

WORSHIP SERVICE

May 21, 2023

Ascension Sunday

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship Psalm 19:1-4

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.

* Opening Song: "Jesus Shall Reign" Lift Up Your Hearts #219

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and
wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his
head. His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning
sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest
song, and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his
name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the prisoners leap to lose
their chains, the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are
blest. Let every creature rise and bring the highest honors to our
King, angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud
amen.

*Opening Prayer

*Song: "Open The Eyes Of My Heart Lord" Lift Up Your Hearts #537

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you, I want to see you. Open the eyes of my heart,
Lord; open the eyes of my heart. I want to see you, I want to see you.
To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you, I want to see you. Open the eyes of my heart,
Lord; open the eyes of my heart. I want to see you, I want to see you.
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Pour out your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy. I want to see you.
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy. I want to see you.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Our Father, we confess that, at times, we fail to recognize your sovereignty over all your creation, including our lives. Because of that, we don't seek first your kingdom. Instead, we focus on our own lives. Our vision becomes small and narrow. Our thoughts center on our own well-being, and we seldom concern ourselves beyond our own families. Father, give us eyes to see this world as you see it. Give us hearts that care for others, and for all your creation. In the name of the One who redeemed us we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Ephesians 3:16-19

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of

Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”

Song of Entrusting :“Glorious Day, Living He Loved Me”

One day when heaven was filled with His praises, One day when sin was as black as could be Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin, Dwelt among men my example is He The Word became flesh, And the light shined among us, His glory revealed Living, He loved me, dying He saved me, Buried, He carried my sins far away Rising, He justified freely forever, One day He's coming O glorious day glorious day One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain, One day they nailed Him to die on a tree Suffering anguish, despised and rejected, Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He The hand that healed nations, stretched out on a tree and took the nails for me Living, He loved me, dying He saved me, Buried, He carried my sins far away Rising, He justified freely forever, One day He's coming O glorious day glorious day One day the grave could conceal Him no longer, One day the stone rolled away from the door Then He arose over death He had conquered, Now is ascended my Lord evermore Death could not hold him, The grave could not keep him, from rising again. Living he loved, O glorious day, O glorious day One day the trumpet will sound for His coming, One day the skies with His glories will shine Wonderful day my beloved ones bringing, My Savior Jesus is mine Living, He loved me, dying He saved me, Buried, He carried my sins far away Rising, He justified freely forever, One day He's coming O glorious day, O glorious day, Glorious Day, O glorious day

Children's Message

Installation of New Elders and Deacons

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:16-23 (p:1079)

¹⁶I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the

glorious Father, may give you the Spirit^[a] of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Message: Identity in Christ - The Body of the King

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "Come, People of the Risen King"

Come, People of this risen King, who delight to bring him praise
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in
Rejoice, rejoice, let every tongue rejoice
One heart, one Voice O Church of Christ rejoice
Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through
the night
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight
For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.
Rejoice, rejoice, let every tongue rejoice
One heart, one Voice O Church of Christ rejoice
Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith

Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of his grace
Over all the world His people sing, shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through every age, Our God is all in all.
Rejoice, rejoice, let every tongue rejoice
One heart, one Voice O Church of Christ rejoice

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Lift Up Your Hearts #223

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.
Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
who rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing who died and reigns on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.
Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Jeff Kopaska

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Elijah Gosner, Andrew Friend, Naomi Friend, Holly Raak,
Nate VanDyk

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

This week's 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.

This Sunday will be installation of officers. We thank those who have served and welcome those who are serving. Elders: Brian Sterenberg (A-G), Rex De Bruin (H-K), Tom Kuyper (L-S), and Jeff Kopaska (T-Z). Deacons: Joseph Yoder (A-G), Pam Niemeyer (H-K), Tom Whitney (L-S), and Mark Irvin (T-Z).

Sunday May 21st will be an outdoor service. Bring your chairs and join us as we worship outside.

The Education committee would like to celebrate a great year of Sunday school in a brunch potluck on June 4th following church. We are providing coffee, milk and juice but ask you to provide the following: Last name A-O a 'main entree' P-Z a 'side'. A main entree can be an egg casserole, French toast bake or even breakfast pizza! A side can range from cheese slices, fresh fruit or yogurt! Any questions please contact Rachel De Bruin

Summer Softball league has begun. TCRC team will play on these dates, time, and field. May 16th at 9:10- field 5, May 23rd at 6:10- field 6, May 30th at 7:10 field 6, June 6th at 6:10 on field 5, June 13th at 6:10 on field 6, June 20th at 6:10 on field 5, and June 27th at 9:10 on field 6.

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.friendshiphaven.org/living-options/skilled-nursing-care/journeys-memory-care-building/>

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. There are information/registration sheets on the table by the office.

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 21st

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Renew

Thank You for Supporting Women of Hope. - Thank you for your generous gifts for women worldwide through World Renew on Mother's Day. Your support for our Women of Hope offering is equipping women with lifelong strength and health. As a result, you are helping their families and communities fulfill God's desire to see all people flourish. For more information or to give online, go to worldrenew.net/womenofhope

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Great Joy. Deep Roots. - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. In Psalm 92, the writer takes great joy in God's faithfulness, praising him day and night. When we praise God, we share his goodness with others. Praising God also helps us grow deep roots of gratitude that can last for a lifetime. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the The Bible in One Year Plan.

Groundwork: Money and the Attitude of Your Heart - Can we strike a balance between being grateful for what we have and not being overly attached to it? Join Groundwork as we dig into Mark 10:17-27, Matthew 6:19-24, and 1 John 2:15-17 to reflect on such a balanced attitude toward money and possessions. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Tom Kuyper

Sound : Rex De Bruin

Nursery: Rachel and Kathlyn

Children's message: Jeff Kopaska

Greeters: Sterenberg

Greeters

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

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May 28	Laura Hufford
June 4	Lora Copley
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Pastor Randy Raak: pastor@amestrinity.org or 928-699-9329

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

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