

WORSHIP SERVICE
May 7, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (from Psalm 95 and Hannah's prayer in 1 Samuel 2)

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and praise him with music and song.

My heart rejoices in the Lord; in the Lord my hope and strength are lifted high. There is no one who compares with you, no firm foundation like our God.

Come then, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

* Opening Song: "Be Thou My Vision" Lift Up Your Hearts #859

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art – thou my best thought, by day or by night; waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.

Thou my great Father; thine own may I be, thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not nor vain, nor vain empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always:

thou and thou only first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever be fall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

"I Lift My Eyes Up"

Sing! A New Creation #208

I lift my eyes up to the mountains; where does my help come from?

My help comes from you, Maker of heaven, Creator of the earth.

Oh, how I need you Lord. You are my only hope; you're my only prayer. So I will wait for you to come and rescue me. Come and give me life.

I lift my eyes up to the mountains; where does my help come from?

My help comes from you, Maker of heaven, Creator of the earth.

*Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Our Father, you have the unlimited perspective of heaven. But we struggle to lift our focus from our limited view of what we can get out of life on this earth. We struggle with twisted desires of sensuality, with greed, and with anger and malice toward those who stand in our way. We resort to slander and lies to tear others down, and to get what we want. Forgive us Lord. Help us, instead, to honor You by what we do and say. Help us to seek first your kingdom, your honor and glory, and to trust that you will then provide what we need. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Isaiah 42:5-6)

This is what God the Lord says— the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: "I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles.

Song of Entrusting: "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

Lift Up Your Hearts #746

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul. Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole. Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see; give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within, may your joy be seen in all I do. Love enough to cover every sin, in each thought and deed and attitude. Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striving into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made, show your power once again on earth, cause your church to hunger for your ways. Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice, that in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:1-14

3 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹ Do not lie to each

other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹ Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. ¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Message: Identity in Christ - Heads Up!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "May The Mind Of Christ My Savior" vs 1-4

Lift Up Your Hearts #334

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day,
by His love and power controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph only through His pow'r.

May the peace of God, my Father, rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea.

Him exalting, self abasing: this is victory.

May we run the race before us, strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus as we onward go.

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S COVENANT WITH US

The Lord's Supper

Communion Songs: "Gift of Finest Wheat" vs 1, 2, 3, 5

Lift Up Your Hearts #815

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.

Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

As when a shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;

so when you call your family, Lord , we follow and rejoice.
You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.
With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude,
that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heavenly food.
You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat. Come, give to
us,
O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.
Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
Do not one cup, one loaf declare our oneness in the Lord?
You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.
You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be
to serve each other in your name in truth and charity.
You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "We Receive Your Blessing" Lift Up Your Hearts #947

We receive your blessing; we receive your grace,
as we walk in the light shining from your face.
May the peace that you give change the way that we live.
We receive your blessing as we leave this place.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, you heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and praise the Holy Ghost.
We receive your blessing; we receive your grace,
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Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Rex DeBruin

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

Communion: Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Congregation of Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for believers. If you are sorry for your sins and follow Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, you are invited to come to his table.

This Week's Special Offering Tyler and Christina Helpers (Stellenbosch International Fellowship-SIF)

Tyler and Christina are in Stellenbosch, South Africa, where Tyler is serving 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. If you are giving on line, please select HELPERS from the drop down, instead of special offering, as this is a different account in the accounting system. Thanks.

At the congregational meeting held on April 30, the following new council members were affirmed for the next council term: as elders –

Rex De Bruin and Tom Kuyper; as deacons – Mark Irvin, Tom Whitney, and Joseph Yoder.

We will be honoring our college graduates on May 7. They are Rebekah DePenning. Bryan Van Belle. Ben Marcus. Alex McDougal . Lauren Price and McKenzie Niemeyer.

The congregation had an opportunity to hear from Rev. SJ Kim about the plans and process for establishing Church Beyond Borders, an online church plant serving next generation Korean Americans. There was discussion about the ministry, and TCRC's potential role as the sponsoring church for this church plant. Resonate Global Missions and Classis Northcentral Iowa have already approved proceeding with this church plant with their blessing and support, pending TCRC's agreement to be the sponsoring church. We discussed the opportunity for TCRC to sign the participation agreement required for Church Beyond Borders to become an established entity. There was an affirmative vote by the church members present in favor of Trinity signing the participation agreement, pending some verification of that process

Flagstaff Mission Trip: Unfortunately, the church in Flagstaff has had some complications come up for this summer and we won't be able to make that work out. At this point it's a little too late to make other arrangements. Sorry for the disappointment, but since we know there is enough interest we'll just get an earlier start on planning something for next year.

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. This years' theme is Super Heros. Camp is located at 32203 230th St, Eldora, IA 50627. We are always looking for kids, as well as volunteers for camp: councilors, and speakers. Please contact Pam Whitney if you have questions or need more information.

Please be sure to have your address updated if you are leaving for the summer or moving, that way we are sure to be able to send you information. There is a copy of the directory on the table by the office, please update or add information or you can send updates to office@amestrinity.org.

Sunday School Schedule for 2022/23 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 3rd Monday of the month

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

Next Council meeting will be May 10th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Life is Both Hard and Good - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. God understands feelings of disappointment. In fact, both Isaiah 45:3 and 2 Corinthians 4:7-12 warn us that not everything is going to be easy. But, the verses also tell us that when life is hard, God is still there for us. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Liz and Friends episode "Consider It Pure Joy."

Groundwork: Follow: Jesus on the Shore - The disciples' story of meeting Jesus on the shore helps us recognize that Jesus is in the ordinary and that he's willing to fellowship with us right where we're at. Join Groundwork as we study John 21 to learn how keeping our focus on the resurrected Jesus and his simple command for us to follow him cultivates our faith. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

World Renew

Celebrate Women - Next week, we celebrate women in our communities of faith near and far. Women who are supported

physically, mentally, and spiritually are better equipped to support their own families and communities. On Mother's Day, please consider giving a gift to celebrate a special woman in your life through World Renew. Your gift will honor your loved one – and support other women to flourish fully as well, as God intends for them. For more information or to give online, go to worldrenew.net/womenofhope.

Serve in Mississippi with World Renew - After the damage caused by tornadoes that stayed on the ground for approximately 100 miles across Mississippi, join World Renew this October for one week with your church to serve homeowners by repairing homes. Will you answer the call to rebuild hope in Rolling Fork, Mississippi? If interested, email cgibson@worldrenew.net to sign up or with questions.

The Banner

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Greeters

May 7	Kuyper
May 14	Schweingruber/Berns
May 21	Sterenbergt;
May 28	Hoen

Nursery

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

Children's Message

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May 14	Laura Hufford
May 21	Jeff Kopaska
May 28	Randy Raak

Congregational Prayer

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May 14	Lora Copley
May 21	Tom Kuyper
May 28	Tom Niehof
June 4	Randy Raak

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