

WORSHIP SERVICE
November 13, 2022
World Hunger Sunday

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

*Call to Worship (from Isaiah 25:4,6-9)

The Lord is a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy, a shelter from the storm

and a shade from the heat.

The Lord Almighty will prepare for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine

– the choicest meat and finest wines.

He will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all

faces, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day:

“Behold, this is our God! We have waited for Him and He saved us. This is the Lord. Let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”

*Opening Song: “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

Lift Up Your Hearts #534

All who hunger, gather gladly;

holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wandering.

Here in truth we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness,

all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal.

Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.
All who hunger, sing together,
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here in peace we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

* Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

For our faithlessness to you and to one another.

Lord, have mercy.

For our forgetting those who hunger for food and for justice.

Lord, have mercy.

For keeping our bread to ourselves and our table invitations for the well-fed.

Lord, have mercy.

For filling our hearts with the temporary and neglecting the eternal.

Forgive us, Lord! Change our hearts, O God, and, by your power, make us new.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: “though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.” (2 Cor 8:9) Jesus is our substitute- taking the wrath we deserve and giving us the banquet he deserves. Receive His forgiveness and glorify Him.

Song of Entrusting: “In Our Lives Lord, Be Glorified”

Lift Up Your Hearts #861

In our lives, Lord be glorified, be glorified; In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.

In our homes, Lord be glorified, be glorified; In our homes, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord be glorified, be glorified; In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord be glorified, be glorified; In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

Children’s Message

Song of Giving: “Use These Gifts” Lift Up Your Hearts #881

Use these gifts to lift the lowly.

Use these gifts to raise the humble.

Use these gifts to feed the hungry.

Guide us on your way.

Use these gifts to show the nations
what it means to find salvation.

Use these gifts and those who give them.

Make us yours, O God, we pray

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading: Luke 14:7-15 (p:963)

⁷ When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸ “When someone invites you

to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹ If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹ For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." ¹² Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous" ¹⁵ When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God."

Message: Our Dinner Invitations

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: "Here From All Nations" vs 1,3-4

Lift Up Your Hearts #490

Here from all nations, all tongues, and all peoples, countless the crowd but their voices are one. Vast is the sight and majestic their singing: "God has the victory: he reigns from the throne!"

Gone is their thirst and no more shall they hunger; God is their shelter, his power at their side. Sun shall not pain them, no burning will torture; Jesus the Lamb is their shepherd and guide.

He will go with them to clear living water flowing from springs which his mercy supplies. Gone is their grief, and their trials are over. God wipes away every tear from their eyes.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Blessing

*Closing Song: "Here From All Nations" vs 5

Lift Up Your Hearts #490

Blessing and glory and wisdom and power be to the Savior again and again. Might and thanksgiving and honor forever be to our God: Alleluia! Amen.

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Rev Lora Copley

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Musicians: Rex DeBruin, Char Verkade, Pam Voss

Today's Activities

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:50 a.m. Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

Peter Fish - Over 1 billion people around the world are hungry. This week, we'll be observing World Hunger Sunday. God gives us food for the body and food for the spirit. He has a place for all of us at His table. worldrenew.net/worldhunger. We will collect the Peter Fish on November 13th. There are booklets in the basket on the table by the office, be sure to grab one to go with your Peter Fish.

The special offering this week will be for **World Renew/Peter Fish Collection**. which helps alleviate long-term poverty through integrated programs in health, agriculture, income-earning, literacy,

and leadership development. Your prayers, involvement, and contributions make this work possible!

The special offering for next week will be for **Tyler and Christina Helfer**, who will be moving to Stellenbosch, South Africa, where Tyler will serve as pastor to an international church (SIF). The church exists to be a "global family in Christ", serving students, migrant workers, and refugees from around the world. Please consider a gift towards Tyler and Christina's work to reach out to non-Christians with the Gospel, and to disciple Christians to be witnesses to Christ and the Kingdom in all areas of life

Areopagus Campus **Thanksgiving Meal- Sunday noon, November 20**: Mark your calendars for a special after-church meal! Trinity CRC, with Ministry, are putting on a special Thanksgiving turkey (ham) dinner for church family and friends from our international student community. Dinner will be served approximately 11:45 am, and hope that our College students would stay for this event to help the fellowship committee with the prep at 11 am. What a fun and filling way to bless our community! See table by the office to sign up for bringing a dessert. **A big Thank you goes out to Melody's Sunday School class, who spent last Sunday making the table center pieces for this meal THANK YOU!** (Contact the Fellowship Committee or Lora Copley with questions.)

