

WORSHIP SERVICE

August 27, 2023

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

May the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts, and the works of our hands be pleasing to you, Lord.

And may your Spirit work in, and through, our lives to produce whatever is good and pleasing unto you.

* Opening Song: "To God Be The Glory" *Lift Up Your Hearts #604*

To God be the glory, great things he has done; so loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory; great things he has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God;

the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory; great things he has done.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport,
when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise
the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice! O come to the
Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory; great things he has done.

*Opening Prayer

Song: "Mighty To Save"

Lift Up Your Hearts #611

Everyone needs compassion, A love that's never failing; Let mercy
fall on me. Everyone needs forgiveness, The kindness of a Savior, The
hope of nations.

Savior, He can move the mountains; My God is mighty to save, He is
mighty to save. Forever Author of salvation, He rose and conquered
the grave; Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me, All my fears and failures; Fill my life
again. I give my life to follow Everything I believe in. Now I surrender.

Savior, He can move the mountains; My God is mighty to save, He is
mighty to save. Forever Author of salvation, He rose and conquered
the grave; Jesus conquered the grave.

Shine your light and let the whole world see We're singing For the
glory of the risen King. Jesus!

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glory of the risen King.

Savior, He can move the mountains; My God is mighty to save, He is
mighty to save Forever Author of salvation, He rose and conquered
the grave; Jesus conquered the grave.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

*Dear Lord, we confess that we do not always see our work from your
perspective.*

**When we claim our efforts for just our own benefit, we try to
possess something that belongs to you.**

*When we are lazy, or compromise our integrity, or become arrogant
in our successes, then too we dishonor your purpose for our lives.*

Help us to offer our bodies and our labors as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to you, as spiritual acts of worship. Amen.

Words of Assurance Romans 12:6-8

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Song of Entrusting: "Amazing Grace" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #691

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come:

'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 11:1-3 (p:591); 12:10-11 (p:593); 21:5 (p:601); 28:19-20 (p:609)

Proverbs 11:1-3

¹¹ The Lord detests dishonest scales, but accurate weights find favor with him.

² When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

³ The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.

Proverbs 12:10-11

¹⁰ The righteous care for the needs of their animals, but the kindest acts of the wicked are cruel.

¹¹ Those who work their land will have abundant food, but those who chase fantasies have no sense.

Proverbs 21:5

⁵ The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.

Proverbs 28:19-20

¹⁹ Those who work their land will have abundant food, but those who chase fantasies will have their fill of poverty. ²⁰ A faithful person will be richly blessed, but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished.

Message: The Art Of Living - Vocation

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "I Offer My Life" *Sing a New Creation #218*

All that I am, all that I have, I lay them down before you, O Lord;
all my regrets, all my acclaim, the joy and the pain,
I'm making them yours. Lord, I offer my life to you,
everything I've been through, use it for your glory.

Lord, I offer my days to you, lifting my praise to you
as a pleasing sacrifice. Lord, I offer you my life.

Things in the past, things yet unseen,
wishes and dreams that are yet to come true;
all of my hopes, all of my plans,
my heart and my hands are lifted to you.

Lord, I offer my life to you, everything I've been through,
use it for your glory. Lord, I offer my days to you,
lifting my praise to you as a pleasing sacrifice.

Lord, I offer you my life. What can we give that you have not given;
and what do we have that is not already yours?

All we possess are these lives we're living, and that's what we give to
you, Lord.

Lord, I offer up my life to you, everything I've been through,
use it for your glory. Lord, I offer my days to you,

lifting my praise to you as a pleasing sacrifice.
Lord, I offer you my life.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Take My Life And Let It Be" vs 1, 2, 4, 5

Lift Up Your Hearts #863

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise, let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Lora Copley

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Pam Voss, Eli Hufford, Nate VanDyk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion: Next week we will gather at the Lord's Table. Come, all who are sorry for their sins, who believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, have confessed his name, and desire to live in obedience to him. Come, for Christ our risen Lord invites you to fellowship with him at his table.

The next special offering is for Resonate Global Missions, Benjamin Groenewold and Trica VanDyk (John VanDyk's sister). They are missionaries to Lithuania. They both teach at LCC International University in Klaipeda Lithuania. LCC is a Christian liberal arts university

that is uniquely placed to develop future leaders in a region of the world deeply damaged by Soviet rule. They have a few flyers on the table outside the sanctuary.

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.

Adult Sunday School Class: Visual Tour of Biblical History. This class will cover some of the key persons and places in the Biblical story, illumined with Tom Niehof's slides of each location. We will begin on September 10 with Abraham and Sarah, our father and mother in the faith. We meet in Room 7. All are welcome.

Carroll Nikkel is currently in Younkers Rehab. Expected release at this point is 8/31. They are working on strengthening his leg and hand. He needs prayers for strength and to ease some of the pain that results from the rehab.

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.

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 welcome back BBQ will be on August 27th around 11. 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.

We still need some teachers for 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 ages.

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 begin September 10th and continue Sept 17, 24, Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov 5, 12, 19, (no class 26), Dec 3, 10, 17 (Christmas Program), (no class 24 or the 31), Jan 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb 4, 11, 18, 25, March 3, (no class 10), 17, 24, (no class 31), April 7, 14, 21, 28, and May 5.

Breakfast Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the Lincoln Center HyVee at 8:30 AM.

UFO will meet 3rd Monday of the month.

Women's Bible Study first Monday of the month

Next Council meeting is September 13th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Family Fire - Family Fire is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for

regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

Kids Corner: Encouragement: Bless Others - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. What does "blessing others" look like? We can bless others with our words, our actions, and our attitude. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Kids in Action video "Bookmarks for Peace"

Groundwork: Love: The Guiding Principle For Christian Living. - The struggle for unity is not unique to the modern church. The Apostle Paul encouraged the Corinthian Christians to make Christ-like love their guiding principle and he taught them about spiritual gifts. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Corinthians 11-13 for guidance as we too seek to worship and live well together in community. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Other

Tour the Biblical Lands of Israel - February 26 – March 8, 2024. Experience a refreshing renewal of your faith, and gain a deeper understanding of the Bible, as you tour the biblical lands with teaching host, Pastor Peter Tuininga, and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See many of the biblical places (Jerusalem, Galilee, Caesarea, Jericho, and much more), and gain spiritual and historical insights which will make the Bible come alive for you. For complete information, cost, and registration, go to website: toursofisrael.wordpress.com or call Peter Tuininga: 1 289 877-8433 or e-mail: peter.tuininga@gmail.com

World Renew

Pray for People Impacted by Wildfires in Canada - In the last two weeks, wildfires have forced more than 50,000 people from their homes in Kelowna, British Columbia; Yellowknife, Northwest Territories (NWT); and the First Nations communities of N'Dilo and Dettah. World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is currently monitoring the situation and response. Please pray for people affected by wildfires in Canada this year: pray for safety for families evacuating danger zones; pray for those who have been injured. Pray too for military personnel and emergency crews; pray for wisdom and swift action among

authorities and leaders. To help World Renew respond to disasters like this, please go to worldrenew.net to support World Renew DRS programs.

Resonate Global Mission

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's no CRC 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

Greeters

August 27	Hubert
September 3	Hufford
September 10	Friend
September 17	Hallihan
September 24	Hertz

Nursery

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

Children's Message

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

Congregational Prayer

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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