

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**April 21, 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship - from Psalm 95:1-5

*"Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.*

**Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.**

*For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.*

**In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it".**

*Let all the earth sing his praises!*

\* Opening Song: "Shout To The Lord" *Lift Up Your Hearts #603*

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you. All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love. My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength, let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands: forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

\* Opening Prayer

Song: "Jesus, All For Jesus" *Lift Up Your Hearts #738*

Jesus, all for Jesus All I am and have

And ever hope to be All of my ambitions, hopes, and plans

I surrender these Into your hands

For it's only in Your will that I am free

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Jesus, all for Jesus All I am and have  
And ever hope to be

## **WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we thank you for including us in your great plan of redemption.

**But when we fail you, help us to trust in your forgiveness, even when we are overwhelmed with guilt and think that we are too unworthy for your love.**

And we ask your forgiveness, Lord, for the times we think others are too unworthy for your love.

**Help us to remember that it is only by your grace that we are saved. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon Hebrews 4:14-16

*“Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”*

Song of Entrusting: “Before the Throne of God Above”

*Lift Up Your Hearts #682*

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea;  
a great High Priest, whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads  
for me.

My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can bid me thence  
depart,

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When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look, and see him there who made an end of all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,  
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;  
the great unchangeable "I AM," the King of glory and of grace!  
One with himself, I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;  
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,  
with Christ my Savior and my God.

Children's Message  
Congregational Prayer

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading: Jonah 2

<sup>1</sup> From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God. <sup>2</sup> He said: "In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry. <sup>3</sup> You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me. <sup>4</sup> I said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.' <sup>5</sup> The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head <sup>6</sup> To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you, Lord my God, brought my life up from the pit. <sup>7</sup> "When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, Lord, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. <sup>8</sup> "Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God's love for them. <sup>9</sup> But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, 'Salvation comes from the Lord.'" <sup>10</sup> And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

Message: Surf's Up – Rag Dolled

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response: "Good To Me"

I cry out for your hand of mercy to heal me.  
I am weak; I need your love to free me.

O Lord, my rock, my strength in weakness-  
Come rescue me, O Lord.

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O Lord, my rock, my strength in weakness-  
Come rescue me, O Lord.

You are my hope; your promise never fails me.  
And my desire is to follow you forever.

For you are good, for you are good, for you are good to me.  
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## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song: "Salvation Belongs to our God"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #608*

Salvation belongs to our God Who sits upon the throne,  
and unto the Lamb Praise and Glory,

Wisdom and thanks, Honor and power and strength.

Be to our God forever and ever,

Be to our God forever and ever,

Be to our God forever and ever, amen.

And we, the redeemed shall be strong In purpose and unity

Declaring aloud Praise and Glory,

Wisdom and thanks, Honor and power and strength.

Be to our God forever and ever, Be to our God forever and ever,

Be to our God forever and ever, amen.

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Rev. Randy Raak

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Musicians: Elijah Goossen, Nancy Berns, Chloe Berns-Schweingruber, Elijah Hufford

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS :**

**This 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.

**Reminder to committees**, requests for Endowment Funds requests are due to Pam Whitney by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please get these in as soon as possible.

**You are making a difference!** On behalf of the ministries of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, thank you for your gifts to ministry shares. Your support enables congregations to do so much more to further God's Kingdom than any one church could do alone. Our denomination could not impact the world through missions, media, and church development without your incredible and faithful support. Thank you! To discover more visit [crcna.org/ministryshares](http://crcna.org/ministryshares).

**Brady Van Meeteren** is a sophomore student at Dordt and a plant science major from Sheldon, IA. This summer he has an internship opportunity in Ames at Advanced Agrilytics where he'll be able to do agriculture & agronomy research.

Brady is looking for housing in the Ames area from May 14 – August 17. If you have room in your home or need a summer roommate in your apartment, would you be willing to reach out to Brady? His email is [brdyvnmtrn21@dordt.edu](mailto:brdyvnmtrn21@dordt.edu) He will have his own transportation. If you can't offer housing assistance but know of others in your church family who could help, those connections are helpful as well.

