

WORSHIP SERVICE

January 14, 2024

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (based on John 20:21, Our World Belongs to God, articles 41-42)

Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

In a world where happiness and peace are offered in many names, and where millions face confusing choices, the church is sent with the message Jesus Christ:

Grace is found in his love, peace is found in his forgiveness, transformation is found in his truth, and eternal life is found in his sacrifice.

We are sent to give sight and hope to the lost, to feed the hungry, and to share new life through following Jesus.

* Opening Song: "Blessed Be Your Name"

Lift Up Your

Hearts #343

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful, where your streams of abundance flow; blessed be your name. Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place. Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say, "Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name."

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me, when the world's "all as it should be"; blessed be your name. Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering; though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say, "Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name."

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"Goodness Of God"

I love You Lord; Oh Your mercy never fails me

All my days; I've been held in Your hands

From the moment that I wake up; Until I lay my head

I will sing of the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful; All my life You have been so so good

With every breath that I am able; I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice; You have led me through the fire

In darkest night; You are close like no other

I've known You as a father; I've known You as a friend

I have lived in the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful; All my life You have been so so good

With every breath that I am able; I will sing of the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after; It's running after me

Your goodness is running after; It's running after me

With my life laid down; I'm surrendered now

I give You everything; Your goodness is running after

It's running after me; All my life You have been faithful

All my life You have been so so good; With every breath that I am able

I will sing of the goodness of God

*Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Dear Father, it's so easy to get consumed with our own needs, desires, and self-care that we often don't make others a priority. Help us to listen well and to take a real interest in the people you put in our lives. Prompt us to encourage each other and to build each other up. Help us to deepen the friendships we have, and to open the door for new friendships too. Most of all, thank you for your commitment to us. In our Savior's name we pray, amen.

Assurance of Pardon *John 15:5-9*

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers.... If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love."

Song of Entrusting: "Seek Ye First"
Hearts #899

Lift Up Your

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.
Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.
We do not live by bread alone, but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:1-7

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15¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

Message: Living in 3D

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "Here I Am, Lord"

Sing A New Creation

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I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them?

whom shall I send?

REFRAIN: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I

will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send? (REFRAIN)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send? (REFRAIN)

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Hear the Call of the Kingdom"

Hear the call of the kingdom Lift your eyes to the King

Let His song rise within you As a fragrant offering

Of how God rich in mercy Came in Christ to redeem

All who trust in His unfailing grace

Hear the call of the Kingdom To be children of light

With the mercy of heaven The humility of Christ

Walking justly before Him Loving all that is right

That the life of Christ may shine through us

King of Heaven we will answer the call We will follow bringing hope to the world

Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim Salvation in Jesus' name

Hear the call of the Kingdom To reach out to the lost

With the Father's compassion In the wonder of the cross

Bringing peace and forgiveness And a hope yet to come

Let the nations put their trust in Him

King of Heaven we will answer the call We will follow bringing hope to the world

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Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Laura Hufford

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Elijah Hufford, Laura Hufford, Nate VanDyk, Pam Voss

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

The special offering this week is for **Food at First**, which serves the Ames community by offering a free meal program and a perishable food pantry. The garden on the church property and financial gifts are ways Trinity supports this ministry.

There will be a congregational meeting on January 25th, 2024, at 6:30 pm.

Located on the table outside the office, there are pamphlets for "**Read the Bible in a Year**". Please take one if you would like, makes for a great way to keep on track for reading the bible.

This year the outreach committee is doing a food drive for **Salvation Army**. Instead of giving food we are giving a dollar donation to Salvation Army. Most purchases come from The Food Bank of Iowa. Food is purchased for about 20 cents a pound, a gallon of milk costs about \$1.80, a pound of hamburger costs about 20 cents and a five-pound bag of chicken breasts cost about \$1.00. Food can be purchased very economically. If you wish to donate feel free to give a check made out to TCRC or Salvation Army, or donate online as a special offering with memo of Salvation Army. The food drive will go thru January 14. If you have any questions feel free to contact Mark Voss.

The next Pub Theology (or Beers & Bibles/Spirits & Spirit/Brews & Truths) night at the Mucky Duck will be Sunday evening (Jan 28th) at 6:30. Bring your thirst, sense of humor, and hunger for off-the-wall theology questions. – keep those questions coming Meeting the 4th Sunday evening of each month.

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.



Reminder as we come upon the winter season, please be sure to wipe your shoes before you come into the church to help with keeping our church home clean.

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes Jan 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 UFO will meet on Monday January 15th at 6:30pm at Janet Bakker's home. You are welcome to bring a project to work on or just come and enjoy the fellowship. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kelly Hobson.

Women's Bible Study meet the first Monday of the Month.

Pub Theology meets the 4th Sunday of the month at 6:30 pm, This month Mucky Duck

Next Council meeting is February 14th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - N.T. Wright wrote, "Reading and studying Scripture [is] central to how we grow in the love of God." This coming week, start each day by reading 1 Corinthians 13 and praying that God's love will flow through you to others. Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: God's Love Brings People Together - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. This week, we remember the work of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a preacher who followed the example of Christ and brought all kinds of people together. This week's devotion and parent blog gives instructions for a science experiment with an emulsifier, some oil, and water. How can this experiment be compared to the power of God's love? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

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.

ReFrame Ministries Provides Devotions, Podcasts, and Blogs - Start a new Biblical habit with resources from ReFrame Ministries. DEVOTIONS including the Today devotional offer short daily meditations and scripture. Kids Corner includes devotions, especially for children and guardians. PODCASTS help you dig into scripture with Groundwork, explore pop culture and Christianity with Think Christian, or energize your church communications with Church Juice. BLOGS offering spiritual advice for parenting, dating, and more are available in new posts from Family Fire. Learn more about the spiritual habit of praying with ReFrame's prayer ministry.

Groundwork: Humility - If we look closely, the Christlike virtue of humility is a root virtue from which many of the other virtues flow. Join Groundwork as we explore Romans 12:3, Philippians 2:3-4, John 13:3-17, and Colossians 3:1-17 to discuss what it means to be humble, to witness Christ's own humility, and to learn how humility influences our

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

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Congregational Prayer: Mark Voss
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Nursery Elaine and Brianna
Children's message: Laura Hufford
Greeters: t' Hoen

Greeters

January 14 t' Hoen
January 21 VanDyk
January 28 Verkade
February 4 Voss
February 11 Sanders/Bassham
February 18 Yoder
February 25 Bakker

Nursery

January 14 Elaine and Brianna
January 21 Mindy and Kristy
January 28 Megan and Cassie
February 4 Judy and Pam
February 11 Sue and Kenzie
February 18 Mary and Kathlyn
February 25 Rachel and Jayden

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January 28 Randy Raak
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