

WORSHIP SERVICE
October 29, 2023
Reformation Sunday

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (from Psalms 47 & 95 and Romans 8:38-39)

Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

For the Lord Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth.

In his hand are the depths of the earth, the peaks of the mountains, and the abyss of the sea.

And neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future... nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

* Opening Song: "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #224

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore. Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice. Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice. Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit, bow down at his command, and fall beneath his feet. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice. Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope; for Christ, the Judge, shall come to gather all his saints to their eternal home. We soon shall hear the archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

*Opening Prayer

Song: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #772

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,

dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Dear Lord, we confess that in our pride we find our weakness.

In our denial of sin we deny the cleansing and healing power of your forgiveness.

In our self-righteousness and arrogance, we open the door to our minds for your Adversary.

And when we indulge our grudges or anger or taking offense, we give the devil a foothold in our hearts.

Lord, help us to let go of these things which bind us, and lead us in your ways. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (*1 John 1:6-7*)

If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

Song of Entrusting: "Our God Will Go Before Us"

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Eph 6:10-18

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Message: Supernatural - Demons

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Lift Up Your Hearts #776

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabbaoth his name, from age to age the same;
and he must win the battle.

And thou this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear for God has willed his truth to triumph through us.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Let All Things Now Living" *Lift Up Your Hearts #5*

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.
His law he enforces; the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Jeff Kopaska

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Laura Hufford, Holly Raak, Derek Ten Pas, Char Verkade

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Communion: We look forward to celebrating the Lord's Supper next Sunday morning. All who are trusting in Christ and have made a public stand for him are encouraged to join.

Next week's we will be collecting the **Peter Fish** during the Children's message. Please help the children of Trinity collect change, which will be given to the World Hunger Campaign: Fish for Change! (an initiative of World Renew). We ask that the Peter Fish be returned November 5th.

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. 29) we will visit Nazareth, Taybeh, and Jerusalem, sites associated with Jesus' life as recorded in the Gospel of Luke. 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!!

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 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 (Nov 26) 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 is moving forward with their request to use our church while they expand their grades. Council has been in discussion with the interested parties and will discuss this at next month council meeting. The use of the church would not start until August of 2024.

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 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 the 3rd Monday of the month.

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

Hunger for a World Where Hunger Does Not Exist! - No child should know the pain of hunger. Together, we hunger for a world where hunger does not exist! Next week is World Hunger Sunday and through our gifts, we can help World Renew equip communities with the knowledge and resources they need to change the story of hunger. To learn more, visit www.worldrenew.net/worldhunger

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Learning Like Us - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Jesus was twelve once too. When he grew up, people knew him as a carpenter, skills he probably learned from his

father, Joseph. This week is all about the ability to learn and having strength and courage to try new things and grow. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible story podcast “The Boy Jesus At the Temple.”

Groundwork: Our New Life in Christ - Gain a better understanding of the Christian doctrines of justification and sanctification. Join Groundwork as we study Romans 4-7 to remember the good news of salvation, hear what Paul teaches about how we live now because of Jesus Christ, and glean his wisdom for the struggles we sometimes experience while we are in the process of becoming more Christ-like. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - “Give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations” (Psalm 100:4-5). How has God been faithful to the generations in your family? Tell those stories to each other. Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Randy Raak
Sound: Brian Sterenberg
Nursery: Donna and Brianna
Children's message: Jeff Kopaska
Greeters: Kuyper

Greeters

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

December 17	Saldana
December 24	Sanders/Bassham
December 31	`Schweigruher/Berns
January 7	Sterenberg

Nursery

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

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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