

WORSHIP SERVICE

August 20, 2023

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (from 1 John 3-4)

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

* Opening Song: "For The Beauty Of The Earth" vs 1, 2, 4, 5 *Lift Up Your Hearts* #19

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.
For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.
For yourself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given,
agent of God's grand design: peace on earth and joy in heaven.
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

* Opening Prayer

Song: "Oh, The Deep, Deep Love Of Jesus" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #796

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
Rolling as a mighty ocean In its fullness over me.

Underneath me, all around me, Is the current of thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, To thy glorious rest above.
Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to
shore;
How he loves us, ever loves us, Changes never, nevermore;
How he watches o'er his loved ones, Died to call them all his own;
How for them he interceding, Watching o'er them from the throne.
Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of every love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'Tis a haven sweet of rest.
Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heaven of heavens to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, For it lifts me up to thee.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Father, we hear the voices that are hostile to you, that have no intention of submitting to you. They tell us what our pride wants to hear - that we know better than you, that we are wiser than you, even that we are kinder than you are. Lord, speak to us through your Spirit. Guide our minds that they may understand your ways, and find your life and peace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Romans 8:14-17

“For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ”

Baptism of Susanna Friend

The Welcome: Brothers and sisters, together we are the body of Christ. Today receive Susanna Rose Friend into Christ's church. I charge you to love her and to assist her as best you can to be a faithful child of God; when you have the opportunity, teach her by being an example of Christian faith and character; and also support this family in fellowship, prayer, and service. How do you respond?

We will, God helping us

Song of Response: "Our Children, Lord, In Faith And Prayer"

Lift Up Your Hearts #805

Our Children Lord, in faith and prayer, we baptize in your name.
Let them your covenant mercies share as we our faith proclaim.
Such children you did once embrace while dwelling here below;
To us and ours, O Lord of grace, the same compassion show.
In all their days their hearts secure from sinful snares, we pray
Throughout their lives let them endure in every righteous way.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 22:6 (p:603) , Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (p:168)

Proverbs 22:6

⁶Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

⁴Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.^[a] ⁵Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Message: The Art Of Living - Family Matters

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: "Tell Your Children" Lift Up Your Hearts #314

God the Father, God of glory, miracles, and mystery;
generations all adore him, God the same through history.
Parents, tell y our children, age to age the same.
Glorify the living Lord above, magnify his holy name,
magnify his holy name.

Lift the fallen, feed the hungry; God provides for everything.
He is fair and full of kindness, saving those who call him King.

Parents, tell y our children, age to age the same.

Glorify the living Lord above, magnify his holy name,
magnify his holy name.

Awe inspiring deeds of splendor these proclaim his mighty power;
Interwoven with compassion is his strength for every hour.

Parents, tell y our children, age to age the same.

Glorify the living Lord above, magnify his holy name,
magnify his holy name.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Go My Children, With My Blessing"

Lift Up Your Hearts #946

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing; you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his
glory.

Go my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you; here his tender comfort stilled you.

Go my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Alexa Kopaska

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Laura Hufford, Holly Raak, Derek Ten Pas,

Maggie VanDyk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we celebrate the baptism of Susanna Friend.

This week's special offering is for the **Sawyer Food Pantry**. As school is about to start again, we will be helping out our local community by buying those perishable items for the pantry each week.

Fantasy Football is back! The TCRC Fantasy Football league has room for 4 more teams, so you're welcome to join us. Who'll take home the championship this year? You can click on this invite to join the league. https://football.fantasysports.yahoo.com/f1/659345/invitation?key=6c7025fad717f200&soc_trk=lnk&ikey=9e8281a8ef1e2eef If you have any questions about this league, or how fantasy football works, feel free to contact Pastor Randy.

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 worshiping daily, to lessons to service projects, to games and fellowship. It was a great 4 days.

The welcome back BBQ will be on August 27th. There will be Burgers and Dogs along with green salad, chips, and beans. Dessert as well will be provided, so everyone plan to stay after the service for some great fellowship.

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.

Coming soon, this years Trunk or Treat. Get the date on your calendar, October 27th. More information to come.

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

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Encouragement: Hold Me Up! - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Who are the friends who help and encourage you? Lord, help us to encourage our family and friends when they need us. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Kids in Action video "Bookmarks for Peace"

Groundwork: Understanding Christian Freedom. - What happens when our personal freedom is in direct conflict with someone else's personal freedom? Join our Groundwork conversation as we study 1 Corinthians 9-10 to discover why Paul does not equate personal freedom with Christian freedom and why remembering the second Greatest Commandment helps us embrace our Christian freedom more fully.

Listen now at 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. If there isn't a Christian Reformed ministry at your school, you can locate a nearby CRC here:

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

World Renew

Prayer Request for Hawaii Wildfires - World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) requests prayers for those affected by wildfires on Maui, Hawaii. The fires were fueled by wind from Hurricane Dora, which passed south of the islands, and persistent dry conditions across the area. Pray for God's presence to be known among those who have lost homes and loved ones. Pray for those who are injured and for medical personnel on the islands. Please pray for safety for emergency crews and search and rescue teams. You can find out more about World Renew's work at worldrenew.net

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer:	Randy Raak
Sound:	Brian Sterenberg
Nursery:	Donna and Kathlyn
Children's message:	Alexa Kopaska
Greeters:	Voss

Greeters

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 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 20	Alexa 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

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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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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