

WORSHIP SERVICE
April 16, 2023
Second Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (Ephesians 3:15-21, in first person)

Dear Father, as your children we kneel before You, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

We pray that, out of your glorious riches, You may strengthen us with power through your Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith.

And we pray that, being rooted and established in love, we may have power, together with all your holy people,

That we may grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know your love that surpasses knowledge—that we may be filled to the measure of all your fullness.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

* Opening Song: "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" vs. 1,2,3,5 LUYH #205

Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light! Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Jesus is risen and we shall arise: give God the glory! Alleluia!

Walking the way, Christ in the center, telling the story to open our eyes; breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus, our blessing, our constant surprise. Jesus is risen and we shall arise: give God the glory! Alleluia!

Jesus the vine, we are the branches, life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree; heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me. Jesus is risen and we shall arise: give God the glory! Alleluia!

City of God, Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb, river of life, saints, and archangels, sing with creation to God the I Am. Jesus is risen and we shall arise: give God the glory! Alleluia!

“Come To Us, Beloved Stranger” *Lift Up Your Hearts #207*

Come to us, beloved Stranger, as you came that Easter day. Walk with us to our Emmaus, for we need you still today. Come to us when we are broken, when our dearest hopes are lost, speak to us the prophets’ message you fulfilled upon the cross.

Stay with us and give us blessing, that our hopes again may rise.

Offer us your broken body; open our unseeing eyes. Come to us, God’s love embodied; touch our hearts with burning flame. Risen Christ, once dead, now living, come to us through joy, through pain.

We would never fail to see you as you walk with us each day. As a friend and not a stranger you would join us on our way. Help us trust that through your mercy we can doubt and fear transcend, and to others be a blessing. Keep us faithful till life’s end.

*Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession (from Ephesians 4)

Lord, you call us to live a life worthy of the purpose and meaning you have given us.

You call us to live as children of light in a world dimmed by its distance from you.

Help us to live with humility and gentleness, instead of self-promotion and greed.

Help us to be encouraging instead of critical; to build unity instead of division.

Help us use the talents you’ve given us to build up your body, for your honor and glory. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Ephesians 4:11-15)

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the

fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.”

Song of Entrusting: “You Are My King, Amazing Love”

LUYH #360

Children’s Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:1-14(p:1088)

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
² To God’s holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:
Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people— ⁵ the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God’s grace. ⁷ You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. ⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Message: Identity in Christ - Living in Hope

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: "Living Hope"

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope
Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope
Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope
Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
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Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa
Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me

You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope
Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope
Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Blessing

*Closing Song: "Lift High the Cross" vs 1, 4, 5, 7 *Lift Up Your Hearts* #264

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. O Lord, once lifted on the tree of pain, draw all the world to seek you once again.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. Let every race and every language tell of him who saves our lives from death and hell

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory! Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Lora Copley

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Laura Hufford, Elijah Hufford, Maggie VanDyk

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

Next Week's Special Offering is for MICA Mid-Iowa Community Action, Inc. (MICA) is a private, nonprofit organization serving children and families in central Iowa

Congregational meeting: On April 30 after the morning service, we'll have a brief congregational meeting to consider 2 items. **First**, the council is presenting the following names for the office of elder (2 positions): Rex DeBruin and Tom Kuyper; and the following names for the office of deacon (3 positions): Mark Irvin, Tom Whitney, and Joseph Yoder. If anyone has questions or reservations, you are welcome to submit them to any council member.

Second, Rev. SJ Kim has been working diligently over the past months to launch a hybrid on-line/micro-church, named Church Beyond Borders. The purpose is to provide worship, spiritual care, and discipleship opportunities to 2nd generation Korean Americans who have dis-engaged from traditional Korean churches. This is considered a church plant by our Classis NorthCentral Iowa and Resonate Global Ministries. As such, it needs a "mother church". And as Rev. Kim's home church, that privilege would come to us. We'll hear about Church Beyond Borders and have an opportunity to ask questions at that meeting. You can learn more at churchbeyondborders.com – and we'll get more information to you in advance of the meeting.

Deb Niehof's surgery on March 31 was successful. She is home from the hospital and scheduled to start chemotherapy on April 14. Thanks for your prayers.

