

WORSHIP SERVICE
November 20, 2022
Thanksgiving Sunday

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship

Praise the Lord, all his works, everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord!

We will enter His gates with thanksgiving. And come into His courts with praise.

We will give thanks to Him and bless His name.

For the Lord is good! His love endures forever.

His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Praise the Lord!

* Opening Song: "Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah!"

Lift Up Your Hearts #518

Praise the Lord! Sing hallelujah! Come, our great Redeemer praise

I will sing The glorious praises Of my God through all my days

Put no confidence in princes Nor on human help depend

They shall die To dust returning All their thoughts and plan shall end

Happy are The ones professing Jacob's God to be their aid

They are blest Whose hope of blessing On the Lord their God is stayed

Heaven and earth The Lord created Seas and all that they contain

He delivers from oppression Righteousness he will maintain

Food he daily give the hungry Sets the mourning prisoner free

Raises those Bowed down with anguish Makes the sightless eyes to see

God our Savior love the righteous And the stranger he befriends

Helps the orphan and the widow Judgment on the wicked sends

Praise the Lord! Sing hallelujah!

Come, our great Redeemer praise I will sing The glorious praises

Of my God through all my days Over all God reigns forever
Through all ages he is King Unto him Your God, O Zion Joyful hallelujahs
sing

“Let All Things Now Living” *Lift Up Your Hearts #5*

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o’er us, his light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.
His law he enforces; the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

*Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Remember not, O Lord, all the ways we turn from You:

We turn inward and trust in ourselves—

I In our power and the strength of our hands.

We turn outward and make your gifts into idols—

Looking to the state, stuff, science, success, approval and comfort to solve our problems.

We turn away from those you call us to care for—

The hungry, the hurting, the prisoner, the fatherless and the lonely.

Deliver us from our sin, as we sing our confession to you:

Song of Confession: "Remember Not, O God"

Lift Up Your Hearts #632, 1-2

Remember not, O God,
The sins of long ago;
In tender mercy visit us,
Distressed and humbled low.
O Lord, our Savior, help,
And glorify your Name;
Deliver us from all our sins
And take away our shame.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hear the good news: Through the blood of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Your face is turned towards God and He smiles upon you. Blessed are
those whose hope is in the LORD their God.*

Song of Entrusting: "Remember Not, O God"

Lift Up Your Hearts #632, 3

Then, safe within your fold,
We will exalt your Name;
Our thankful hearts with songs of joy
Your goodness will proclaim.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Psalm 146 (p:580)

¹ Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, my soul.

² I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

³ Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save.

⁴ When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.

⁵ Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God.

⁶ He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them— he remains faithful forever.

⁷ He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free,

⁸ the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down,

the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

¹⁰ The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD.

Message: Thanksgiving

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "We Praise You O God"

Lift Up Your Hearts #560

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring
We lay it before you, We kneel and adore you
We bless you holy name, glad praises we sing
We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers
Through life's storm and tempest our
guide you have been
When perils o'er take us, you never forsake us
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win
With voices united our praises we offer
Our songs of thanksgiving to you we now raise
Your strong arm will guide us,
our God is beside us
To you, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise!

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Now Thank We All Our God"

Lift Up Your Hearts #543

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Mary Saucedo

Message: Rev Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Naomi Friend, Holly Raak

Today's Activities

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:50 a.m. Sunday School

12:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Meal

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The special offering for this 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

Thanksgiving Meal- Sunday noon, November 20: Mark your calendars for a special after-church meal, everyone is welcome! Trinity CRC, with Areopagus, is serving a special Thanksgiving dinner for church family and friends from our international student community. Dinner will be served approximately 12:00 pm (noon), and hope that our College/Grad 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. (Contact the Fellowship Committee or Lora Copley with questions.)

A big Thank you goes out to MiddleSchool class, who spent last Sunday making the table center pieces for this meal THANK YOU!

