

WORSHIP SERVICE
April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship - Hebrews 10:19-23

"Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,

and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings,

having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful."

* Opening Song: "Ten Thousand Reasons" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #559

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul. Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning it's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me. Let me be singing when the evening comes. Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul.

Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing. Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul. Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.
And on that day when my strength is failing. The end draws near and
my time has come.

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending. Ten thousand years and
then forevermore.

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul. Worship His holy name. Sing like
never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name. Worship Your
holy name. Worship Your holy name.

* Opening

* Song: "Revelation Song"

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on Heaven's mercy seat
Holy holy holy Is the Lord God Almighty

Who was and is and is to come With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color Flashes of lightning rolls of
thunder

Blessing and honor strength and glory And power be to You the only
wise King

Holy holy holy Is the Lord God Almighty

Who was and is and is to come With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water Such a marv'lous
mystery yeah

Holy holy holy Is the Lord God Almighty

Who was and is and is to come With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Jesus, you are the perfect example of selfless love, giving your life for those who had rejected you.

Lord, sometimes we cling so tightly to what we see as ours: our money, our time, our social standing, our security.

Yet, in reality, you hold all these in your hands - to give or take away as you see what is best.

Help us hold these things loosely, and to cling instead to what is important to you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon 2 Corinthians 4:5-6

“For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.”

Song of Entrusting: “Create In Me A Clean Heart”

Sing a New Creation #49

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and renew a right spirit within me.

Children’s Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading: Jonah 3

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: ² “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

³ Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. ⁴ Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." ⁵ The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. ⁶ When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. ⁷ This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. ⁸ But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. ⁹ Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish." ¹⁰ When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

Message: Surf's Up - Barrel Riding

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "I Love to Tell the Story"

Lift Up Your Hearts #262

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story; for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "The Lord's Prayer, It's Yours"

Father, let your kingdom come Father, let your will be done
On Earth as in heaven Right here in my heart
Father, let your kingdom come Father, let your will be done
On Earth as in heaven Right here in my heart
Give us this day our daily bread Forgive us, forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned Against us, forgive them
And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from the evil one
Let your kingdom come Father, let your kingdom come
Father, let your will be done On Earth as in heaven
Right here in my heart
Father, let your kingdom come Father, let your will be done
On Earth as in heaven Right here in my heart
Give us this day our daily bread Forgive us, forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned Against us, forgive them
And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from the evil one
Let your kingdom come
It's yours, it's yours All yours, all yours The kingdom, the power, the
glory are yours
It's yours, it's yours All yours, all yours Forever and ever the
kingdom is yours

It's yours, it's yours All yours, all yours The kingdom, the power, the glory are yours

It's yours, it's yours All yours, all yours Forever and ever the kingdom is yours

Father, let your kingdom come Father, let your will be done

On Earth as in heaven Right here in my heart

Father, let your kingdom come Father, let your will be done

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Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Laura Hufford

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Kathlyn Copley, Rex DeBruin, Laura Hufford, Maggie VanDyk

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

The special offering this week is for **Mid-Iowa Community Action (MICA)**. MICA is a private, non-profit organization serving children and families affected by poverty in central Iowa. To learn more, visit micaonline.org.

Special offering next week: Tyler and Christina are in Stellenbosch, South Africa, where Tyler is serving as pastor to an international church (SIF). The church exists to be a "global family in Christ", serving students, migrant workers, and refugees from around the world. Please consider a gift towards Tyler and Christina's work to reach out to non-Christians with the Gospel, and to disciple Christians to be witnesses to Christ and the Kingdom in all areas of life

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.

We will be celebrating this year's graduates on May 5th. Please join us in the fellowship hall after the service for cake and punch.

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

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? 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.

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**.

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

From Building & Grounds - in preparation for the Summer BBQ event and Ames Christian School starting here in the fall, church grounds clean-up will be June 8. Please mark your calendars for a great church family event.


The Outreach Committee is planning an outing to **an Iowa Cubs game on Friday evening, June 7**. Game time is 7:08, and there will be

fireworks following the game. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer so we can pre-purchase a block of tickets. Anyone can attend and pick up a ticket at the game, too.

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. 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  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 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 15th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Resonate Global Mission

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

Greeters

April 28	Friend	June 2	Kleinwolterink
May 5	Hallihan	June 9	Kopaska
May 12	Hertz	June 16	Kuyper
May 19	Irvin	June 23	Niehof
May 26	N Klemme	June 30	Niemeyer

Nursery

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

Children's Message

April 28	Laura Hufford	June 2	Rex De Bruin
May 5	Lora Copley	June 9	Randy Raak
May 12	Jeff Kopaska	June 16	Laura Hufford
May 19	Deb Niehof	June 23	Lora Copley
May 26	Stacy Hertz	June 30	Jeff Kopaska

Congregational Prayer

April 28	Jeff Kopaska	May 26	Tom Niehof
May 5	Lora Copley	June 2	Randy Raak
May 12	Randy Raak	June 9	Tom Kuyper
May 19	Mark Voss	June 16	Randy Raak

June 23 Mark Voss

June 30 Rex De Bruin

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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