A hearty **Thank You** to the Areopagus team for their work in the yard. Your efforts will keep us from being snowed under in our spring work. Bless you for your help. Sincerely, Tom and Deb Niehof

Thank you so much for the support for our family during this time of grief and sadness with the recent passing of our dear friend, Merlin and Rachel's Dad, Paul. We so appreciate the thoughtfulness of everyone with cards, gifts and prayers. Rex, Rachel, Natalie and Nora De Bruin

Dear Trinity family, On behalf of our whole Areopagus team, we'd like to **THANK YOU** for being an absolutely beautiful partner in our community of disciples. We have been so blessed by you-- from regular encouragement to a place to use our gifts. A special thanks to those who have hosted our meal and game nights this year! We've had great food and fun games at the Raak, Kopaska, Hufford,

Oftedal, and Voss families-- not to mention the extra goodies provided by Sue Fee, Jane Sterenberg and the Niehofs. Part of our Resurrection joy is the life our Risen Lord gives us with you, His family. Thank you! Lora, with the Areopagus group

Easter Flowers

Brian and Jane Sterenberg
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Judy Oltman
Tom and Deb Niehof
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Tom and Mary Kuyper
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Shirley Ploegstra
Tom and Elaine Oftedal
Tom and Elaine Oftedal
Randy and Holly Raak
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Pam and Mark Voss
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Paul Kleinwolterink
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Memory of

Gertrude and Leonard Grunig.
Jacob and Inez Sterenberg
Ralph Oltman
Thelma Niehof
Jack Walburg
Thomas Kuyper Sr
William and Fay Halwenlein
Adrian Ploegstra
Max and Evelyn Oftedal
Walter and Gladys Kramlich
Robert Songer
Roger and Kay Raak
Deb Voss,
Carolyn Voss,
Tim and Arlene Timmerman
Jan Kleinwolterink
Tyler Kleinwolterink

Thanks for your feedback to **the Flagstaff Mission Trip** questionnaire! Based on the good response, we have clarity about 2 things: #1 - We definitely have enough people interested in going to make this trip happen, and #2 we will be going with the week **of June 18-25**

Midwest B.A.S.I.C (Brothers And Sisters In Christ) **Youth Bible Camp**, this year will be Sunday August 6th through Wednesday the 9th. Camp is open to students who have finished the 6th grade through 12th grade. Camp is located at 32203 230th St, Eldora, IA 50627. We are always looking for kid, as well as volunteers for camp: councilors, and speakers. Please contact Pam Whitney if you have questions or need more information.

If you don't get the weekly Service and Bulletin email, please send a request to office@amestrinity.org and let Pam know so you can be added to the list. This

is sent out as a blind copy, so email addresses are not shared. Also there is a copy of the directory on the table by the office, please update or add information. This allows us to have contact information for our Deacons and Elders.

Sunday School Schedule for 2022/23 April 16,23,30 (Easter 9th), May 7 (last day of class)

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes No classes due to Easter

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

UFO will meet Monday April 17th at 7pm in Sue Fee's home. You are welcome to bring a project to work on or just enjoy the fellowship

Women's Bible Study meets 1st Monday of the month

Next Council meeting will be May 10th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Formation, Worship

Even More Resources for Exploring Faith Practices through Intergenerational Worship and Church Gatherings - Want to try something new (and easy) at your church this summer? Last year we released resources for planning worship services, series, or gatherings on particular faith practices with people of all ages. This year we've added resources for six more practices! Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Wow! Creation - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Think back on your day yesterday. Make a list of God's creations you saw that brought you joy, and then thank God for them. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible story podcast "The Creation Story."

CRCNA Position Openings - The Christian Reformed Church in North America has the following full-time position openings: Communications Specialist, ReFrame Ministries and Director of Advancement, ReFrame Ministries. These positions are hybrid positions, working several days per week out of our Grand Rapids, MI, or Burlington, ON, offices. Please visit www.crcna.org/jobs for details or to apply.

Groundwork: Experience: Jesus and the Women - In the gospels, we read about Jesus' encounters with his female followers on that very first Easter day. Their experience of him deepened and grew their faith, and it can do the same for us. Join Groundwork as we study their experience in Matthew 28:1-10, Luke 24:1-12, and John 20:11-18, and together come to see and know again that Jesus is Immanuel, God with us. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

The Banner

The Annual Banner Appeal is underway! - The 2023 appeal for The Banner, the CRC's award-winning monthly magazine, has started. The Banner is delivered free in print and online, and this annual donation appeal makes it possible. To help keep this community conversation going please give online now at: TheBanner.org/Give

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Randy Raak
Sound : Tom Whitney
Nursery: Mindy and Chloe
Children's message: Lora Copley
Greeters: Raak

Greeters

April 16	Raak
April 23	Saldana
April 30	Sanders/Bassham
May 7	Sauceda
May 14	Schweingruber/Berns
May 21	Sterenberg
May 28	t; Hoen
June 4	VanDyk
June 11	Verkade
June 18	Voss
June 25	Whitney
July 2	Yoder
July 9	Baker

Nursery

April 16	Mindy and Chloe
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April 23	Megan and Jayden
April 30	Judy and Caraline
May 7	Sue F and Stacy
May 14	Mary K and Alisabeth
May 21	Rachel and Kathlyn
May 28	Melody and Brianna
June 4	Jessica and Kristy

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Lora Copley: director@isu-areopagus.org or 505-387-6861 (Areopagus Campus Ministry)

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