

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**September 11, 2022**  
**Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship Psalm 121:1-4

*I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from?*

**My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.**

*He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber;*

**indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

\* Opening Song:

“Praise To The Lord, The Almighty”      Lift Up Your Hearts #575

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of creation! O my soul,  
praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Come, all who hear;  
brothers and sisters draw near, join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wonderously reigning,  
sheltering you under his wings, oh, so gently sustaining. Have you  
not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do as with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O, let all that is in me adore him! All that has life  
and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound  
from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!

“I Lift My Eyes Up”

Sing! A New Creation #208

I lift my eyes up to the mountains

Where does my help come from? My help comes from You,

Maker of heaven, Creator of the earth. Oh, how I need You, Lord

You are my only hope You're my only prayer.

So I will wait for You To come and rescue me To come and give me life.

I lift my eyes up to the mountains Where does my help come from?  
My help comes from You, Maker of heaven, Creator of the earth.

\* Opening Prayer

## **WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

Prayer of Confession:

**Faithful God, sometimes forget about your providence and care for us. We worry about the future, and sometimes even wish we could control what will happen. Help us to trust that you do not abandon this world to chance or fate, but that your redemptive plan will prevail. In the name of our Savior we pray. Amen.**

Words of Assurance - from Luke 12:22-28

*Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes....*

*Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith!*

Profession of Faith by Colton and Jadya Niemeyer

Song of Entrusting: "Mighty To Save" Lift Up Your Hearts #611

Everyone needs compassion, A love that's never failing, Let mercy fall on me

Everyone needs forgiveness, The kindness of a Savior, The hope of nations

Savior He can move the mountains, My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save

Forever Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me, All my fears and failures, Fill my life again, I give my life to follow, Everything I believe in, Now I surrender

Savior He can move the mountains, My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save, Forever Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave

Shine your light and let the whole world see, We're singing, For the glory of the risen King, Jesus! Shine your light and let the whole world see, We're singing, For the glory of the risen King

Savior He can move the mountains, My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save, Forever Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Psalm 121 (p571)

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber;

<sup>4</sup> indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

<sup>5</sup> The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

<sup>6</sup> the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life;

<sup>8</sup> the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Message: Summer Songs - Eye In The Sky

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

Prayer of Application

\* Song of Response: "On Eagle's Wings" Sing! A New Creation #185

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!" And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.  
The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:  
under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.  
You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand. For to his angels is given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone. And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song: "We Receive Your Blessing" Up Your Hearts #947

We receive your blessing; we receive your grace,  
as we walk in the light shining from your face.

May the peace that you give change the way that we live.

We receive your blessing as we leave this place.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise him, all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, you heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and praise the Holy Ghost.  
We receive your blessing; we receive your grace,  
as we walk in the light shining from your face.  
May the peace that you give change the way that we live.  
We receive your blessing as we leave this place.  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
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We receive your blessing as we leave this place.

## Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Rev. Randy Raak

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Musicians: Rex DeBruin, Andrew Friend, Pam Voss

## **Today's Activities**

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:50 a.m. Sunday School

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS 9/11/22**

**The special offering this Sunday is for Resonate Global Missions,** Benjamin Groenewold and Trica VanDyk (John VanDyk's sister). They are missionaries to Lithuania. They both teach at LCC International University in Klaipeda Lithuania. LCC is a Christian liberal arts university that is uniquely placed to develop future leaders in a region of the world deeply damaged by Soviet rule. They have a few flyers on the table outside the sanctuary.

**The Education Committee** would like to welcome youth and adults for Sunday school following the service starting at 10:50-11:30. We will be commissioning Teachers today as well. This year's teachers are Rachel De Bruin & Jess-Irvin K/1st grade, Holly Raak-4th grade, Melody Franje-Middle school, and Pastor Raak will lead the high school. We are offering 2 adult classes this fall semester. Signs will be posted on classroom doors. We thank all our teachers, leaders, and education committee for giving their time and talents to better the education program here at TCRC! Prayers for them as well. Did you miss out being a teacher, its not too late, looking for a few **substitute teachers** for the year to help out occasionally. If you have any questions please contact Rachel De Bruin.

**First Adult Sunday school class:** Visual Arts in the Worshiping Church. This semester we will explore how Christians around the world reflect the truth of God's presence in their congregation using the visual arts. We will discuss three major Christian cultural traditions, Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant. In the following weeks we will explore local and global examples of art and architecture from these categories. We will also discuss the art within our own church and tradition. Will be led by Naomi Friend and Tom Niehof.

**Second Adult Sunday school class:** Vanishing Grace: Why does it seem that Christians are losing respect and influence in modern culture? If God's grace is great news, why are people not more drawn to the church? In this study, based on Philip Yancey's book and video series *Vanishing Grace*, we will discuss grace and how to more effectively share the gospel with others. Elaine Oftedal and Nancy Berns will facilitate. All ages welcome! Bring your cup of coffee and meet in room 7 at 10:50.

