

## WORSHIP SERVICE

Sept 17, 2023

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship (2 Corinthians 3:17-4:1,6)

*Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*

**And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory**

*Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart.*

**For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.**

\* Opening Song: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #581*

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;

Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, Op'ning to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,

Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise;

Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,

Chanting bird and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in thee!

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,

Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;

Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

\* Opening: "How Great Is Our God"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #574*

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, Let all the earth rejoice  
He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice, And trembles at His voice  
How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God  
From age to age He stands, And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the end, Beginning and the end  
The Godhead Three in One  
Father, Spirit, Son  
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb  
How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God  
Name above all names, Worthy of our praise  
My heart will sing, How great is our God

## **WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

Prayer of Confession - from Psalm 51

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.*

**For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.**

**Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you judge.**

*Cleanse me, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

*Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you.*

**Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life.**

Assurance of Pardon

*As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust....*

*But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children—with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.*

Song of Entrusting: "What The Lord Has Done In Me" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #800

Let the weak say, "I am strong" Let the poor say, "I am rich"  
Let the blind say, "I can see" It's what the Lord has done in me  
Hosanna, hosanna To the lamb that was slain  
Hosanna, hosanna Jesus died and rose again  
Hosanna, hosanna To the lamb that was slain  
Hosanna, hosanna Jesus died and rose again  
Into the river I will wade There my sins are washed away  
From the heavens mercy stream Of the Savior's love for me  
Hosanna, hosanna To the lamb that was slain  
Hosanna, hosanna Jesus died and rose again  
Hosanna, hosanna To the lamb that was slain  
Hosanna, hosanna Jesus died and rose again  
I will rise from waters deep Into the saving arms of God  
I will sing salvation songs Jesus Christ has set me free  
Hosanna, hosanna To the lamb that was slain  
Hosanna, hosanna Jesus died and rose again  
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Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of

God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Message: Joy and the “Life Within Us”

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

Prayer of Application

\* Song of Response: “Fill Thou My life, O Lord My God”

*Lift Up Your Hearts* #356

Fill thou my life, O Lord my God, In every part with praise,  
That my whole being may proclaim Thy being and thy ways  
Not for the lip of praise alone, Nor e’en the praising heart I ask,  
but for a life made up of praise in every part.

Praise in the common words I speak, life's common looks and tones,  
in fellowship enjoyed at home with my beloved ones,  
enduring wrong, reproach or loss with sweet and steadfast will,  
forgiving freely those who hate, returning good for ill.

So shall each fear, each fret, each care

Be turned into a song, And every winding of the way  
The echo shall prolong. So shall no part of day or night  
From sacredness be free, But all my life, in every step,  
Be fellowship with Thee.

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song: “O Master Let Me Walk with Thee”

*Lift Up Your Hearts* #325 vs 1&4

O Master, let me walk with thee In lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me thy secret, help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.

In hope that sends a shining ray Far down the future's broadening way,  
In peace that only thou canst give, With thee, O Master, let me live.

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Randy Raak

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Rex DeBruin, Laura Hufford, Pam Voss

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS :**

The special offering next week will be for **Bethany Christian Services**, an organization that works to bring and keep families together through services including adoption, foster care, and pregnancy & family counseling. For more information, see: [www.bethany.org/about-us](http://www.bethany.org/about-us)

**The Children and Worship** team is excited to welcome our children, ages 3-3rd grade, to worship with us during the main worship service. We will meet in the old "music room" or classroom 3, located to the south of the sanctuary. After the children's message during our service, the kids will follow the leader(s) through the exit door in the front of the church to get to that classroom. Please come after worship to pick up your child!

**Adult Sunday School Class:** Will not be held this wee

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.

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

The Church will be looking for new custodians starting at the first of the year. If you are interested please contact Pam Whitney.

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

**Sunday School Classes** 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 September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 Please contact Kelly Hobson for more information.

**Women's Bible Study** next meeting will be Monday October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Council meeting** is October 11<sup>th</sup>

### **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner: God Gives Relief** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). STRESS! This is a word you might hear a lot. It seems like everyone is stressed about something. What can you do about the stress in your life? Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the KC's Liz and Friends Podcast "Homework Alert."

**Groundwork: God is Sovereign Over All** - We will find ourselves in many different situations throughout our lives. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study the dreams of King Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 2 and 4 to remember that in all things, no matter the situation, God is sovereign and in control. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive: Disability and Accessibility

## **Nurturing Belonging: Exploring Hospitality, Disability, and Theology -**

We believe that all people are created in the image of God and that each person is essential. Yet, when it comes to hospitality and belonging for people with disabilities, our congregations often don't reflect what we believe. Join us online on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 from 1:30 to 6 pm (Eastern) to learn about how to nurture belonging. This event is virtual and free of charge. To register go to: <https://www.crcna.org/disability/events>

Global Coffee Break

**Global Coffee Break - Women's Retreat** - Plan to join us for a weekend of refreshment and encouragement as we consider what it means to be looked on as "favored". This event is in Hickory Corners, Michigan, October 6-8 (Registration Deadline is September 22).

<https://globalcoffeebreak.regfox.com/favored-michigan>

World Renew

**Volunteer with World Renew DRS this October!** - Come enjoy the sun and service - World Renew DRS needs volunteers and On-Site Managers for our first reconstruction team in Sarasota, Florida! If you or someone you know can volunteer with DRS October 7th-28th, contact Diana at [dmarquez@worldrenew.net](mailto:dmarquez@worldrenew.net) to sign up or with questions.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Congregational Prayer:	Melody Franje
Sound:	Bryan Van Belle
Nursery:	Judy and Brianna
Children's message:	Deb Niehof
Greeters:	Hallihan

### **Greeters**

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 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 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

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September 24 Tom Kuyper  
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**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