

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**July 16, 2023**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship (from Psalm 47 & 48)

*Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.*

**For the Lord Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth.**

*Within your temple, O God, we meditate on your unfailing love.*

**For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end.**

\* Opening Song: "He Has Made Me Glad"

*Sing! A New Creation #13*

I will enter His gates, with thanksgiving in my heart,

I will enter His courts with praise,

I will say this is the day that the Lord has made,

I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

He has made me glad, He has made me glad,

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\*Opening Prayer

Song: "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #366*

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;  
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.  
I love thee because thou hast first loved me  
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.  
I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,  
and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,  
and say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.  
In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

**WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

Prayer of Confession

**Our great King, you alone have authority over all of your creation. Yet you have given us the responsibility to govern and manage your world. We confess that, at times, we grasp at positions of authority for our own purposes. We might use our positions for our own advantage, instead of honoring you with them. Lord, help us to treat all people fairly, and to value justice, honesty, integrity, humility, and faithfulness as you do. Amen.**

Words of Assurance: *Matthew 20:25-28*

*Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great*

*among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

Song of Entrusting: “Freely, Freely”

God forgave my sin in Jesus’ name,  
I’ve been born again in Jesus name;  
And in Jesus’ name I come to you  
To share His love as he told me to:  
He said, “Freely, freely you have received.  
Freely, freely give;  
Go in my name and, because you believe,  
Others will know that I live  
All pow’r is giv’n in Jesus’ name,  
In earth and heav’n in Jesus name;  
And in Jesus’ name I come to you  
To share his pow’r as He told me to:  
He said, “Freely, freely you have received.  
Freely, freely give;  
Go in my name and, because you believe,  
Others will know that I live

Children’s Message

Congregational Prayer

## **WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

Scripture Reading: Various Proverbs, including 22:11; 29:2,4; 15:22

Proverbs 22:11

<sup>11</sup> One who loves a pure heart and who speaks with grace will have the king for a friend.

Proverbs 29:2,4

<sup>2</sup> When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan.

<sup>4</sup> By justice a king gives a country stability, but those who are greedy for <sup>[a]</sup> bribes tear it down.

Proverbs 15:22

22 Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.

Message: Leadership

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

Prayer of Application

\* Song of Response: "O Worship the King"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #2*

O worship the King all-glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love:  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.  
O tell of his might and sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.  
Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.  
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!  
O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,  
whom angels delight to worship above!  
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,  
in true adoration shall sing to your praise!

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song: "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #256*

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side.  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.  
All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us all one.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Rev. Randy Raak

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Musicians: Char Verkade, Holly Raak, Derek Ten Pas

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS :**

The next week special offering this will be for **World Renew**, which helps alleviate long-term poverty through integrated programs in health, agriculture, income-earning, literacy, and leadership development. Your prayers, involvement, and contributions make this work possible!

Deb Niehof completed her chemotherapy on July 7<sup>th</sup>. It was a challenge, but not as bad as expected. Thanks for your prayers over the last few months. Tom and Deb.

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\\_3int78DAcGrU9woN72HtlQTUrgnmlkWNTY0/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1IFfAUZH_3int78DAcGrU9woN72HtlQTUrgnmlkWNTY0/edit).

Please let Pam know if you have questions. The church will pay for part of you camp fee, so please let Pam know if you are planning to attend.

Lora Copley has the **Areopagus web site** up and running, check it out at <http://isu-areopagus.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** 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 August 9<sup>th</sup>

### **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner: God Is With You** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). David wrote Psalm 139 to remind himself of the truth that God is always near. We can rest in the knowledge that God knit each of us together in our mother's womb (Psalm 139:13-14). He has been with us from the beginning and will never leave us. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the Kids in Action video "Wherever You Go."

**Groundwork: For Yours is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory Forever. Amen.** - For centuries, Christians around the world have concluded the Lord's Prayer the same way. Join Groundwork as we conclude our study of the Lord's Prayer by studying 1 Chronicles 29:11, Revelation 7:11-12, Psalm 24:1, and 1 Corinthians 1:20 to discuss the biblical importance of these words, what we mean when we say them, and why we end the Lord's Prayer this way. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

World Renew

**Volunteer with World Renew Disaster Response Services** - Are you looking for volunteer opportunities to help others and serve God? Make a life changing difference with World Renew Disaster Response Services this fall in Boutte, Louisiana; Whatcom County, Washington; or Sarasota, Florida! For dates and more information, go to [worldrenew.net/volunteer](http://worldrenew.net/volunteer). We can't wait to hear from you!

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Congregational Prayer:	Mark voss
Sound :	Rex De Bruin
Nursery:	Judy and Caraline H
Children's message	Randy Raak
Greeters:	Bergman

## **Greeters**

July 16	Bergman
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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 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 16	Randy Raak
July 23	Lora Copley
July 30	Laura Hufford
August 6	Deb Niehof
August 13	Alexa Kopaska
August 20	Jeff Kopaska
August 27	Laura Hufford
September 3	Lora Copley
September 10	Jeff Kopaska

### **Congregational Prayer**

July 16	Mark Voss
July 23	Paul Kleinwolterink
July 30	Randy Raak



August 6            Jeff Kopaska  
August 13          Lora Copley  
August 20          Randy Raak  
August 27          Tom Niehof  
September 3        Nancy Berns  
September 10      Randy Raak

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T-Z = Jeff Kopaska

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T-Z = Mark Irvin