**"Fun and Fellowship at the Friend's Flower Farm"** The congregation is invited to a relaxing, fellowship time, at Andrew and Naomi's farm on Sun Sept 25th, starting around 5pm, come and go as you please. Hot dogs, chips, fruit, and smores will be provided. Bring lawn chairs and

grilling sticks if you have them. Questions - ask Andrew, Naomi, Melody F, or Elaine O.

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

**Labor Day Gratitude.** A big thank you goes out to the Fellowship Committee and all the many people who made the International Labor Day meal such a delight. Thank you to those who supplied the meal and the bars, the transportation and the decorations, the greetings and the games, the conversation and the clean-up. What a blessing!

**Areopagus Lunch Today(9/11).** Are you a post-high student - undergrad, Masters, PhD- with an appetite? You are invited to the Copleys for food and friendship today ~ 1107 Harding Ave. Find Lora after the service if you have questions. Looking forward to connecting!

**Family2Family Sale** – Mark your calendars for Trinity’s Family2Family Sale on **October 1 from 9 -1!** Rent a space to sell kids’ items or just come to shop. Find all the details and booth rental info on our website at <https://www.amestrinity.org/family2family-sale/>. Be sure to share this opportunity with local family and friends—printed flyers available on the table outside the office and our posted Facebook event.

**TRUNK or TREAT on FRIDAY** - The Trunk or Treat will be Friday, **October 28!** More information to come

### **SMALL GROUPS, Committees, & SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Sunday School Classes** meet at 10:50 am on Sunday

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

**UFO** will meet on the September 19<sup>th</sup> at Elaine Oftedal’s

**Women’s Bible Study** – Meets the first Monday of the Month

**Next Council meeting** will be September 14<sup>th</sup>

### **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## ReFrame Ministries

**Family Fire** - 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](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

**Thinking Good Things** - Check out the kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Today's verse encourages us to think about what is true, pure, right, holy, friendly, and proper. We need to think about ourselves this way too! Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content.

**The Lord's Prayer: Jesus Teaches Us How to Pray** - Prayer is an important spiritual discipline. It is simple and yet many of us find it challenging to pray. Join Groundwork as we study Jesus' teaching on prayer in Matthew 6:5-14 and 7:7-12 to learn more about how to pray and what to pray so that we develop a healthy spiritual habit that cultivates a relationship and strong communication with our God. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

## Other

### Faith Formation Ministries

#### Calvin University

**Calvin University Inauguration** - Calvin University will inaugurate its 12th president on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022. We invite you to join in person or watch online as we welcome Dr. Wiebe Boer and celebrate the legacy and future of Calvin. The ceremony will take place at 4:00pm Eastern in the Van Noord Arena (Calvin's campus, Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA). Watch [calvin.edu/go/inauguration](http://calvin.edu/go/inauguration) for information and events leading up to the Inauguration.

**Travel with Calvin University** - Join Prof. Gerry Van Kooten for a "volcanoes in the sun" tour of Hawaii's Big Island and Kauai in February 2023. On this tour you'll hike in Volcanoes National Park, visit Waimea

Canyon, tour a coffee production company, and stop at Pearl Harbor. See [calvin.edu/go/travel](http://calvin.edu/go/travel) for details.

**Calvin University School of Business** - You are cordially invited to attend (virtually or in person!) the dedication and ribbon cutting for the new Calvin University School of Business on September 14, 2022, from 5– 7:30 PM. Visit [calvin.edu/go/dedication](http://calvin.edu/go/dedication) to learn more, register, or find a livestream link.

**Resonate Global Mission**

**Mission Emphasis Week Begins! (for churches taking an offering for Resonate)** - Thank you for your offering to support God's mission through Resonate! As you celebrate missions, Resonate has developed a special devotional to take you from Sunday to Sunday and discover where the Spirit is at work in your life. Good for groups or individual devotions! You can find this devotion and other resources at [www.resonateglobalmission.org/missionemphasis](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/missionemphasis)

**CRCNA Position Opening** - Raise Up Global Ministries of the CRCNA is looking for a part-time (10 hrs/wk) Educational Care Program Manager. This position will lead and manage the assigned program, including building and resourcing a network of ministry partners, maintaining the quality of the program, and managing the deployment of the ministry's products and services. The Program Manager assists with fundraising for the ministry in collaboration with the Raise Up Director. Visit [www.crcna.org/jobs](http://www.crcna.org/jobs) for details.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Congregational Prayer: Randy Raak

Sound : Bryan Van Belle

Nursery: Mindy and Kristy

Children's message: Randy Raak

## **Nursery**

September 11 Mindy and Kristy

September 18 Melody and Chloe

September 25 Kristy and Colton

October 2 Donna and Jayden  
October 9 Elaine and Judy  
October 16 Stacy and Chloe  
October 23 Kenzie and Caraline

**Pastor Randy Raak: [pastor@amestrinity.org](mailto:pastor@amestrinity.org) or 928-699-9329**

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