

## WORSHIP SERVICE

Sept 10, 2023

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship (from Psalms 57 and 33)

*In the shadow of your wings, oh God, I will take my refuge.*

*For in the day of trial, you will keep me safe.*

*Then sing to the Lord a new song, make music to him on the harp and lyre.*

*For the Lord loves righteousness and justice.*

***All: His word is true, and the earth is full of his unfailing love.***

\* Opening Song: "This Is My Father's World"

*Lift Up Your*

*Hearts #21*

This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas-- His hand the wonders  
wrought.

This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white, Declare their Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world: O let me not forget

That though the wrong seems oft so strong,

God is the Ruler yet. This is my Father's world:

Why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!

God reigns; let earth be glad!

"Ten Thousand Reasons"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #559*

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul. Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning it's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me. Let me be singing when the evening comes. Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul.

Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing. Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul. Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing. The end draws near and my time has come.

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending. Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul. Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name. Worship Your holy name. Worship Your holy name.

\*Opening Prayer

## **WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

Prayer of Confession

**Dear Lord, you have given us so much. But too often our hearts are not satisfied. Forgive us for the times we strive for temporary thrills, personal gains, and self-focused happiness instead of the joy you offer us as your children. Lord, we long for your kingdom to come, both in our hearts and in this world. Amen.**

Words of Assurance: Revelation 21: 5-7

*He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!... I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children."*

Song of Entrusting: “Holy Spirit, Living Breath Of God” *Lift Up  
Your Hearts* #746

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul. Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole. Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see; give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within, may your joy be seen in all I do. Love enough to cover every sin, in each thought and deed and attitude. Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striving into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation’s birth, giving life to all that God has made, show your power once again on earth, cause your church to hunger for your ways. Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice, that in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

Children’s Message

Dedication of the coming Sunday School year

Congregational Prayer

## **WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 3: 9-14

<sup>9</sup>What do workers gain from their toil? <sup>10</sup>I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. <sup>11</sup>He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. <sup>12</sup>I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. <sup>13</sup>That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God. <sup>14</sup>I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear him.

Message: Bloom Where You Are Planted

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

Prayer of Application

\* Song of Response: "Spirit Song"

*Sing a new Creation #212*

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love  
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul  
O let him have the things that hold you,  
And a Spirit like a dove  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole  
Jesus O Jesus, come and fill your Lambs  
Jesus O Jesus, come and fill your Lambs  
O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled  
with Joy  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.  
O give him all your tears and sadness  
Give him all your years of pain  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name  
Jesus O Jesus, come and fill your Lambs  
Jesus O Jesus, come and fill your Lambs

### **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song: "We Receive Your Blessing"

*Lift Up Your*

*Hearts #947*

We receive your blessing; we receive your grace,  
as we walk in the light shining from your face.  
May the peace that you give change the way that we live.  
We receive your blessing as we leave this place.  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him, all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, you heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and praise the Holy Ghost.  
We receive your blessing; we receive your grace,  
as we walk in the light shining from your face.  
May the peace that you give change the way that we live.  
We receive your blessing as we leave this place.  
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Praise Father, Son, and praise the Holy Ghost.  
We receive your blessing as we leave this place.

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Jeff Kopaska

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Elijah Hufford, Laura Hufford, Maggie VanDyk, Char Verkade

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS :**

**This week's 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.

**Sunday School starts this week.** Everyone is welcome to join us for Sunday School. Classrooms have signs with grade/class assignments. If you have questions/concerns regarding classes, please reach out to education committee member (Rachel De Bruin, Megan Saldana, Andrew Friend, Tom Whitney and Pastor Randy). Lets get excited.

**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 moving to Bridges on the North Side of Ankeny for a couple more weeks, and then plans to return home.. Continue 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.

**As the weather gets cooler** and Sunday school classes and Bible studies are about to begin, please try not to throw things in the classroom trash that might attract insects or small animals, like food or cups with liquids. As the church is not cleaned till later in the week, these types of items will draw some unwanted visitors. A good practice is if you carried into the room, please carry it out with you. Thanks for your help with this, as it will definitely help keep the church clean.

**Do you sing, play an instrument** or want to learn how to play an instrument? Perhaps you are gifted in implementing technology and blending sound. Come join our musicians and sound technicians on the worship team. We welcome all skill levels and gifts. We also have a specific need for a guitarist. If you play or want to learn to play-let us know. As part of the worship team you can continue to grow the gifts God has given you and honor God by facilitating congregational worship. If you are interested, please contact Laura Hufford at: [worship@amestrinity.org](mailto:worship@amestrinity.org)

**Coming soon**, this year's Trunk or Treat. Get the date on your calendar, October 27<sup>th</sup>. More information to come.

### **Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates**

**Sunday School Classes** will begin September 10<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at the Lincoln Center HyVee at 8:30 AM.

**UFO** will meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month.

**Women's Bible Study** Will not meet in September, next meeting will be Monday October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Council meeting** is September 13<sup>th</sup>

## **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner: Angels Around Us** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). When you read the Bible and find out that there are angels around us, how do you picture them? Do you think they have a glowing, heavenly light shining on them? Or majestic wings like the ones on Christmas ornaments? Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the KC's Liz and Friends Podcast "At Your Service."

**Groundwork: When Our Faith Defines Our Character** - Daniel knew what it was like live in a cultural context that was not welcoming to his faith practice. Join Groundwork as we study Daniel 1. Together we'll discuss the challenges he faced and witness what God can do when we let our faith and not our context define our character. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://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](http://toursofisrael.wordpress.com) or call Peter Tuininga: 1 289 877-8433 or e-mail: [peter.tuininga@gmail.com](mailto:peter.tuininga@gmail.com)

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Congregational Prayer:	Randy Raak
Sound:	Rex De Bruin
Nursery:	Megan and Kenzie
Children's message:	Jeff Kopaska
Greeters:	Friend

### **Greeters**

September 10 Friend

September 17 Hallihan  
September 24 Hertz  
October 1 Irvin  
October 8 N Klemme  
October 15 Kleinwolterink  
October 22 Kopaska  
October 29 Kuyper  
November 5 Niehof

### **Nursery**

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  
October 15 Melody and Alisabeth  
October 22 Jessica and Kathlyn  
October 29 Donna and Brianna  
November 5 Elaine and Kristy

### **Children's Message**

September 10 Jeff Kopaska  
September 17 Deb Niehof  
September 24 Stacy Hertz  
October 1 Rex De Bruin  
October 8 Randy Raak  
October 15 Laura Hufford  
October 22 Lora Copley  
October 29 Jeff Kopaska  
November 5 Deb Niehof

### **Congregational Prayer**

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



October 15      Mark Voss  
October 22      Paul Kleinwolterink  
October 29      Randy Raak  
November 5     Jeff Kopaska

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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