

WORSHIP SERVICE
February 25, 2024
Second Sunday of Lent

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship - from Isaiah 42:10-12

Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the ends of the earth.

From the seas and islands,

the mountains, the deserts, the plains, or the cities -

let them all give glory to God and praise his name.

* Opening Song: "Lord Most High" *Lift Up Your Hearts #593*

From the ends of the earth, *From the ends of the earth,*

From the depths of the sea, *From the depths of the sea,*

From the heights of the heavens, *From the heights of the heavens,*

Your name be praised.

From the hearts of the weak, *From the hearts of the weak,*

From the shouts of the strong, *From the shouts of the strong,*

From the lips of all people, *From the lips of all people,*

This song we raise Lord

Throughout the endless ages you will be crowned with praises, Lord

Most High. Exalted in every nation, sovereign of all creation Lord

Most High, be magnified be magnified.

From the ends of the earth, *From the ends of the earth,*

From the depths of the sea, *From the depths of the sea,*

From the heights of the heavens, *From the heights of the heavens,*

Your name be praised.

From the hearts of the weak, *From the hearts of the weak,*

From the shouts of the strong, *From the shouts of the strong,*

From the lips of all people, *From the lips of all people,*

This song we raise Lord

Throughout the endless ages you will be crowned with praises, Lord Most High. Exalted in every nation, sovereign of all creation Lord Most High, be magnified be magnified.

* Opening Prayer

* Song: "In Christ Alone"

Lift Up Your Hearts # 770

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song; This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My comforter, my all in all— Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!

This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on the cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;

For ev'ry sin on Him was laid— Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;

Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;

For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death— This is the pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow'r of hell, no human plan, Can ever pluck me from His hand;

Till He returns or calls me home— Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Dear Lord, you are the source of true wisdom, and yet, at times we value the words of those who don't know you above your own Word.

Other times, we take your Word so casually that we pay little attention to it and ignore your direction for our lives.

Help us to live our lives out of gratitude to you, and from a deep desire to honor you in what we do and say.

From humble hearts we pray, Amen.

Words of Assurance Isaiah 42:6-7

“I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.”

Song of Entrusting: “Beneath The Cross Of Jesus”

Lift Up Your Hearts #167

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I long to take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty Rock, within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noon-tide heat
and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see
the very dying form of One, who suffered there for me:
and from my contrite heart with tears, two wonders I confess,
the wonders of his glorious love, and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, your shadow, for my abiding place:
I ask no other sunshine than, the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

Children’s Message - Stacy Hertz

Congregational Prayer - Tom Niehof

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 32:1-18

¹See, a king will reign in righteousness and rulers will rule with justice. ²Each one will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in the desert and the shadow of a great rock in a thirsty land. ³Then the eyes of those who see will no longer be closed, and the ears of those who hear will listen. ⁴The fearful heart will know and understand, and the stammering tongue will be fluent and clear. ⁵No longer will the fool be called noble nor the scoundrel be highly respected. ⁶For fools speak folly, their hearts are bent on evil: They practice ungodliness and spread error concerning the Lord; the hungry they leave empty and

from the thirsty they withhold water. ⁷ Scoundrels use wicked methods, they make up evil schemes to destroy the poor with lies, even when the plea of the needy is just. ⁸ But the noble make noble plans, and by noble deeds they stand.

The Women of Jerusalem

⁹ You women who are so complacent, rise up and listen to me; you daughters who feel secure, hear what I have to say! ¹⁰ In little more than a year you who feel secure will tremble; the grape harvest will fail, and the harvest of fruit will not come. ¹¹ Tremble, you complacent women; shudder, you daughters who feel secure! Strip off your fine clothes and wrap yourselves in rags. ¹² Beat your breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vines ¹³ and for the land of my people, a land overgrown with thorns and briars—yes, mourn for all houses of merriment and for this city of revelry. ¹⁴ The fortress will be abandoned, the noisy city deserted; citadel and watchtower will become a wasteland forever, the delight of donkeys, a pasture for flocks, ¹⁵ till the Spirit is poured on us from on high, and the desert becomes a fertile field, and the fertile field seems like a forest. ¹⁶ The Lord's justice will dwell in the desert, his righteousness live in the fertile field. ¹⁷ The fruit of that righteousness will be peace; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever. ¹⁸ My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest.

Message: Journey to Shalom - Rest in the Wilderness

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: "Be Unto Your Name"

We are a moment, You are forever
Lord of the Ages, God before time
We are a vapor, You are eternal
Love everlasting, reigning on high
Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises, honor and glory

Be unto Your name, be unto Your name
We are the broken, You are the healer
Jesus, Redeemer, Mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before You, blessing Your name
Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises, honor and glory
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name
Be unto Your name
Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises, honor and glory
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WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Blessed Assurance"

Lift Up Your Hearts #363

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his
blood.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on
my sight;

angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of
love.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in
his love.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Rex DeBruin, Elijah Goossen, Maggie VanDyk

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

This week's special offering will be for **The Bridge home**. As their director explained to us last month, the Bridge home addresses homelessness here in Ames by providing emergency shelter and sustainable solutions. Please keep The Bridge in your prayers

Communion: Next week we will gather at the Lord's Table. Come, all who are sorry for their sins, who believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, have confessed his name, and desire to live in obedience to him. Come, for Christ our risen Lord invites you to fellowship with him at his table.

