

WORSHIP SERVICE
October 9, 2022
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

- * God's Greeting
- * We Greet One Another
- * Call to Worship^{Psalm 86:5, Psalm 13:5}

The Lord is good and abounding in love to all who call upon him.

Praise the Lord!

We trust in your unfailing love.

We will praise the Lord as long as we live.

Our hearts rejoice in your salvation.

Sing praises to our God!

- * Opening Song: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
Lift Up Your Hearts #521

Come thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount – I'm fixed upon it
mount of God's unchanging love
Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;

he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood
Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee;
prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

"I Love You, Lord"

Sing! A New Creation #16

I love you, Lord
and I lift my voice
to worship you;
O my soul, rejoice
Take joy, my King,
in what you hear;
may it be a sweet,
sweet sound in your ear.

* Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess we have not loved you with our whole heart and mind.

In your mercy, forgive us.

There are deep valleys in our lives that separate us from you and from one another.

We love with condition. We judge. We condemn.

We are too inclined towards anger, jealousy, ambition and pride.

**In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are and
direct us in your will.**

Assurance of Pardon^{1 John 1:5-7}

God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

Song of Entrusting: "Your Mercy Flows"

Sing! A New Creation #68

Your mercy flows upon us like a river.

Your mercy stands unshakable and true.

Most holy God, of all good things the giver,

We turn and lift our fervent prayer to you.

Women (Men repeat)

Hear our cry (Hear our cry)

O Lord (O Lord)

Be merciful (be merciful)

Once more (once more)

Let your love (Let your love)

Your anger stem (your anger stem)

Together

Remember mercy, O Lord, again

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Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: James 2:1-13(p:1119)

¹ My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. ² Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³ If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," ⁴ have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong? ⁸ If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself,"^[a] you are doing right. ⁹ But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. ¹¹ For he who said, "You shall not commit adultery,"^[b] also said, "You shall not murder."^[c] If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker. ¹² Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, ¹³ because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Message: Faith that Works - Acceptance

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "Beneath The Cross" Lift Up Your Hearts #825

Beneath the cross [of Jesus](#) I [find a place](#) to stand,
And wonder at such mercy That calls me as I am;
For hands that should discard me Hold wounds which tell me,
"Come."

Beneath the cross of Jesus My unworthy soul is won.
Beneath the cross of Jesus His family is my own—
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams, Now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus See the children called by God.
Beneath the cross of Jesus— The path before the crown—
We follow in His footsteps Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us To be His perfect bride;
Beneath the cross of Jesus We will gladly live our lives.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "My Friends May You Grow In Grace" Lift Up
Your Hearts #938

My friends, may you grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord
and Savior.

My friends, may you grow in grace, and in the knowledge of Jesus
Christ.

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Mary Saucedo

Message: Rev Randy Raak

Musicians: Rex DeBruin, Char Verkade, Pam Voss

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Sawyer Elementary Winter Clothing Drive: Our local elementary school, Abbie Sawyer Elementary, is holding a winter clothing drive for students who do not have access to suitable winter clothing. We will be collecting winter coats, hats, mittens and gloves in children's sizes from now until October 23. These can be new or gently used. A collection tub will be in the church entryway. If you don't want to pick something out, another option would be a gift card to TJ Maxx, Walmart or Target. This is a great opportunity to help children in our community with something very practical. Thank you from the TCRC Outreach Committee!!

Sunday School Schedule for 2022/23: October 2,9,16,23,30, November 6,13,20 No class 27th due to Thanksgiving, December 4, 11 (probable Christmas program practice) Christmas Program Dec 18, January 8,15,22,29, February 5,12,19,26, March 5,19,26 (12th Spring Break)' April 2,16,23,30 (Easter 9th), May 7 (last day of class)

First Adult Sunday school class: Visual Arts in the Worshiping Church. Will be led by Naomi Friend and Tom Niehof.

Second Adult Sunday school class: Vanishing Grace:. Elaine Oftedal and Nancy Berns will facilitate. All ages welcome!

