

## WORSHIP SERVICE

July 9, 2023

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship

*Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.*

**Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us.**

*None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.*

**Sacrifice and offering you did not desire— but my ears you have opened**

*Then I said, "Here I am... I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart."*

\* Opening Song: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #581*

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,  
Op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the gloom of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!  
All Thy works with joy surround thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee,  
Center of unbroken praise;

Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in thee!  
Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living,  
Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.

\* Opening Prayer:

\* Song: "Speak, O Lord"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #755*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy Word.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness –

that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.

Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.

Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.

Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.

## **WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

### Prayer of Confession

Lord, we confess that submission is hard for us. We lean on our own understanding more than we should. We tend to turn to our own ways and do what is right in our own eyes. Turn our eyes instead to you. Draw our focus toward your unchanging wisdom and love, that our paths may be straight toward you. In your grace alone we stand, amen.

### Assurance of Pardon

*I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.  
He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire;  
he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.  
He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.*

### Song of Entrusting: "Create In Me A Clean Heart"

#### *Sing! A New Creation #49*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and renew a right spirit within me.

### Children's Message

### Congregational Prayer

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

### Scripture Reading: Proverbs 2:1-14 (p:584)

<sup>1</sup> My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, <sup>2</sup> turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding—<sup>3</sup> indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, <sup>4</sup> and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, <sup>5</sup> then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. <sup>6</sup> For the LORD gives wisdom; from his

mouth come knowledge and understanding. <sup>7</sup> He holds success in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, <sup>8</sup> for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones. <sup>9</sup> Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path. <sup>10</sup> For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. <sup>11</sup> Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you. <sup>12</sup> Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men, from men whose words are perverse, <sup>13</sup> who have left the straight paths to walk in dark ways, <sup>14</sup> who delight in doing wrong and rejoice in the perverseness of evil,

Message: The Art of Living - Getting On the Right Road.

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

Prayer of Application

\* Song of Response: "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 befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\*Closing Song: "Lead Me, Guide Me"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #329*

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with you; lead me my whole life through.  
I am weak, and I need your strength and power to endure with grace  
my weakest hour.

Help me through the darkness your face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead  
me.

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with you; lead me my whole life through.  
Help me walk in the paths of righteousness; be my aid when Satan and  
sin oppress.

I am trusting you whatever may be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me  
Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with you; lead me my whole life through.  
I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am blind without your light to  
see.

Lord, forever may I your servant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with you; lead me my whole life through.

Postlude

\* Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Stacy Hertz

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Elijah Goossen, Laura Hufford, Maggie VanDyk, Nate VanDyk

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS :**

The special offering this week is for **Wings of Refuge**, which is a Christ-centered organization serving survivors of sex trafficking by providing a safe home and aftercare where women can have the opportunity to heal and find new life. They have a safe home located in Ames. For more info: [www.wingsofrefuge.net](http://www.wingsofrefuge.net).

**Christian Education Assistance Fund:** Applications are being accepted for the Christian Education Fund for the 2023-2024 school year. Applications are available on the table outside the office. Complete the application and return it to a deacon or place in the manila envelope on the counter in the office by July 10.

There is a sign-up schedule outside the office if you want to go see Eleanor. We can group together to save cost of travel and make the trip a little less dull. Please sign up and let others know when you can go. If you have questions, please ask Judy Oltman or Pam Whitney know and we will see if we can find the answers.

**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. There are information/registration sheets on the table by the office. Registration link is

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1IFfAUZH\\_3int78DAcGrU9woN72HtIQTUrgnmlkWNTY0/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1IFfAUZH_3int78DAcGrU9woN72HtIQTUrgnmlkWNTY0/edit).

Areopagus will be using the Church on July 15<sup>th</sup> for their annual meeting.

### **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** will meet Monday July 17<sup>th</sup> at Janet Bakker' home. Welcome to bring a project or come for fellowship.

**Women's Bible Study** next meeting will be August 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Council meeting** will be July 12<sup>th</sup>

### **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner: Anxious About What's Next** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Do you think Joseph felt anxious while living in Egypt? He had been sold into slavery by people he trusted—his

brothers! He was accused of a crime he didn't commit and thrown in jail. Joseph no doubt worried about what might happen next, but he trusted that God had called him and was with him in the midst of his anxiety and fear. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the Bible story podcast "The Story of Joseph."

**Groundwork: Lead Us Not into Temptation, but Deliver Us from the Evil One** - Perhaps you've wondered, "Does God lead us into temptation?" Join our Groundwork conversation on the fifth petition of the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:13 and Scripture passages that assure us that God does not lead us into temptation. We'll discuss the nature of sin, what temptation is, how it plays out in our lives, and how praying this petition helps us remember our own identity and purpose. Listen now at [Groundworkonline.com](http://Groundworkonline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Resonate Global Mission

**CRCNA Position Openings** - Resonate Global Mission has the following fulltime position openings: Communications Specialist (Hybrid in Grand Rapids, MI) and Operations Manager, Church Planting (Remote/Hybrid in US or Canada). Please visit [www.crcna.org/job](http://www.crcna.org/job) for details or to apply.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Congregational Prayer:	Randy Raak
Sound :	Brian Sterenberg
Nursery:	Sue F and Jayden
Children's message:	Stacy Hertz
Greeters:	Bakker

### **Greeters**

July 9	Bakker
July 16	Bergman
July 23	De Bruin
July 30	Franje
August 6	Copley
August 13	Hobson

August 20	Voss
August 27	Hebert
September 3	Hufford
September 10	Friend

### **Nursery**

July 9	Sue F and Jayden
July 16	Judy and Caraline H
July 23	Mary K and Stacy H
July 30	Rachel and Alisabeth
August 6	Melody and Kathlyn
August 13	Jessica and Brianna
August 20	Donna and Kathlyn
August 27	Elaine and Cassie
September 3	Mindy and Pam
September 10	Megan and Kenzie

### **Children's Message**

July 9	Stacy Hertz
July 16	Randy Raak
July 23	Rex De Bruin
July 30	Laura Hufford
August 6	Deb Niehof
August 13	Lora Copley
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August 20        Randy Raak  
August 27        Tom Niehof  
September 3     Nancy Berns  
September 10   Randy Raak

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= Jeff Kopaska

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Z = Mark Irvin