

WORSHIP SERVICE
October 1, 2023

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome - introduce the service structure

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (Psalm 40:1-3,16)

I waited patiently for the Lord to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry.

He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire.

He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along.

He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God.

Many will see what he has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the Lord.

May all who search for you be filled with joy and gladness in you.

* Opening Song : "When Morning Gilds the Sky" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #372 (vs 1,3,4)

When morning gilds the sky, our hearts awaking cry:

May Jesus Christ be praised! in all our work and prayer

we ask his loving care: May Jesus Christ be praised!

To God, the Word on high, the hosts of angels cry:

May Jesus Christ be praised! Let mortals too upraise

their voices in hymns of praise: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, when day is past, of all our thoughts the last:

May Jesus Christ be praised! The night becomes as day

when from the heart we say: May Jesus Christ be praised!

* Opening Prayer

* Song: Behold the Lamb"

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ Torn for you eat and remember

The wounds that heal the death that brings us life Paid the price to

make us one

So we share in this Bread of Life And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love Around the table of the King
The blood that cleanses every stain of sin Shed for you drink and
remember

He drained death's cup that all may enter in To receive the life of
God

So we share in this Bread of Life And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace Around the table of the King
And so with thankfulness and faith we rise To respond and to
remember

Our call to follow in the steps of Christ As His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering We proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven Around the table of the King

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 16:1-8

The Passover

¹⁶ Observe the month of Aviv and celebrate the Passover of the Lord your God, because in the month of Aviv he brought you out of Egypt by night. ² Sacrifice as the Passover to the Lord your God an animal from your flock or herd at the place the Lord will choose as a dwelling for his Name. ³ Do not eat it with bread made with yeast, but for seven days eat unleavened bread, the bread of affliction, because you left Egypt in haste—so that all the days of your life you may remember the time of your departure from Egypt. ⁴ Let no yeast be found in your possession in all your land for seven days. Do not let any of the meat you sacrifice on the evening of the first day remain until morning.

⁵ You must not sacrifice the Passover in any town the Lord your God gives you ⁶ except in the place he will choose as a dwelling for his Name. There you must sacrifice the Passover in the evening, when the sun goes down, on the anniversary^[a] of your departure from Egypt. ⁷ Roast it and eat it at the place the Lord your God will choose. Then in the morning return to your tents. ⁸ For six days eat

unleavened bread and on the seventh day hold an assembly to the Lord your God and do no work.

Celebration #1 - Passover

Prayer of Confession

Faithful Father, we thank you for your great acts of salvation for your people, from the Exodus to Jesus' sacrifice. We confess that we do not value purity and righteousness as you do. We do not strive to remove the "leaven" of sin from our lives as we should. Cleanse our hearts by your grace, and empower us by your Spirit to walk in your ways. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Words of Assurance 1 Corinthians 1:6,11-14

This same Good News that came to you is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace.... We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Communion Song: "Amazing Love, You Are My King"

Lift Up Your Hearts #360

I'm forgiven because you were forsaken. I'm accepted; you were condemned.

I'm alive and well, your Spirit is within me because you died and rose again (x2)

Amazing love, how can it be that you, my King, would die for me?

Amazing love, I know it's true; it's my joy to honor you it's my joy to honor you

In all I do, I honor You. You are my king. You are my king.

Jesus, You are my King. Jesus You are my King. I'm forgiven because you were forsaken.

I'm accepted; you were condemned. I'm alive and well, your Spirit is within me

because you died and rose again (x2)

Amazing love, how can it be that you, my King, would die for me?

Amazing love, I know it's true;

it's my joy to honor you (x2)

In all I do I honor you

Children's Message

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 16:9-12

⁹ Count off seven weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the standing grain. ¹⁰ Then celebrate the Festival of Weeks to the Lord your God by giving a freewill offering in proportion to the blessings the Lord your God has given you. ¹¹ And rejoice before the Lord your God at the place he will choose as a dwelling for his Name—you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, the Levites in your towns, and the foreigners, the fatherless and the widows living among you. ¹² Remember that you were slaves in Egypt, and follow carefully these decrees.

Celebration 2: Pentecost - the First Fruits

* Song of Response: "Come, Holy Ghost *Lift Up Your Hearts #232*
Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, And in our hearts take up thy rest
Come with thy grace and heavenly aid To fill our hearts which
though hast made,
To fill our hearts which thou hast made. Be not afraid. (Be not
afraid)
Where you go, there I am with you. Be not afraid. (Be not afraid)
Where you go, there I am with you. O Comforter, to thee we cry,
Though heavenly gift of God most high Thou font of life, and fire of
love,
And sweet anointing from above, And sweet anointing from above.

Be not afraid. (Be not afraid) Where you go, there I am with you.
Be not afraid. (Be not afraid) Where you go, there I am with you.
O Holy Ghost, through thee alone, Know we the Father and the Son;
Be this our firm unchanging creed, That thou dost from them both
proceed,
That thou dost from them both proceed. Be not afraid. (Be not
afraid)
Where you go, there I am with you. Be not afraid. (Be not afraid)
Where you go, there I am with you. Praise we the Lord: Father and
Son,
And Holy Spirit with them one; And may the Son on us bestow
All gifts that from the Spirit flow, All gifts that from the Spirit flow.
Be not afraid. (Be not afraid) Where you go, there I am with you.
Be not afraid. (Be not afraid) Where you go, there I am with you.

