

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**April 23, 2023**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship - From John 1:1-4

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God....*

**Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.**

*In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.*

**The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

\* Opening Song: "Here I Am to Worship"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #567*

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes, let me see Beauty that made this heart adore You

Hope of a life spent with You

Here I am to worship Here I am to bow down Here I am to say that You're my God

You're altogether lovely Altogether worthy Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days Oh so highly exalted

Glorious in heaven above Humbly You came to the earth You created

All for love's sake became poor

Here I am to worship Here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that You're my God

You're altogether lovely Altogether worthy

Altogether wonderful to me

I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross

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“For the Beauty of the Earth” vs 1, 2, 3, 5

*Lift Up Your Hearts #19*

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,

for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,

hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,

for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For yourself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given,

agent of God's grand design: peace on earth and joy in heaven.

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

\*Opening Prayer

## **WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

Prayer of Confession

**Our Father, sometimes we lose track of your perspective. We see the world through a small lens, through the eyes of individualism. We see truth as what makes sense for us. We see right and wrong as we would like to see them. Help us to see your ultimate truth, through the light of your Word, and your great plan. Through Christ our Lord, amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (from Ephesians 4 and 5)

So do not live as the faithless do, in the futility of their understanding. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God. But in Christ you were taught to put off your old self and to be made new in the attitude of your minds and to put on the new self. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. So, live as children of light.

Song of Entrusting: “King of Kings”

In the darkness we were waiting, Without hope without light

Till from Heaven You came running, There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfil the law and prophets, To a virgin came the Word

From a throne of endless glory, To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one

God of Glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of kings  
To reveal the kingdom coming, And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died  
Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of kings  
And the morning that You rose, All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good, For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs, And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come, To the Father are restored  
Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory, Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of kings, And the Church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame, Now this Gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel shall not faint, By His blood and in His Name  
In His freedom I am free, For the love of Jesus Christ, Who has resurrected  
me  
Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory, Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of kings

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup> The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

<sup>21</sup> Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. <sup>22</sup> But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— <sup>23</sup> if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

Message: Identity - All About Christ

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response: "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #772*

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Blessing

\*Closing Song: "Cry Of My Heart"

*Sing! A New Creation #81*

It is the cry of my heart, To follow You

It is the cry of my heart, To be close to You

It is the cry of my heart To follow All of the days of my life

Teach me Your holy ways oh Lord So I can walk in Your truth

Teach me Your holy ways oh Lord And make me wholly devoted to You Oh oh whoa

It is the cry of my heart To follow You It is the cry of my heart  
To be close to You It is the cry of my heart To follow All of the days of my life  
Open my eyes so I can see The wonderful things that You do  
Open my heart up more and more And make it wholly devoted to You Oh oh  
whoa  
It is the cry of my heart To follow You It is the cry of my heart To be close to  
You  
It is the cry of my heart To follow All of the days of my life

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Jeff Kopaska

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Ben Giles, Laura Hufford, Breanna Sterenberg, Nate VanDyk, Pam Voss

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS :**

**This 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://churchbeyondborders.com) – and we'll get more information to you in advance of the meeting.

Council has had the privilege of meeting with Sue Fee and welcoming her into full membership of Trinity CRC. We are thankful to have you, Sue!

Thanks for your feedback to **the Flagstaff Mission Trip** questionnaire! Based on the good response, we have clarity about 1 thing: #1 - We definitely have enough people interested in going to make this trip happen. The dates selected earlier will not work for the Church there, so more discussion will be taking place.

**Midwest B.A.S.I.C** (Brothers And Sisters In Christ) **Youth Bible Camp**, this year will be Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup>. Camp is open to students who have finished the 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This years theme is Super Heros. 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](mailto: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.

Reminder to the new online giving option for Trinity. Just visit the church web site, click on the GIVE header, and follow the instructions. The online giving can be set up as a "onetime" or "reoccurring" give. It also allows you to specify which special offerings you would like to give to and how much, so no need to split them up. Pam sent out instruction earlier this year, but if you need them or would like some help, please let her know.

**Sunday School Schedule for 2022/23** April 23,30 , May 7 (last day of class)

### **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** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month

**Women's Bible Study** meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month

**Next Council meeting** will be May 10th

## **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](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

**Kids Corner: Crying Out to God** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). God cares when bad things happen. He invites us to turn to him just like David did with honesty and trust. He will hear our laments. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the Bible story podcast "Saul Chases David."

**Groundwork: Understand: Jesus on the Road** - On the road to Emmaus, two of Jesus' followers listened as their companion explained the Scriptures to them. As their understanding of Scripture grew, so did their faith. Join Groundwork as we study this story in Luke 24:13-35 and discuss how we too cultivate our faith yet today as we develop a greater understanding of God and his ways through Scripture. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Congregational Prayer:	Paul Kleinwolterink
Sound :	Rex De Bruin
Nursery:	Megan and Jayden
Children's message:	Jeff Kopaska
Greeters:	Saldana

### **Greeters**

April 23	Whitney
April 30	Sanders/Bassham
May 7	Sauceda
May 14	Schweingruber/Berns
May 21	Sterenbergt
May 28	t; Hoen
June 4	VanDyk
June 11	Verkade

June 18	Voss
June 25	Whitney
July 2	Yoder
July 9	Baker

### **Nursery**

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

**Pastor Randy Raak:** pastor@amestrinity.org or 928-699-9329

**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