

WORSHIP SERVICE
April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (from Deuteronomy 10:15-21)

*To the Lord your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens,
the earth and everything in it.*

**For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great
God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality**

*He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the
foreigner residing among you.... And you are to love those who are
foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt.*

**Fear the Lord your God and serve him.... He is the one you praise;
for he is your God**

* 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.

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* Opening Prayer

* Song: "Refuge and Rock" vs 1, 4, 5 *Lift Up Your Hearts #194*

Refuge and Rock, Shield and Deliverer

I love you, Lord, For your unfailing care

Facing the grave, Fearing destruction

I called to you and you answered my prayer

I was distressed, You heard my voice

I will rejoice, For you saved me

Wisdom and thanks, Honor and triumph

Such are the gifts you are eager to give

Strength for the fight, Wisdom to lead me

Triumph and more for as long as I live

Honor indeed, To make it known

That you alone are eternal, Worship and thanks

Reverence and glory, Be to the Lord I am honored to know

Saved from my foes, Called to you service

I will extol you wherever I go, Your love surrounds

Me all my days, Therefore I praise you, my Savior

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Father, you call us to be the light of the world, but sometimes we are more committed to political structures and human ideologies than we are to you and your kingdom.

You have great compassion for all people, but we can be so quick to judge and condemn.

Help us to overcome our prejudices, and to see others as you see them.

Jesus, give us the same love for others as you showed, even to your enemies. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon *Psalm 103:8-12*

“The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve, or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.”

Song of Entrusting: “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.

Children's Message
Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Jonah 1

Jonah Flees From the Lord

¹ The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: ² "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me." ³ But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord. ⁴ Then the Lord sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up. ⁵ All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own god. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship. But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep. ⁶ The captain went to him and said, "How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us so that we will not perish." ⁷ Then the sailors said to each other, "Come, let us cast lots to find out who is responsible for this calamity." They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸ So they asked him, "Tell us, who is responsible for making all this trouble for us? What kind of work do you do? Where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?" ⁹ He answered, "I am a Hebrew and I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." ¹⁰ This terrified them and they asked, "What have you done?" (They knew he was running away from the Lord, because he had already told them so.) ¹¹ The sea was getting rougher and rougher. So they asked him, "What should we do to you to make the sea calm down for us?" ¹² "Pick me up and throw me into the sea," he replied, "and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you." ¹³ Instead, the men did their best to row back

to land. But they could not, for the sea grew even wilder than before. ¹⁴ Then they cried out to the Lord, "Please, Lord, do not let us die for taking this man's life. Do not hold us accountable for killing an innocent man, for you, Lord, have done as you pleased." ¹⁵ Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. ¹⁶ At this the men greatly feared the Lord, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows to him.

Jonah's Prayer

¹⁷ Now the Lord provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Message: Surf's Up - Riptides

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "Seek Ye First" *Lift Up Your Hearts #899*

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.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "O God, You Are My God"

Lift Up Your Hearts # 743

Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways.

And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days

(Repeat)

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Stacy Hertz

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Char Verkade, Elizabeth Hobson, Laura Hufford, Derek Ten Pas

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

Next Week's Special Offering is for the TCRC Building Fund. Our building committee works hard to keep our church in good repair. Consider your giving to help with building needs of this church family.

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.

Sawyer Elementary School is having a school store in about a month where students are able to purchase items with "money" they have earned throughout the year for making positive behavior choices. The school is looking for items to "sell". Here are some items that would work well: games/puzzles, fidgets, stuffed toys, sports things, posters, Legos/building stuff, action figures/cars, activity books, art/science kits, stickers, etc. Basically, anything a kid aged 5-12 might enjoy! We'll have a donation box in the lobby in case you would like to donate things like this for their "sale". Donations collected till **April 28th**.

Summer BBQ plans - July 26, Friday night, grilling for the neighborhood, burgers and hotdogs, inflatables, possibly music

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

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 April 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 April 15th at 6:30 pm at Sue Fee home.

Women's Bible Study meets on Monday once a month.

Pub Theology meets the 4th Sunday of the month

Next Council meeting is May 8th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Practicing celebration early in the day can help adjust our mindset and focus us on God's goodness. Consider beginning each morning by praying a Scripture passage of celebration, such as Psalm 103:1-5. Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject
ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Imagine When... - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. How do you like to use your imagination? Maybe you imagine the characters in a book you're reading. Perhaps you can imagine a treehouse you want to design. Though your imagination is something only you can see, it can also help you shape your ideas. New inventions, solutions, and creations can all stem from your imagination! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like The Spring Scavenger Hunt, and go for a hike!

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.

Groundwork: Justice and Righteousness in Amos - Amos was a shepherd until God called him to deliver a searing message to Israel. Join Groundwork as we study Amos 1-9 to hear God's message of justice and righteousness and to be reminded of the strong connection between how we live our daily lives and how God sees our worship. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Resonate Global Mission

Double Your Gift to Support God's Mission - A generous donor will double any amount you give to Resonate's Where Most Needed fund, including through church offerings, through April 30! Visit www.resonateglobalmission.org/double to find out more.

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Paul Kleinwolterink
Sound: Rex De Bruin
Nursery: Judy and Cassie
Children's message: Stacy Hertz
Greeters: Hubert

Greeters

April 14	Hubert	June 9	Kopaska
April 21	Hufford	June 16	Kuyper
April 28	Friend	June 23	Niehof
May 5	Hallihan	June 30	Niemeyer
May 12	Hertz	July 7	Nikkel
May 19	Irvin	July 14	Oftendal
May 26	N Klemme	July 21	Oltman
June 2	Kleinwolterink	July 28	Raak

Nursery

April 14	Judy and Cassie	May 26	Donna and Stacy
April 21	Sue F and Pam N	June 2	Elaine and Alisabeth
April 28	Mary K and Kenzie	June 9	Mindy and Kathryn
May 5	Rachel and Sue F	June 16	Megan and Brianna
May 12	Melody and Jayden	June 23	Judy and Kristy
May 19	Jessica and Caraline	June 30	Sue and Cassier

July 7	Mary and Pam	July 21	Melody and Megan
July 14	Rachel and Kenzie	July 28	Jessica and Jayden

Children's Message

April 14	Stacy Hertz	June 9	Randy Raak
April 21	Rex De Bruin	June 16	Laura Hufford
April 28	Laura Hufford	June 23	Lora Copley
May 5	Lora Copley	June 30	Jeff Kopaska
May 12	Jeff Kopaska	July 7	Deb Niehof
May 19	Deb Niehof	July 14	Stacy Hertz
May 26	Stacy Hertz	July 21	Rex De Bruin
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Congregational Prayer

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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