Council is requesting your prayerful consideration and nomination of TCRC members to serve in the offices of elder and deacon. The form, including instructions, for nominations is on the table in the entryway. Please put your completed forms in the box there labeled **"ELDER & DEACON NOMINATIONS" by March 17**

Thank you to the Trinity Christian Reformed Church, Pastor Randy, and Tom Kuyper for the support we received during Carroll's illness. We gratefully appreciate the cards, flowers, and kind expressions of sympathy we received during this difficult time. Thank you especially to Pastor Tom Niehof for his guidance, thoughtfulness, and meaningful message during the service. The music and the worship were a beautiful celebration of all that Carroll believed. – The family of Carroll Nikkel.

There will be Easter color pages available on the table outside the office. Please color and pin to the bulletin board outside the Library. Lets share our Church Family' talents with coloring. Put your name on them so they can be returned after the holiday..

As Easter approaches, it is again time to purchase flowers for our sanctuary. Flowers will cost \$13 each and can be ordered from now till March 17th. If you have questions, please contact Pam Voss at be sure to leave a message. There will be a signup sheet on the table outside the office. Payment can be made in the offering, noting to use money for Easter Flowers. If paying online, use special offering with memo of Easter Flowers.

A memorial service for Carl Vander Wal will be held on Saturday, March 16 at 1:00 pm at First Christian Church, 250 W. E Avenue in Nevada. The family will be available for visitation for an hour immediately before the service.

<https://www.rasmussonfh.com/obituaries/Carl-L-Vander-Wal?obId=30739654>

Adult Sunday School in Room 7: Join Rex De Bruin and Andrew Friend as they lead a class on the Holy Spirit with the help of Francis Chan's "Forgotten God" book and DVD series. Thorough scriptural support and compelling narrative form Chan's invitation to stop and remember the One we forget all too often, the Spirit of the living God.

Save the date: Our next Family2Family Sale will be **Saturday, April 6**. It's a great way to help neighborhood families by recycling your kids' (and your own) outdated or outgrown clothes into some extra cash! Check out our church web site for all the details.

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.

There is printout of Birthdays, Greeters, Congregational Prayer, Nursery, Children and Worship, and Children's message on the table outside the office. I will print this out at the beginning of each month.

The next Pub Theology (or Beers & Bibles/Spirits & Spirit/Brews & Truths) night at the Mucky Duck will be Sunday evening (Feb 25th) 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.

Each year, the second **Wednesday in March** is designated as the CRC Day of Prayer. On this date, all CRC congregations are requested to take time to seek God's leading, blessing, and transformation to become more like Christ.

The fellowship hall will be in use on March 2nd, from 1-6. Please keep this in mind if you have any plans to visit the church this day.

If you are not on our weekly emails and updates, please supply your email address to Pam Whitney at office@amestrinity.org. Please update the directory on the table outside the office as well. I will make a new version at the end of March.

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.



Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes Feb 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 meets the 3rd week of the month.

Women's Bible Study will be Feb 26th and we will be discussing the Discipline of Holy Communion.

Pub Theology meets Sunday Feb 25th, be sure to bring your questions or post them on the Facebook page, "Ames Pub Theology" (at 6:30 pm, This month at Mucky Duck)

Next Council meeting is March 13th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Renew

Build Communities of Hope on World Renew DRS Sunday - Today's offering for World Renew Disaster Response Services builds hope in communities across the U.S. and Canada. World Renew DRS helps homeowners like Mrs. Brown who may not be able to recover from a flood, tornado, or hurricane on their own. Please give generously in today's offering for World Renew DRS. You can also give online at worldrenew.net/drs or call 800-848-5818 to donate.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Names of God: The Righteous God - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Psalm 145:17 says, "The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does." So, what is it like to be righteous? Is it like being right? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

Greeters

February 25 Bakker
March 3 Bergman
March 10 De Bruin
March 17 Franje
March 24 Copley
March 31 Hobson

Nursery

February 25 Rachel and Jayden
March 3 Melody and Caraline
March 10 Jessica and Stacy
March 17 Donna and Alisabeth
March 24 Elaine and Kathlyn
March 31 Mindy and Brianna

Children's Message

February 25 Stacy Hertz
March 3 Rex De Bruin
March 10 Randy Raak
March 17 Lora Copley
March 24 Laura Hufford
March 31 Jeff Kopaska

Congregational Prayer

February 25 Tom Niehof

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March 10 Tom Kuyper

March 17 Randy Raak

March 24 Mark Voss

March 31 Rex De Bruin

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Campus Ministry)

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