

WORSHIP SERVICE
May 14th, 2023
Sixth Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship Psalm 1:1-2 Proverbs 2:6,10

Blessed is the one... whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night.

For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path.

For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.

Gather us in, Lord. Shine your light on us and lead us with your words of grace and truth.

* Opening Song: "Gather Us In"

Sing! A New Creation #8

Here in this place new light is streaming
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
We are the young, our lives are a mystery,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,

gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.
Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your songs and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away
here is this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone

* Opening Prayer

* Song: "When Peace Like A River"

Lift Up Your Hearts #451

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows
roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with
my soul."

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control: that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin - oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! - my sin, not in part, but the
whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise
the Lord, O my soul!

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend; even so, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession (from Psalm 51 and 139)

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Words of Assurance *John 8 & 13*

To those who believed in him, Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me." And "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

Song of Entrusting: "Amazing Grace"

Lift Up Your Hearts #691

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:15-17

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Message: Identity in Christ - Let the Word Dwell

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: "Ancient Words"

Lift Up Your Hearts #762

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart, O let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope, Give us strength help us cope.
In this world where'er we roam. Ancient words will guide us home.
Ancient words ever true. Changing me changing you.
We have come with open hearts. O let the ancient words impart.
Holy words of our faith handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice. O heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words long preserved, for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart. O let the ancient words impart.
Ancient words ever true. Changing me changing you.
We have come with open hearts. O let the ancient words impart.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Blessing

*Closing Song: "Thy Word" *Sing! A New Creation #86*

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, Think I've lost my way,

Still you're there right beside me.

And nothing will I fear As long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

I will not forget Your love for me and yet

My heart forever is wandering.

Jesus be my guide, And hold me to your side,

I will love you to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Rex DeBruin

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Rex DeBruin, Char Verkade, Pam Voss

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

Next weeks special offering is for **Home for Awhile**. Several churches in the Ames area have partnered together to create this organization that seeks to reduce homelessness in our community. Families who have been recently evicted or are nearing homelessness are eligible for three months of subsidized housing through Home For Awhile.

Sunday May 21st will be an outdoor service. More information to come.

Eleanor Ostendorf is in her new home at Friendship Haven Journeys, in Fort Dodge. Working hard to regain her strength for walking and is now motivated by the indoor swimming pool, in the idea for aqua aerobics. She is thankful to have such a nice place to live and super caring people around her. Thanks for your continued love and prayers from her Trinity Family. You are able to send residence emails with the link on the home page, including attachments. I also put the mailing address below, and it is a quick trip up 35 and west on 20 to 169 N. Journeys is a separate building on the backside of the FH campus.

Friendship Haven 420 Kenyon Rd #5211, Fort Dodge IA 50501

<https://www.friendshipaven.org/living-options/skilled-nursing-care/journeys-memory-care-building/>

Tom and Mary Kuyper missed greeting last Sunday, but were able to welcome a new granddaughter. Olivia Ruth was born at 10.03 am; 8lbs 21.5oz.

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.

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes Will resume this fall

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 June 14th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Renew

Happy Mother's Day! - Today we celebrate the special women in our lives.

Your gifts for the World Renew offering help build capable, confident women around the world. Women's support is crucial to building strong families and communities that flourish -- and have hope for the future. Honor a Woman of Hope in your life by giving generously to World Renew today. For more information or to give online, go to worldrenew.net/womenofhope.

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.

Kids Corner: Mother's Words - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Proverbs 31 introduces a mother who also taught her son, King Lemuel, many lessons. No doubt she had to repeat them several times. He used her lessons throughout his reign as king. What can we learn from Lemuel's example? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Ten Commandments Bookmark.

Groundwork: Everything We Have is from God - Whether we have them or not, money and possessions are an inescapable fact of life. Join our

Groundwork conversation as we study passages like Exodus 20:15-17, Deuteronomy 5:19-21, Deuteronomy 8:7-18, Leviticus 25:23-28; Proverbs 22:9, Ephesians 4:28, and Matthew 5:40-42 to cultivate a biblical perspective on our money and the things we own in this life. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

CRC Communications

Sign Up to Pray for Synod 2023 - This year during Synod, we will be offering an opportunity for CRC members to join the Synod 2023 Prayer Vigil. You are invited to sign up for 30 minute time slots to pray. Each morning, a prayer guide for that day will be emailed out. These prayer guides will be the same ones for the early morning prayer at Synod and will have specific requests based on what is scheduled for that day. If you would like to sign up for the Synod 2023 Prayer Vigil, look for the link at the bottom of this page: www.crcna.org/longing-to-be-like-christ. We would love to see hundreds of CRC members signed up daily to be in prayer for our Synod gathering!

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer:	Lora Copley
Sound :	Brian Sterenberg
Nursery:	Mary K and Alisabeth
Children's message:	Rex De Bruin
Greeters:	Schweingruber/Berns

Greeters

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

May 14	Mary K and Alisabeth
May 21	Rachel and Kathlyn
May 28	Melody and Brianna
June 4	Jessica and Kristy
June 11	Donna and Cassie
June 18	Elaine and Pam N
June 25	Mindy and Kenzie
July 2	Megan and Kathlyn
July 9	Judy and Jayden
July 16	Sue F. and Caraline
July 23	Mary K and Stacy

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