

Go forth in God's service, be strong in God's might

To conquer all evil and stand for the right.
For this is God's word: the saints shall not fail,
but over the earth the humble prevail;
all rulers and nations shall yield to their say.
To God give the Glory; sing praises for aye

"I Offer My Life"

Sing! A New Creation #218

All that I am, all that I have, I lay them down before you, O
Lord;

all my regrets, all my acclaim, the joy and the pain,
I'm making them yours. Lord, I offer my life to you,
everything I've been through, use it for your glory.
Lord, I offer my days to you, lifting my praise to you
as a pleasing sacrifice. Lord, I offer you my life.

Things in the past, things yet unseen,
wishes and dreams that are yet to come true;
all of my hopes, all of my plans,
my heart and my hands are lifted to you.

Lord, I offer my life to you, everything I've been through,
use it for your glory. Lord, I offer my days to you,
lifting my praise to you as a pleasing sacrifice.
Lord, I offer you my life.

What can we give that you have not given;
and what do we have that is not already yours? All we
possess are these lives we're living, and that's what we give
to you, Lord. Lord, I offer up my life to you,
everything I've been through,
use it for your glory. Lord, I offer my days to you,
lifting my praise to you as a pleasing sacrifice.
Lord, I offer you my life

*Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Our Father, we confess that often we do not consider others' needs above our own, as your word calls us to. We can get so caught up in seeing our time and our possessions as our own, to be used for our own needs primarily, and even exclusively. Lord, open our eyes to the ways in which we do that. And loosen our grip on the things we hold too tightly. Give us opportunities in this week to extend to others the hospitality which you extend to us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon *Psalm 103: 13-17*

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him.

Song of Entrusting "How Great Is the Love of the Father"

Lift Up Your Hearts #683

How great is the love of the Father, The love he has shown to us
So great that he calls us his children
And children of God we are
And children of God we are!
The world without God does not know us

Because it did not know Christ
Lord, help us to be pure and spotless
For children of God we are,
For children of God we are.
What we are to be in the future
As yet has not been made known
But when Christ returns we shall see him
And then we shall be like him
And then we shall be like him

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 13:1-6 (p:1116)

13 Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ² Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ³ Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

⁴ Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

⁶ So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?”

Message: Treasures of a Transformed Life: Hospitality

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response “Lord Make Us Servants”

Sing! A New Creation #204

Lord, make us servants of your peace: where there is hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we forgive; where there is strife, may we make one. Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow light; where all is tears, may we sow joy. Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek to be consoled, but to console, nor look to understanding hearts, but look for hearts to understand. May we not look for love’s return, but seek to love unselfishly, for in our giving we receive, and in forgiving are forgiven. Dying, we live, and are reborn through death’s dark night to endless day; Lord,

make us servants of Your peace to wake at last in heaven's light.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Blessing

*Closing Song "Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"

Lift Up Your Hearts #933

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;

fill our hearts with joy and peace.

Let us each, your love possessing,

triumph in redeeming grace.

O direct us and protect us

traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration

for your gospel's joyful sound.

May the fruits of your salvation

in our hearts and lives abound.

Ever faithful, ever faithful

to your truth may we be found.

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Deb Niehof

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Rex DeBruin, Char Verkade, Pam Voss

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

ANNOUNCEMENTS 8/7/22

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

Next week's special offering will be for Calvin Seminary. Please consider supporting the education of future pastors in the Christian Reformed Church. For more information, see: www.calvinseminary.edu

From the Fellowship committee Aug 21st 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.

Preseason games have started, so IT IS TIME to start thinking FANTASY FOOTBALL!!!

If you're interested in joining the league this year, here's the link:

https://football.fantasysports.yahoo.com/f1/1073240/invitation?key=b0c3be74832d395d&soc_trk=lnk&ikey=307eefe9576c0370. We'll probably have an online draft – but the Commish

could be talked into hosting a Draft Party if y'all are interested...It's really easy, so even if you haven't done it before you're welcome to join

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.

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 – UFO will meet on Monday August 15 at 7pm at Kelly Hobson's home. If you have any questions, please let Kelly know.

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 17th at 6:30 pm.

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Service: Read Mark 10:42-45 and ponder or discuss the following questions. Do you know someone who is an example of a “servant-leader”? What do you think motivates that person? In what areas of life are you a leader? How can you also serve in those areas? How might you cultivate the heart of a servant in imitation of Jesus? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

ReFrame Ministries

Groundwork: Discipleship During Life's Tragedies - What happens to our discipleship while we experience grief, pain,

frustration, anger, and the many other emotions we experience during these times? Join Groundwork as we study Job 1:13-22, Psalm 56:8, 1 Peter 5:7, and Job 42:10-11 to stay the course of discipleship during life's tragedies. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

A Heart for the Hurting - Check out the kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. In 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, Paul describes God as the God who comforts us so that we can comfort others. This week talk to your family about how we can show Jesus' love to a hurting friend. What does it look like for us to comfort others? Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

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.

Resonate Global Mission

Heading Off to Campus? - As you study, experience a multitude of perspectives and worldviews, and develop new relationships, why not also be part of a diverse community that gathers together to grow in faith and to engage God's world? There are over 35 CRC Campus Ministries on campuses across North America, comprised of students, faculty, and staff. To find out if there is one on your campus please check www.resonateglobalmission.org/campus-ministry/partner-campus-ministries No campus ministry at your school? You can also locate a nearby CRC here: crcna.org/church-finder For more information about our unique ministries, please contact us at campusministry@crcna.org

World Renew

World Renew DRS 50th Anniversary Tour - For 50 years, disaster survivors have been met with God's justice through church and volunteer partnership with World Renew Disaster Response Services. Come and celebrate all God has done at our 50th Anniversary Tour! We'll be in Pella, Iowa, at Pella Christian High School on September 14th from 4-7PM, open house style. More information can be found at worldrenew.net/drs-50th-anniversary-tour

Information Systems Director Position - World Renew is currently looking to hire an Information Systems Director to create and manage a vision for the information systems and technology needs at World Renew. This position will design strategies, priorities, and projects that achieve World Renew's strategic goals and objectives for programming, fundraising, and operations. The IS Director provides leadership for planning all technology initiatives, vision, goals, infrastructure, staffing, program training, evaluation, and budgeting. Details and a link to apply can be found at worldrenew.net/careers. The application deadline for this position is August 31, 2022.

CRC Communications

Free CRC Leadership Training Course - Register now to take the new Thriving Essentials virtual training in August at no cost (limit 25 persons). The two, 2-hour-long Zoom sessions on August 16 and 18 or August 22 and 29 can help get all church leaders on the same page concerning the key concepts of Mission, Discipleship, Discernment, and Leadership. Take the class for yourself, then decide if attendance would benefit your core church leadership. Website: crcna.org/Thrive

Office of Diversity

Today is Diversity Sunday - Today we recognize and celebrate the growing number of non-Anglo congregations in the CRC. Learn more about the CRC Office of Diversity and support its

mission with a donation as it serves and grows diverse leadership throughout the denomination. Please give online at: crcna.org/Diversity/donate

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Randy Raak
Sound : Tom Whitney
Nursery: Rachel and Chloe
Children's message: Deb Niehof

Nursery

August 14 Rachel and Chloe
August 21 Kenzie and Megan
August 28 Pam N and **Caraline**(looking for sub)
September 4 Rachel and Cassie
September 11 Mindy and Kristy
September 18 Melody and Chloe

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: