

WORSHIP SERVICE
September 18, 2022

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship

"Come to Me all you who are weary and heavy burdened and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke and learn of Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Mt 11:28-29

"Yes, we will come to you, for you are the Lord our God.

surely in the Lord our God is the salvation of His people." Jer 3:22,23

* Opening Song: "Forever"

Lift Up Your Hearts #578

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King, His love endures forever

For He is good, He is above all things, His love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise, With a mighty hand and outstretched arm

His love endures forever, For the life that's been reborn

His love endures forever, Sing praise, sing praise

Sing praise, sing praise, Forever God is faithful

Forever God is strong, Forever God is with us

Forever Forever

From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever

And by the grace of God we will carry on, His love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise, Sing praise, sing praise

Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong

Forever God is with us' Forever and Ever

Forever God is faithful' Forever God is strong

Forever God is with us, Forever Forever

“Lord I Need You”

Lord I come I confess, bowing here I find my rest. And without you I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.

Lord I need you oh I need you. Ev'ry hour I need you. My one defense my righteousness. Oh God how I need you

Where sin runs deep your grace is more. Where grace is found is where you are. And where you are Lord I am free. Holiness is Christ in me. Where you are Lord I am free. Holiness is Christ in me

Lord I need you oh I need you. Ev'ry hour I need you. My one defense my righteousness. Oh God how I need you

So teach my song to rise to you. When temptation comes my way. And when I cannot stand I'll fall on you. Jesus you're my hope and stay. And when I cannot stand I'll fall on you. Jesus you're my hope and stay

Lord I need you oh I need you. Ev'ry hour I need you. My one defense my righteousness. Oh God how I need you

Lord I need you oh I need you. Ev'ry hour I need you. My one defense my righteousness. Oh God how I need you. My one defense my righteousness. Oh God how I need you

* Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Strong God, we confess we look to our own strength, to our work and our worry,

instead of looking to you.

We follow the devices and desires of our own hearts,

instead of following your commands.

We grumble against your timing. We grumble against your goodness.

We grumble against You. We are exhausted.

Forgive us, O Lord! Change us. Make us new.

May we put our full trust and hope and eyes on You, for the glory of Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Receive the good news: Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ. And Christ died for us. Christ rose for us. Christ reigns for us. Christ intercedes for us.

Know that in Christ alone, your hope and your rest is found. Accept your forgiveness in Him and be at peace.

Song of Entrusting: "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.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:25-31 (p:667)

²⁵ "To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One.

²⁶ Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

²⁷ Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸ Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

²⁹ He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

³¹ but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Message: While You Are Waiting

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "Turn Your Eyes"

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of His
glory and grace

Turn your eyes to the hillside, Where justice and mercy embrace
There the Son of God gave His life for us, And our measureless debt
was erased

Jesus to You we lift our eyes, Jesus our glory and our prize
We adore You behold You our Savior ever true

Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You, Turn your eyes to the morning
And see Christ the lion awake, What a glorious dawn fear of death is
gone

For we carry His life in our veins, Jesus to You we lift our eyes
Jesus our glory and our prize, We adore You behold You our Savior
ever true

Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You, Turn your eyes to the heaven
Our King will return for His own, Every knee will bow, every tongue
will shout

All glory to Jesus alone!, Jesus to You we lift our eyes
Jesus our glory and our prize, We adore You behold You our Savior
ever true

Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You

Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Good To Me"

Lift Up Your Hearts #620

I cry out for your hand of mercy to heal me.

I am weak; I need your love to free me.

O Lord, my rock, my strength in weakness-

Come rescue me, O Lord.

I cry out for your hand of mercy to heal me.

I am weak; I need your love to free me.

O Lord, my rock, my strength in weakness-

Come rescue me, O Lord.

You are my hope; your promise never fails me.

And my desire is to follow you forever.

For you are good, for you are good, for you are good to me.

For you are good, for you are good for you are good to me.

I cry out for your hand of mercy to heal me.

I am weak; I need your love to free me.

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Come rescue me, O Lord.

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Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Rev. Lora Copley

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Musicians: Ben Giles, Elijah Hufford, Laura Hufford, Chloe Schweingruber-Berns, Breanna Sterenberg, Nate VanDyk

Today's Activities

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:50 a.m. Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS 9/18/22

Wednesday afternoon/evening, September 21. The Building and Grounds Committee is organizing a church clean-up, multigenerational activity. Work likely to be undertaken includes trimming the hedges on the east property line, splitting firewood from the downed tree, picking up any fallen sticks, weeding the flower beds and rock area, spreading mulch, etc. Supper will be provided by the fellowship committee, followed up by smores over the fire pit. Jeff will be there to **start things off around 4 in the afternoon. Come when you can!**

The Education Committee Did you miss out being a teacher, not to 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. Address: 16117 550th Ave, Story City, Questions - ask Andrew, Naomi, Melody F, or Elaine O.

The special offering next week will be for **Bethany Christian Services**, an organization that works to bring and keep families together through services including adoption, foster care, and pregnancy & family counseling. For more information, see: www.bethany.org/about-us

A copy of the directory has been printed off and is on the table by the office, please supply any updates/new contact information for the church. There are blank lines at the end of the list for new adds, otherwise cross out and add updates. If you have questions please talk to

Pam Whitney or send email to Office@amestrinity.org, Thank you for keeping our information up to date.

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 19th at Elaine Oftedal’s

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

Next Council meeting will be October 12th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

The Tongue is Like a Spark - Check out the kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. When James says, “The tongue is like a spark,” he’s comparing our words to fire. Just like how a tiny spark can start a cozy campfire or a devastating forest fire, your words can help or hurt those around you. Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Groundwork: Jesus Teaches about Money, Worry, and Judging People - Jesus continues to teach us what it means to live as his redeemed followers. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 6:19-7:5 to learn what it means to have a kingdom perspective on our money and how this kingdom perspective influences how we think about our security and

about other people. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Calvin University

Israel & Jordan Study Tour (March 30 - April 11, 2023) - Travel to New Testament sites connected with Jesus' life and the early church: Bethlehem, Nazareth, Caesarea, Capernaum, Bethsaida, Sea of Galilee, Caesarea Philippi, the major biblical places in Jerusalem, Masada, and much more. This tour also uniquely involves key biblical sites in Jordan, including the amazing city of Petra. Contact Dr. Jeff Weima at wemje@calvinseminary.edu or 616-328-3110.

Resonate Global Mission

Mission Emphasis Week (for churches taking an offering for Resonate) - Thank you for your gift to support God's mission through Resonate! Resonate Global Mission is committed to walking alongside you and your church as you follow God on mission in your own community and discover God at work around the globe. Find out how your support makes a difference, or look for opportunities to get involved, at www.resonateglobalmission.org

Social Justice

September 2022 Safe Church Webinar: Step 4 - Practice Being Restorative - Join us live on September 21, 2022, at 12 pm (EDT) for our 4th webinar in our Safe Church Basics Series: Practice Being Restorative. In restorative congregations, all in the church interact with empathy and respect, listening with one another as they go forward as the body of Christ even amidst conflict. To register for this event: <https://bit.ly/SCwebinarSeptember22>

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Tom Niehof
Sound : Tom Whitney
Nursery: Melody and Kathlyn
Children's message: Lora Copley

Nursery

September 18 Melody and Kathlyn

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

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