

WORSHIP SERVICE
October 8, 2023

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship

"I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

And they cried out in a loud voice: 'Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.'"

Until that day, we raise our voices to join his praises!

* Opening Song: "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Lift Up Your Hearts #223

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.

Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,

and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
who rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;

his glories now we sing who died and reigns on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;

no angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,

but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.

All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Opening Prayer

Song: "My Jesus, I Love Thee" (vs 1, 3, 4)

Lift Up Your Hearts #366

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,
and say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Eternal Father, we look forward to that day when we will meet you face to face. But here our experiences are bound within the world You have created. You offer us the chance to see beyond them to the glory that awaits us, in your word, and by your Spirit. But, we confess that we struggle to grasp what we cannot see, or hear, or touch. We get weighed down by the concerns of this world and forget that we live for more than this life alone. Lift our eyes to You; give us a perspective that sees beyond our experiences. Help us, even in the struggles of each day, to live for your honor and glory, amen.

Assurance of Pardon Revelation 7:14-17

And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, "they are before the throne of God

and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

Song of Entrusting: "Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"

Lift Up Your Hearts #693

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm 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
My chains are gone I've been set free My God my Savior has
ransomed me

And like a flood His mercy rains Unending love amazing grace
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 hath brought me Safe thus far, and grace will lead me home
My chains are gone I've been set free My God my Savior has
ransomed me

And like a flood His mercy rains Unending love amazing grace
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: 2 Corinthians 4:18 - 5:10

¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 5 ¹For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human

hands. ² Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, ³ because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. ⁶ Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷ For we live by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Message: Supernatural - A Glimpse of Heaven

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: "Be Thou My Vision" Lift Up Your Hearts #859

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art – thou my best thought, by day or by night; waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my great Father; thine own may I be, thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not nor vain, nor vain empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Soon And Very Soon" Lift Up Your Hearts #482

Soon and very soon We are going to see the King.

Soon and very soon We are going to see the King.

Soon and very soon We are going to see the King.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We are going to see the King.

No more crying there, we are going to see the King.

No more crying there, we are going to see the King.

No more crying there, we are going to see the King.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We are going to see the King.

No more dying there, we are going to see the King.

No more dying there, we are going to see the King.

No more dying there, we are going to see the King.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We are going to see the King.

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Rev. Randy Raak

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Musicians: Rex DeBruin, Elijah Goosen

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The special offering this 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/

Special Offering – in two weeks the special offering is for the TCRC Building Fund. This is an important giving to our church family, as it allows our church home to be repaired and improved. The newest improvement is the playground, patio, and picnic tables. Please pray



and consider giving to the building fund, in the coming weeks, and beyond.

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 (Oct 8) This week we will visit Bethlehem; hometown of Boaz and Ruth, Jesse and David, Joseph and Jesus. We meet in Room 7. All are welcome.

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

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.

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes October 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 be 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

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: God's Presence Gives Us Hope - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Sometimes, life isn't easy. This week's devotion is all about how wonderful it is to know that God is there in good times and bad times. He is with you and he loves you. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Kids in Action video "Wherever You Go."

Revelation: A Comfort for Believers - Groundwork has a new Bible study ebook and podcast, called "Revelation: A Comfort for Believers." It's a six-episode series that answers some of our biggest questions about the book of Revelation. It's great for personal or group study. Get it when you subscribe to Groundwork at groundworkonline.com/revelation.

Groundwork: Trusting God When Evil Abounds - Unfair realities are part of life. But when those circumstances threaten our way of life, it can be tempting to compromise our beliefs and values to preserve ourselves. Join Groundwork as we study the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den in Daniel 6 to give us the courage to trust God even when evil seems to be

winning. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Rex De Bruin
Sound: Bryan Van Belle
Nursery: Rachel and Stacy
Children's message: Randy Raak
Greeters: N. Klemme

Greeters

October 8	N Klemme
October 15	Kleinwolterink
October 22	Kopaska
October 29	Kuyper
November 5	Niehof
November 12	Niemeyer
November 19	Nikkel
November 26	Oftedal

Nursery

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
November 12	Mindy and Cassie
November 19	Megan and Pam N
November 26	Judy and Kenzie
December 3	Sue F and Alisabeth
December 10	Mary and Jayden
December 17	Rachel and Caraline
December 24	Melody and Stacy
December 31	Jessica and Alisabeth
January 7	Donna and Kathlyn

Children's Message

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October 15	Laura Hufford
October 22	Lora Copley
October 29	Jeff Kopaska
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November 26	Tom Niehof

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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