The education committee invites the congregation, family and friends to our youth Christmas Program, Dec 18th, following the service. After the program we invite all to stay for a potluck meal of soup, sides and dessert! Last names starting with A-K soup, L-O sides (veggie/fruits, cheese/meat/cracker tray, etc), P-Z dessert. Look for an upcoming announcement regarding our annual Gingerbread house building!

Council has received and accepted the membership papers and credentials of Pastor SJ Kim and chaplain Young Kim from Ames Korean CRC. Please welcome them to full communion and fellowship at TCRC.

A group of women from Trinity have volunteered to offer a Bible study for the women at The Bridge Home on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

Looking for some Volunteers to help Rachel Lyare, she is looking for rides to and from Waukee and Des Moines for her nursing classes. for the month of December. If you think you can help please contact Mary Saucedo.

Reminder as we move to winter, please make sure to wipe you feet, as we had someone track mud from the front door to the fellowship hall and then to the bathrooms last week. Thanks for your attention to keeping our church home clean.

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 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!

Pam Whitney will be gone from November 30th till December 12th. Please try to get announcements in by Tuesday November 29th in the 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

Generous in All Things - Check out the kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Thank God for all the ways he's been generous. How can you show generosity? It's not about how much you have, but what you do with what you have. Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Resonate Global Mission, Social Justice, World Renew

"Prepare the Way" - Free Advent Devotion - Prepare the Way is an email devotional series put together by World Renew, Resonate, and CRCNA Social Justice that features reflections from people with CRC ministries around the world during Advent 2022. Sign up to receive the email devotions every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in Advent at crcna.org/advent.

World Renew

Help Open Doors to Blessings for Vulnerable Families this Thanksgiving - Next week we celebrate Thanksgiving, and one way to give thanks for God's blessings is to care for vulnerable people worldwide. Through World Renew's Free A Family[®] program in Honduras, Merlyn benefitted from training in climate-smart agriculture, small business management, and more. Through our gifts and offerings to World Renew on Thanksgiving Day,

we can bless more families like Merlyn's. Find out more at worldrenew.net/free-a-family

Join World Renew in Giving Thanks with Today's Offering - Happy Thanksgiving! Through World Renew's Free A Family[®] program, Sandress and Loyce in Zambia joined a savings group that has blessed their family immensely. Sandress says, "We used to eat just one meal a day, but now we have three balanced meals every day." Thanks be to God! Please give generously to Free A Family today to help families in communities where World Renew works around the world to eat better, stay healthier, and overcome poverty. To become a monthly donor, call 1-800-552-7972, or sign up online at worldrenew.net/free-a-family. Thank you!

Safe Church

Safe Church 2022 Webinar Series: Safe Church Basics - Webinar 5: Responding to Abuse with Compassion and Justice - This webinar will feature Rev. Amanda Benckhuysen and Rev. Eric Kas as they walk through the basics of responding to an abuse allegation. This fifth step will premiere November 30th at 12 pm ET as a pre-recorded video resource on our YouTube Channel: [Youtube.com/SafeChurchMinistry](https://www.youtube.com/SafeChurchMinistry). We will also be hosting a watch party with many Safe Church Coordinators of Classes - all are invited as well to share via chat, ask questions, and connect briefly together at 1 pm ET (10am PT). You may register for this Collective Zoom Watch Meeting here: <https://bit.ly/SCwebinar5>

Chaplaincy

Today is Chaplaincy Sunday - Churches throughout the CRCNA are taking time to pray for and encourage the frontline work of chaplains today. The Chaplaincy and Care Ministry endorses, trains, advocates and provides care for these specialized ministers and pastors as they serve in institutional settings. Support this essential and exciting ministry by giving at: crcna.org/Chaplaincy/Donate

Greeters

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| November 20 | Bergman |
| November 27 | De Bruin |
| December 4 | Copley |
| December 11 | Franje |
| December 18 | Friend |

December 25 Voss

Nursery

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