AN EVENING WITH C.S.LEWIS, at Stephens Auditorium, Ames, - **Thursday Oct 13 at 7.30pm**. David Payne will perform his much acclaimed one man show of CS Lewis. Discounted tickets can be purchased through the ISU Center website using the discount code DAVID. <https://www.center.iastate.edu/>

General Elections November 8th A reminder that the church will be a polling place for the general election on November 8th. Equipment will

be delivered on the 7th, people will be in the church from 6 am till 8 pm. They are thankful that we allow the use of our building for this event.

TRUNK or TREAT will be Friday, **October 28!** We will have refreshments, photobooth, tattoos, 5 blowups to play on, and of course the trunk or treat stop. Please mark your calendar to help with this event or to bring your family. Contact Mark Voss with any questions, signups to come soon.

Biblical Study Tour to Italy (May 22 - June 2, 2023): Visit the Vatican with its Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Cathedral; the impressive monuments of ancient Rome; Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius; Assisi (home of St. Francis); Florence; Ravenna; and St. Mark's Basilica in Venice. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational tour. Contact Dr. Weima at weimje@calvinseminary.edu or [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110).

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 meets the 3rd Monday of the Month

Women's Bible Study – Will first Monday of the month at 9am. Faith practice will be on Wonder. When was the last time you experienced wonder? Have you experienced wonder in a challenging time? What great wonder do you see in Christ's sacrifice? Meditate on Psalms 139. Discussion sheets on table by office for anyone, questions, contact Melody (515.233.0687)

Next Council meeting will be October 12th

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. Subscribe

for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

Who is Welcome - Check out the kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Our churches are homes too. They are a home for our church family, a place where we learn about and worship God. How can you help your church family members feel like they belong today? Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Groundwork: God's Perfect Peace - How do we find the strength to say "it is well with our souls," even when our circumstances leave us feeling uncertain or anxious? Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Isaiah 26:3-4, Jeremiah 6:13-14, and Numbers 6:22-26 to better understand the truth of God's perfect peace and discover how we can experience it for ourselves, even when our lives aren't very peaceful. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

World Renew

Help Survivors of Hurricane Ian - World Renew Disaster Response Services is making plans to respond to Hurricane Ian in southwest Florida. Ian is one of the top 5 storms to hit Florida in the last 100 years along with Andrew, Charley, Wilma, and Irma. Many homes are underwater from heavy rain and historic storm surge. You can help by praying for those most affected and by giving generously to World Renew at worldrenew.net/donate, calling 800-552-7972, or mailing your check made out to World Renew DRS, with Hurricane Ian Response 2022 in the memo line to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Drive, Byron Center, MI, 49315-7400.

CRC Communications

Restorative Practices Training - Learn how to design and facilitate proactive listening circles for a variety of topics and occasions at our two-day training in Restorative Practices for Faith Communities. CRCNA staff members Andrew Oppong and Eric Kas of Social Justice and Safe Church will partner to offer the training at the CRCNA offices

(1700 28th St. SE) in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on October 27-28th (a Thursday/Friday), and will introduce participants to FaithCARE's framework and vision for restorative congregations. The cost of this training is \$100 and includes lunch. Learn more at network.crcna.org/biblical-justice/restorative-practices-faithcare-training

Safe Church

Safe Church October Domestic Violence Awareness Webinar with Selah Empowers - National domestic violence awareness month

happens in October in the U.S. and in November in Canada. On Thursday, October 13th, 12pm (Eastern) Safe Church is hosting a webinar with Selah Empowers. Selah offers support that empowers lives and homes. It was started out of Heritage Christian Reformed Church in Byron Center in 2018 when its leadership recognized the need to offer help through the church for those victimized by abuse. To find out more and register, visit: <https://bit.ly/SCwebinarselah>

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Randy Raak

Sound : Tom Whitney

Nursery: Elaine and Judy

Children's message: Mary Saucedo

Greeters

October 9 Tom and Pam Whitney

October 16 Elaine and Tom Oftedal

October 23 Kristy and Jeff Kopaska

October 30 Pam and Joel Niemeyer

November 6 Sue Fee

Nursery

October 9 Elaine and Judy

October 16 Stacy and Chloe

October 23 Kenzie and Caraline

October 30 Pam N and Cassie

November 6 Rachel and Donna

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