

WORSHIP SERVICE

August 6, 2023

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 149:1-5)

Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of his faithful people

Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the people of Zion be glad in their King

Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with timbrel and harp

For the Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with victory

Let his faithful people rejoice in this honor and sing for joy

*Opening Song: "All Who Hunger Gather Gladly" *Lift Up Your Hearts* # 534

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wandering. Here in truth we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.

Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.

We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.

Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been led.

Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

*Opening Prayer

Song: "Beautiful Savior"

Lift Up Your Hearts #17

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my
Crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of
blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on
high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.
Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

*Our beautiful Savior, we confess that we do not always live for your
praise and adoration.*

**At times we seek praise and adoration for ourselves. We even seek to
use our relationships with family and friends as a means to
gain approval or to glorify ourselves.**

*Jesus, help us to follow you and your example of self-giving love for
others.*

In your name we pray, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Jesus prayed to the Father, "I have revealed you to those whom you gave
me out of the world.... Holy Father, protect them by the power of your
name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we
are one.... I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be
one as we are one— I I n them and you in me—so that they may
be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know
that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."*

Song of Entrusting: "Salvation Belongs To Our God"

Lift Up Your Hearts #608

Salvation belongs to our God
Who sits upon the throne,
and unto the Lamb

Praise and Glory,
Wisdom and thanks,
Honor and power and strength.
Be to our God forever and ever,
Be to our God forever and ever,
Be to our God forever and ever, amen.
And we, the redeemed shall be strong
In purpose and unity
Declaring aloud
Praise and Glory,
Wisdom and thanks,
Honor and power and strength.
Be to our God forever and ever,
Be to our God forever and ever,
Be to our God forever and ever, amen.

Children's Message
Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 13:20; 27:6,9-10,17; 12:26

Proverbs 13:20

²⁰ Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.

Proverbs 27:6

⁶ Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.

Proverbs 27:9-10

⁹ Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. ¹⁰ Do not forsake your friend or a friend of your family, and do not go to your relative's house when disaster strikes you—better a neighbor nearby than a relative far away.

Proverbs 27:17

¹⁷ As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Proverbs 12:26

²⁶ The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

Message: The Art Of Living-Friends

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" vs1-4

Lift Up Your Hearts #257

Bless be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S COVENANT WITH US

The Lord's Supper

Communion song: "Table Of Plenty" *Lift Up Your Hearts #808*

Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.
O come and sit at my table where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love.
Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.
O come and eat without money; come to drink without price.
my feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life.
Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.
My bread will ever sustain you through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness to flood the depths of your soul.
Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.
Your fields will flower in fullness; your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest, will send my rain on the soil.
Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"

Lift Up Your Hearts #938

My friends, may you grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

My friends, may you grow in grace, and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Deb Niehof

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Rex DeBruin, Elijah Goosen, Pam Voss

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.

The special offering this week will be for the **God's Mercy to Haiti**. God's Mercy to Haiti is a teaching and mercy ministry to the impoverished Haitian village of Kilbitè. They live without electricity or running water. Their warm hearts, eager minds, and resourceful efforts make them a delight to love and serve. A new Newsletter in fellowship hall.

Congratulations to the TCRC softball team for winning the Ames Church League championship! The trophy needs our name engraved on it yet, but it will be on display at TCRC for the next year.

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. Her daughter, Nancy Ann will be out of town

August 14 – 18. This would be a great time to visit, to help Eleanor pass this time while her daughter is away.

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. Registration link is

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1IFfAUZH_3int78DAcGrU9woN72HtIQURgnmlkWNTY0/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.

Even though we are in the dog days of summer it's time to start to think about fall and Sunday school! Please reach out to any Education board member to discuss possible teaching opportunities to help foster Christian education for our youth and adults. Opportunities to be a regular teacher or substitute available for all age of classes.

We are organizing a team from Trinity to go Hy-Vee Hall on Saturday, September 2, (the Saturday before Labor Day) to participate in the 16th Annual Hunger Event organized by Meals from the Heartland. We will plan to leave Trinity at 8:45 am for those from the Ames area. We will package from 10:00 until Noon. We have signed up for 10 slots, if we have more that would be great! This year they have a goal of packaging 4 million meals during the 4 day event. This is a wonderful intergenerational activity for our church. Kids are encouraged to participate. The team from Trinity last year had a wonderful time!!! A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin table outside the sanctuary or you can contact Mark Voss.

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 meets the 3rd Monday of the month

Women's Bible Study next meeting will be August 7th at 9 am in the fellowship hall. Discussion topic will be "Witness", a faith practice we are all called to do. Printed sheets with discussion questions on the table by the office.

Next Council meeting will be August 8th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Worship God - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. What are the different ways that you and your family worship God throughout the day? We can worship God anywhere, anytime: at the park, in the car, and at the supper table. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Kids in Action video "Puppet Movie Making."

Groundwork: You Belong To Jesus! Act Like It. - In 1 Corinthians, the Apostle Paul writes to believers about sexuality and sexual immorality, accountability in the life of the church, and lawsuits or disagreements among believers. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Corinthians 5-6 to discover why Paul admonished believers to remember their identity as those baptized in Christ and to act accordingly. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Resonate Global Mission

Serve in Central America - Are you a young adult looking for what's next? Resonate is recruiting for Cohort Central America! Cohort is an opportunity for young adults to live in community, serve in a grassroots ministry, and engage in deep spiritual formation. Learn more at www.resonateglobalmission.org/cohort

CRC Communications

Passionate about church ministry? Come work for The Network! - The CRCNA has an online community dedicated to helping ministry leaders from local congregations connect. We are looking for an Online Community and Content Manager to help us keep The Network (crcna.org/Network) running smoothly. This 15 hour/week position can be done remotely from anywhere across the United States or Canada, and will play a key role in

connecting people with stories, conversations, and other content of interest. Learn more and apply at crcna.org/careers.

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer:	Randy Raak
Sound	Bryan Van Belle
Nursery:	Melody and Kathlyn
Children's message:	Deb Niehof
Greeters:	Copley

Greeters

August 6	Copley
August 13	Hobson
August 20	Voss
August 27	Hebert
September 3	Hufford
September 10	Friend
September 17	Hallihan
September 24	Hertz
October 1	Irvin
October 8	N Klemme

Nursery

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
September 17	Judy and Brianna
September 24	Sue F and Jayden
October 1	Mary K and Caraline
October 8	Rachel and Stacy

Children's Message

August 6	Deb Niehof
August 13	Alexa Kopaska
August 20	Jeff Kopaska

August 27	Laura Hufford
September 3	Lora Copley
September 10	Jeff Kopaska
September 17	Deb Niehof
September 24	Stacy Hertz
October 1	Rex De Bruin
October 8	Randy Raak

Congregational Prayer

August 6	Randy Raak
August 13	Jeff Kopaska
August 20	Randy Raak
August 27	Tom Niehof
September 3	Nancy Berns
September 10	Randy Raak
September 17	Melody Franje
September 24	Tom Kuyper
October 1	Randy Raak
October 8	Rex De Bruin

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

Elders: A-G = Brian Sterenberg; H-K = Rex De Bruin; L-S = Tom Kuyper; T-Z = Jeff Kopaska

Deacons: A-G = Joseph Yoder; H-K = Pam Niemeyer; L-S = Tom Whitney; T-Z = Mark Irvin