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 16:13-17

¹³ Celebrate the Festival of Tabernacles for seven days after you have gathered the produce of your threshing floor and your winepress. ¹⁴ Be joyful at your festival—you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levites, the foreigners, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns. ¹⁵ For seven days celebrate the festival to the Lord your God at the place the Lord will choose. For the Lord your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete. ¹⁶ Three times a year all your men must appear before the Lord your God at the place he will choose: at the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the Festival of Weeks and the Festival of Tabernacles. No one should appear before the Lord empty-handed: ¹⁷ Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you.

Celebration 3: The Dwellings (Feast of Tabernacles/Booths)
Sing To The King” *Lift Up Your Hearts #474*

Sing to the King who is coming to reign, Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain,

Life and salvation his empire shall bring and Joy to the nations when Jesus is King.

Come let us sing a song, a song declaring that we belong to Jesus; he is all we need.

Lift up a heart of praise. Sing now with voices raised to Jesus; sing to the King.

For his returning we watch and we pray; We will be ready the dawn of that day.

We'll join in singing with all the redeemed, 'cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King.

Come let us sing a song, a song declaring that we belong to Jesus; he is all we need.

Lift up a heart of praise. Sing now with voices raised to Jesus; sing to the King.

Congregational Prayer

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "By The Sea Of Crystal" *Lift Up Your Hearts #489*

By the sea of crystal saints in glory stand,
myriads in number, drawn from every land.

Robed in white apparel, washed in Jesus' blood,
they now reign in heaven with the Lam of God.

Out of tribulation, death, and Satan's hand,
they have been translated at the Lord's command.

In their hands they're holding palms of victory.

Hark! The jubilant chorus shouts triumphantly:

"Unto God Almighty, sitting on the throne,
and the Lamb, victorious, be the praise alone."

God has wrought salvation; he did wondrous things.

Who shall not extol thee, holy King of kings!

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Rex DeBruin

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Maggie VanDyk, Nate VanDyk, Char Verkade

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Communion: Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who are baptized into Christ and have made a public stand for him are welcome to the Lord's Table, to receive the nourishment and refreshment of the bread and cup of the Lord "as sure signs" in remembrance of Christ's body and blood poured out for us in his once-for-all sacrifice on the cross.

The special offering next week is for **Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance** which provides emergency rent, utility and food assistance to Story County residents in an atmosphere of dignity, comfort, and encouragement. TCRC contributes to Good Neighbor as our way of assisting those in need in our community. To learn more, visit www.gnea.org/

Children and Worship - During our morning worship service, immediately following the children's message, children ages three through third grade are invited to attend Children and Worship, which meets in room 3, located to the south of the sanctuary. Children experience worship in the same order as in the sanctuary: we approach God in reverence, hear His Word proclaimed, respond in praise, and go forth in peace and love to serve in God's name. Visitors are welcome to attend. Please come pick up your child(ren) at the end of the service.

Adult Sunday School Class: This week (Sept. 24) we will journey up Mt. Sinai and discuss the Ten Commandments and the building of the Tabernacle. Class will meet in room 7, hope to see you there.

Lora Copley will be preaching and/or presenting about Areopagus Campus Ministry at churches in Mason City, Des Moines and Pella on

October 1, 22 and 29. Thank you for supporting God's work through this ministry at Iowa State University.

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.

Fun and Fellowship at the Friend's Flower Farm" The congregation is invited to a relaxing, fellowship time, at Andrew and Naomi's farm on Saturday, Sept 30, starting around 4pm, come and go as you please. Hot dogs, chips, fruit and drinks will be provided. Bring lawn chairs and grilling sticks if you have them. Andrew will also be doing hayrides. Address: 16117 550th Ave, Story City, Questions - ask Andrew, Naomi, Sue F, or Elaine O.

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 27th. Signup sheet is on the table outside the office, signup early to be sure to get a spot.

The Church is 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 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 Hy-Vee at 8:30 AM.

UFO will the third Monday of the month.

Women's Bible Study next meeting will be Monday October 2nd in the fellowship hall. Our faith practice discussion will be on Meditation, all women are welcome. Contact Melody Franje with any questions.

Next Council meeting is October 11th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: God's Peace Gives Us Hope - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Can you feel God's peace even when your life doesn't look peaceful? This week's devotion is all about how you can put your hope and trust in God, knowing that he will walk alongside no matter what is going on. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible story podcast "Jesus Anointed With Perfume."

Groundwork: A Lesson in Accountability and Consequences - "Every action has a reaction." "Cause and effect." "Actions have consequences." There is truth in these common phrases, but, it is easily forgotten in the moment. Join Groundwork as we study the story of the writing on the wall in Daniel 5 to learn about the relationship between accountability, consequences, and our faith. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

World Renew

Fall Women's Retreat - Women, do you need a weekend away to rest and be encouraged? Join Global Coffee Break for a women's retreat October 6-8 at the beautiful Gull Lake Ministries in Hickory Corners, Michigan. Women of all ages and stages, high school and up, are invited. Learn more and register at

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

Thrive: Racial Reconciliation

Today is All Nations Heritage Sunday - We celebrate the diverse and multicultural church of Christ today. You can support ethnic minority leadership in the church by giving to the special Scholarship Fund

established by the CRCNA. It provides financial assistance to students of various ethnic minority cultures who attend universities affiliated with the CRC. Please give at: crcna.org/Race/Donate

Greeters

October 1 Irvin
October 8 N Klemme
October 15 Kleinwolterink

Nursery

October 1 Mary K and Caraline
October 8 Rachel and Stacy
October 15 Melody and Alisabeth

Children's Message

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October 8 Randy Raak

Congregational Prayer

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October 15 Mark Voss

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T-Z = Jeff Kopaska

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T-Z = Mark Irvin