

WORSHIP SERVICE
October 22, 2023

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

- * God's Greeting
- * We Greet One Another
- * Call to Worship - Psalm 148:1-6

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created,

and he established them for ever and ever

- * Opening Song: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

Lift Up Your Hearts #538

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

Holy, holy, holy!

Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

Who wert and art and ever more shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,

Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,

only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*Opening Prayer

Song: "Of The Father's Love Begotten" vs 1, 4, 5

Lift Up Your Hearts #78

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega; He the source, the ending He,
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall
see evermore and evermore!

Let the heights of heaven adore Him, angel hosts, His praises sing,
pow'ers, dominions, bow before Him, and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent, ev'ery voice in concert ring
evermore and evermore!

Christ, to you, with God the Father and the Spirit, there shall be
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and the shout of jubilee:
honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory
evermore and evermore! Amen

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Father, there is so much we don't understand beyond the dimensions of our time and space. Still, we try to limit everything within boundaries that we can comprehend and control. Help us to trust beyond the ways and means we can understand, that you are still in control, working all things into your great plan of redemption. Through Christ our Savior we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance *(from Hebrews 2)*

In putting everything under Christ, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Since the children of humanity have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death, and free those who were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's spiritual descendants by making atonement for all their sins.

Song of Entrusting "Be Still, My Soul" vs 1, 2, 4

Be still, my soul, The Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently, The cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God, to order and provide.
In every change, He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul, Thy best thy heavenly Friend.
Through thorny ways, Leads to a joyful end.
Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake.
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake.
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul, the waves and wind still know.
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.
Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on.
When we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone.
Sorrow forgot, Love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past.
All safe and blessed, we shall meet at last.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 1:1-9,13-14 God's Final Word: His Son

¹ In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. ³ The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. ⁴ So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs. The Son Superior to Angels ⁵ For to

which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? ⁶ And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." ⁷ In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels spirits, and his servants flames of fire." ⁸ But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. ⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy."

¹³ To which of the angels did God ever say, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet? ¹⁴ Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?"

Message: Supernatural - Angels

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" vs 1-4

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious
King." The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.
Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings
unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary
world; above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife, the world has suffered long;
Beneath the heav'n hymn have rolled two thousand year of wrong
And warring human kind hears not the tidings which they bring
Oh hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the angels sing.
And you, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow;
Look now for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing

O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angel sing.
sing.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Lift Up Your Hearts #964

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen. Amen.

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Laura Hufford

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Mark Voss, Pam Voss, Nate VanDyk

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Special Offering this week 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 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. 22) we will visit sites associated with Jesus' public ministry as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew. We meet in Room 7. All are welcome.

Sawyer Elementary Winter Clothing Drive: Our local elementary school, Abbie Sawyer Elementary, is holding a winter clothing drive for students who do not have access to suitable winter clothing. We will be collecting winter coats, hats, mittens and gloves in children's sizes from now until **November 5th**. These can be new or gently used. A collection tub will be in the church entryway. If you don't want to pick something out, another option would be a gift card to TJ Maxx, Walmart or Target. This is a great opportunity to help children in our community with something very practical. Thank you from the TCRC Outreach Committee!!

This year's Trunk or Treat. Get the date on your calendar, October 27th, this coming Friday. Signup sheet is on the table outside the office, please get signed up, we need help to make this event a great one.

Peter Fish - Over 1 billion people around the world are hungry. In three weeks, we'll be observing World Hunger Sunday. God gives us food for the body and food for the spirit. He has a place for all of us at His table. worldrenew.net/worldhunger. We will collect the Peter Fish on November 5th.

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.

The church fellowship hall will be used on Sunday evenings from 5 – 7 pm by Areopagus. They will be viewing "The Chosen" through November.

The next Pub Theology (or Beers & Bibles/Spirits & Spirit/Brews & Truths) night at the Mucky Duck will be this Sunday evening (Oct. 22) at 6:30. Bring your thirst, sense of humor, and hunger for off-the-wall

theology questions ;) We've got some good questions coming in already – keep 'em coming! At this point we're planning on the 4th Sunday evening of each month.

Ames Christian School has expressed an interest in discussing the possibility of holding middle school classes at TCRC, starting with the 2024-2025 academic year. This would be a temporary arrangement while they are planning, fundraising, and building an addition onto their current facility. Council agreed to continue this discussion with them if they remain interested.

General Elections November 7th A reminder that the church will be a polling place for the general election on November 8th. Equipment will be delivered on the 7th, people will be in the church from 6 am till 8 pm. They are thankful that we allow the use of our building for this event.

Pam Whitney will be on vacation from November 29th through December 10th. Please have your announcements in as soon as possible for these two weeks.

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.

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes October 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 meet Monday October 23rd at Naomi Friends home. We will be helping her complete a banner for the church sanctuary. If you have questions please reach out to Kelly Hobson

Women's Bible Study meet the first Monday of the Month
Areopagus – Sunday night from 5 – 7 in the fellowship hall.
Next Council meeting is November 8th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Renew

Serving With Dignity Cohort starting November 2023! - Serving with Dignity is an asset-based approach to service beyond meeting immediate needs to create lasting change and transformation. Church leaders are invited to join the next cohort, meeting first and third Wednesday from November through April, and first Wednesdays in May, June, September, and October 2024. This cohort is designed to be a next step to the Thriving Essentials course (<https://www.crcna.org/essentials>). Available in Spanish and English. (Facilitation will be in English, but we welcome participants whose first language is Spanish and prefer to use the Spanish materials.) Apply at www.worldrenew.net/events Questions? Jodi Koeman at World Renew (jkoeman@worldrenew.net)

Together We Can End Global Hunger - In a world where there is more than enough food for everyone, more than 828 million people still do not have enough to eat. Together, we can work to end hunger for good. November 5 is World Hunger Sunday with World Renew. Through our gifts we can help provide the training and tools families need to journey away from hunger for the long haul. For more information, go to www.worldrenew.net/worldhunger

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.

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Paul Kleinwolterink

Sound: Tom Whitney
Nursery: Jessica and Kathlyn
Children's message: Laura Hufford
Greeters: Kopaska

Greeters

October 22 Kopaska
October 29 Kuyper
November 5 Niehof
November 12 Niemeyer
November 19 Nikkel
November 26 Oftedal
December 3 Oltman
December 10 Raak

Nursery

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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Campus Ministry)

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T-Z = Jeff Kopaska

Deacons: A-G = Joseph Yoder; H-K = Pam Niemeyer; L-S = Tom Whitney;
T-Z = Mark Irvin