**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.

The Agenda for Synod 2024 is now available on the [Synod Resources](#) page of the CRCNA website, for access by delegates to Synod 2024 and all interested members of the CRCNA. Supplements will be added as they are prepared and finalized. [WWW.  
https://www.crcna.org/synodresources](http://www.crcna.org/synodresources)

**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 28<sup>th</sup>**.

**Congregational meeting** on May 12<sup>th</sup> for Deacon and Elder selection. Please continue to pray for those who have been nominated and asked to take part in the church leadership.

**Summer BBQ plans - July 26**, Friday night, grilling for the neighborhood, burgers and hotdogs, inflatables, possibly music. We will need a church clean up this summer as well, date to come.

**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](mailto: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 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 third Monday of the month.

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

**Pub Theology** meets the April 28th, at 7 pm Mucky Duck

**Next Council meeting** is May 15<sup>th</sup>

### **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner: Earth Day** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). When God created the earth, he made sure to make everything right. After every day of creation, he looked at what he had made and called it good. And then—at the end of creation—God gave it all to us and put us in charge. That is an incredible blessing and a huge task! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's Earth Day Collection.

**Pastor Darrell Delaney Answers Your Questions** - Pastor Darrell Delaney, co-host of Groundwork and author of the Today devotions for April 2024, will be answering your questions about how God's word addresses life's practical challenges in a live webinar on May 2, 2024 at 12:30 EDT. Post your question and sign up for the webinar at [connect.reframeministries.org/answers](http://connect.reframeministries.org/answers)

**Groundwork: God's Judgment and Hope in Micah** - A contemporary of Isaiah, the prophet Micah is most well-known for the famous verse "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Join Groundwork as we study Micah 1-7 to discuss God's

judgment and hope woven throughout Micah's prophecies. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Resonate Global Mission

**There's Still Time to Double Your Impact** - You can help join God's mission and spread the gospel by supporting Resonate Global Mission. From now through April 30, a generous donor will match your gift dollar for dollar—visit [www.resonateglobalmission.org/double](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/double) to find out more! Give while your gift will go twice as far!

Thrive

**Thriving Essentials Overview Webinar - April 30** - Thriving Essentials is a training course for elders, deacons, church staff, and any volunteer ministry leader. This one-hour webinar will give you an overview of what the full 4-hour course involves, including discussions on key concepts of Mission, Discipleship, Discernment, and Leadership. Attend this preview on April 30 (11am EDT) to see if the full course is right for your church. Get more info at [crcna.org/essentials](http://crcna.org/essentials)

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Family traditions create unforgettable memories—and they can form faith! Choose one night of the week (or one day of the month) to be Family Celebration Night. To see how one family does this, check out the video at [tinyurl.com/BewleyVideo](http://tinyurl.com/BewleyVideo). Learn more at [crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject)

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Congregational Prayer: Randy Raak

Sound: Brian Sterenberg

Nursery Sue F and Pam N

Children's message: Rex De Bruin

Greeters: Hufford

### **Greeters**

April 21 Hufford

May 26 N Klemme

April 28 Friend

June 2 Kleinwolterink

May 5 Hallihan

June 9 Kopaska

May 12 Hertz

June 16 Kuyper

May 19 Irvin

June 23 Niehof



June 30 Niemeyer  
July 7 Nikkel  
July 14 Oftendal

July 21 Oltman  
July 28 Raak

### **Nursery**

April 21 Sue F and Pam N  
April 28 Mary K and Kenzie  
May 5 Rachel and Sue F  
May 12 Melody and Jayden  
May 19 Jessica and Caraline  
May 26 Donna and Stacy  
June 2 Elaine and Alisabeth  
June 9 Mindy and Kathlyn

June 16 Megan and Brianna  
June 23 Judy and Kristy  
June 30 Sue and Cassier  
July 7 Mary and Pam  
July 14 Rachel and Kenzie  
July 21 Melody and Megan  
July 28 Jessica and Jayden

### **Children's Message**

April 21 Rex De Bruin  
April 28 Laura Hufford  
May 5 Lora Copley  
May 12 Jeff Kopaska  
May 19 Deb Niehof  
May 26 Stacy Hertz  
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June 9 Randy Raak

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**Pastor Randy Raak:** pastor@amestrinity.org or 928-699-9329

**Lora Copley:** director@isu-areopagus.org or 505-387-6861 (Areopagus 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