

## WORSHIP SERVICE

August 13, 2023

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship

*Praise to you, O Lord; praise to you.*

**We rejoice in you like men rejoice in great riches.**

**We rejoice over your promise like one who finds vast treasure.**

*For in Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*

**Whom have we in heaven but You, O Lord?**

**And earth has nothing we desire beside You.**

*Send now Your Spirit, and call forth songs of loudest praise.*

\* Opening Song: "Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing" *Lift Up  
Your Hearts #521*

Come thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount – I'm fixed upon it mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come;

and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;

he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee;

prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

\* Opening Prayer

Song: "Seek Ye First"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #899*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,

and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;  
knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.  
We do not live by bread alone, but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.

## **WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Forgive us, Lord, when we undervalue You and our life in You.  
Forgive us, for we often treasure our sin and we will not let go of  
our idols. Empty our hands. Open our eyes. Change what we value.  
May Paul's confession be ours— may we truly say: "whatever gain I  
had, I count as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything  
as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my  
Lord. For His sake I suffered the loss of all things and count them as  
garbage, that I may gain Christ." It's in His name we pray, Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

*"In Christ, we have redemption through his precious blood, the  
forgiveness of all our sins, in accordance with the riches of God's  
grace that he lavished on us." (Eph 1:7) Brothers and sisters, receive  
this treasure: in Jesus, you are forgiven. Believe the gospel and be at  
peace.*

Song of Entrusting: "In Christ Alone"  
Hearts #770

*Lift Up Your*

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my  
song; This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest  
drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled,  
when strivings cease!

My comforter, my all in all— Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!

This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to  
save.

Till on the cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;

For ev'ry sin on Him was laid— Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the precious blood of Christ.  
No guilt in life, no fear in death— This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no human plan, Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home— Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Children's Message  
Congregational Prayer

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

Proverbs Litany of What's Most Important (Prov 3:13-15; 24:14; 4:7; 23:23; 2:4-5)

*Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, the one who gains understanding,*

**for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold.**

*She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her.*

*Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom.*

**Though it cost all you have, get understanding.**

*Buy the truth and do not sell it— wisdom, instruction and insight as well.*

*Call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure,*

**for then you will understand the fear of the LORD, then you will find the knowledge of God.**

Scripture Reading: Assorted Proverbs; Matthew 13:44-46

Proverbs 3:13-15

<sup>13</sup> Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding,<sup>14</sup> for she is more profitable than silver and yields

better returns than gold.<sup>15</sup> She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her.

Proverbs 24:14

<sup>14</sup> Know also that wisdom is like honey for you: If you find it, there is a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.

**Proverbs 4:7**

<sup>7</sup> The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.

**Proverbs 23:23**

<sup>23</sup> Buy the truth and do not sell it—wisdom, instruction and insight as well.

**Proverbs 2:4-5**

<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.

**Matthew 13:44-46**

The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

<sup>44</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.<sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. <sup>46</sup> When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

Message: Art of Living: *Hidden Treasure*

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

Prayer of Application

\* Song of Response: “Jesus, All for Jesus”

*Lift Up Your*

*Hearts 738*

Jesus, all for Jesus All I am and have And ever hope to be  
All of my ambitions, hopes, and plans I surrender these Into your hands  
For it’s only in Your will that I am free  
For its only in Your will that I am free  
Jesus, all for Jesus All I am and have And ever hope to be

## **DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\*Closing Song: "Step By Step"

*Sing a New Creation #17*

O God, you are my God, And I will ever praise you.

O God, you are my God, And I will ever praise you.

I will see you in the morning, And I will learn to walk in your ways.

And step by step you'll lead me, And I will follow you all of my days.

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Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Jeff Kopaska

Message: Rev. Lora Copley

Musicians: Elijah Hufford, Laura Hufford, Char Verkade

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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.

Thank you to everyone who supported Midwest BASIC Bible camp, we had a great time this year. From worshipping daily, to lessons to service projects, to games and fellowship. It was a great 4 days.

The baptism of Susanna Friend will be August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Our next outdoor service will be August 27, 2023. Be sure to bring your chair.

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 meet Monday August 21st at 6:30pm at Kelly Hobson's home. You are welcome to bring a project to work on or just enjoy the fellowship.

**Women's Bible Study** first Monday of the month

### **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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](http://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](http://crcna.org/careers).

ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner: God is Powerful** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). This week, as a family, talk about God's greatness and find strength in the assurance that the enemy is no match for our mighty God. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the Summer Praise Scavenger Hunt.

**Groundwork: Sex, Food, And Faith-Informed Choices.** - Should your faith impact the choices you make in life? Only the big ones or the everyday ones too? Join Groundwork as we study 1 Corinthians 7-8 to hear the Apostle Paul's guidance for how faith influences our decisions—even the ones we make about sex and food. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Resonate Global Mission

**Heading to University or College?** - Moving to campus this fall? We'd love to help you get connected to a campus ministry community! There are over 35 CRC ministries on university and college campuses across North America, gathering students, faculty, and staff to grow together in faith as they engage God's world. To find out if there's a CRC ministry at your campus, please check [resonateglobalmission.org/campus-ministry/partner-campus-ministries](http://resonateglobalmission.org/campus-ministry/partner-campus-ministries). If there isn't a Christian Reformed ministry at your school, you can locate a nearby CRC here: [crcna.org/church-finder](http://crcna.org/church-finder). For more information about our ministries, or other info about how to grow in faith while you're on campus, please contact us at [campusministry@crcna.org](mailto:campusministry@crcna.org)

## **VOLUNTEERS**

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| Congregational Prayer: | Jeff Kopaska        |
| Sound:                 | Rex De Bruin        |
| Nursery:               | Jessica and Brianna |
| Children's message:    | Jeff Kopaska        |
| Greeters:              | Hobson              |

**Greeters**

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|--------------|----------|
| 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**

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|--------------|---------------------|
| 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**

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| 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    |

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| August 13   | Jeff Kopaska |
| August 20   | Randy Raak   |
| August 27   | Tom Niehof   |
| September 3 | Nancy Berns  |

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| September 10 | Randy Raak    |
| September 17 | Melody Franje |
| September 24 | Tom Kuyper    |
| October 1    | Randy Raak    |
| October 8    | Rex De Bruin  |

**Pastor Randy Raak:** pastor@amestrinity.org or 928-699-9329

**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