The **first Sunday of Advent is Nov. 27** this year, the Sunday following Thanksgiving. Please sign up on the signup sheet located on the table by the office if you would like to sponsor a plant.. The plants will be \$10 each this year, and the order cut off date will be November 27th. Please contact Pam Voss with any questions

As many of you are aware, the **Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines** (CFGDM) works

with the Endowment Committee to administer our fund. They have posted a series of 'explainer' videos, each one approximately 2 minutes long, available on-line that do a good job of explaining a variety of charitable topics. For those interested the CFGDM web site is <https://www.desmoinesfoundation.org/your-giving>.

Endowment Committee As we get closer to the end of the year, this is a reminder to get your requests in for the endowment. Just need to fill out the form, which you can get from Pam Whitney (print or email to you). These are due by the end of the year. Contact Tom Oftedal with any questions.

The Fellowship committee would like to invite you to sign up for treats. Serving treats to our church family is a great way to show your love for them and to help the fellowship committee out. You can serve your own treats or they will do the work of serving and clean up. Please consider signing up for a Sunday that works for you and let them know if you want to serve or let them do the work.

Sunday School Schedule for 2022/23: November 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!

Pastor Randy will be gone from Thursday the 10th through Thursday the 17th. Please contact your Elder with issues during this time.

Pam Whitney will be gone from November 30th till December 12th. Please try to get announcements in by Tuesday AM that week so the bulletin and announcements can get sent out and printed.

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

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 the 3rd Monday of the Month

Women's Bible Study – Meets the first Monday of the month.

Next Council meeting will be December 14th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

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.

Grandpa, Tell Me God's Story - Check out the kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Let's tell the stories of God's faithfulness to the people around us. Whether we are young or old, let's share the good news of Jesus. Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Christmas Hope and the Women in Jesus' Family Tree - is a five-part Bible study podcast series and ebook from Groundwork exploring the stories of Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary. Through their experiences, we hear the message that no matter how broken we may feel, Jesus Christ came into our world to conquer sin, the root cause of our brokenness. Get it when you subscribe to Groundwork at groundworkonline.com/christmashope

Groundwork: Understanding God's Judgement - Judgment and consequences can feel unfair and mean. Join our Groundwork

conversation as we study Ezekiel 14 and 22 to better understand God's judgment: where it comes from, what it means, why it's necessary, and why it's also a source of grace. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Resonate Global Mission, Social Justice, World Renew

Free Advent Devotion: Prepare the Way - Join World Renew, Resonate, and CRCNA Social Justice as we reflect on what it means to "prepare the way for the Lord" in the midst of injustice, conflict, and creation that groans. Sign up to receive reflections every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in Advent at crcna.org/advent
World Renew

Give Thanks and Share Hope on Thanksgiving Day - In two weeks, we will join World Renew and Free A Family® participants in giving thanks to God for the generosity that is helping hungry families to journey away from poverty and injustice. Through our Free A Family offering on Thanksgiving Day, you share Christ's hope with families through climate-adaptive agriculture and income-generation, community health support, and peace and justice training to encourage learning and healing. For more information, go to: worldrenew.net/free-a-family

Greeters

November 13 Bakers

November 20 Bergman

November 27 De Bruin

December 4 Copley

December 11 Franje

December 18 Friend

December 25 Voss

Nursery

November 13 Mindy and Alisabeth

November 20 Melody and Jessica

November 27 Kristy and Jayden
December 4 Elaine and Kathlyn
December 11 Judy and Megan
December 18 Jessica and Cassie
December 25 No Nursery for holiday
January 1 Rachel and Kristy

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