

WORSHIP SERVICE
May 26, 2024
First Sunday After Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (from Psalm 84)

How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty!

Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor;

No good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

* Opening Song: "All Creatures Of Our God And King"

Lift Up Your Hearts #551

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O burning sun with golden beam, and shining moon with silver gleam,

O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O rushing wind so wild and strong, white clouds that sail in heaven along,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

New rising dawn in praise rejoice, you lights of evening find a voice!

O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Cool flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Fierce fire, so masterful and bright, providing us with warmth and light,

O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Earth ever fertile, day by day bring forth your blessings on our way;
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All flowers and fruits that in you grow, let them his glory also show:
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All you who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part;
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All you who pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your
care:

O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three
in One:

O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Prayer

Song: "Be Still, For The Presence" *Sing! A New Creation #11*

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here. Come,
bow before him now, with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found;
we stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the
Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around. He burns with
holy fire; with splendor he is crowned. How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining
all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place. He comes
to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace. No work too hard for him;
in faith receive from him. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving
in this place.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

*Our Father, you tell us a person's value is not made up of what we
own.*

**But we hear that we deserve the best, and that wealth will bring us
respect.**

You tell us that you will be our refuge and fortress, an ever present help in trouble.

But we grasp for security in the form of wealth.

Lord, teach us to value what is precious to you, to bring you the offering of our heart. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon *Psalm 91:14-16*

“Because he loves me,” says the Lord, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

Song of Entrusting: “Spirit, Spirit Of Gentleness” vs 1, 2,3

Lift Up Your Hearts #238

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness. Wind, Wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep; then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep, and over the eons you called to each thing, “Awake from your slumbers and rise on our wings.” Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness. Wind, Wind on the sea.

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand, and you gifted your people with a law and a land; and when they were blinded with idols and lies, then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness. Wind, Wind on the sea.

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill; then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still. And down in the city you called once again, when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness. Wind, Wind on the sea.

Children’s Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Haggai 1

¹ In the second year of King Darius, on the first day of the sixth month, the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest: ² This is what the Lord Almighty says: "These people say, 'The time has not yet come to rebuild the Lord's house.'" ³ Then the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: ⁴ "Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?" ⁵ Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. ⁶ You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it." ⁷ This is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. ⁸ Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored," says the Lord. ⁹ "You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?" declares the Lord Almighty. "Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house. ¹⁰ Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops. ¹¹ I called for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the olive oil and everything else the ground produces, on people and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands." ¹² Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the whole remnant of the people obeyed the voice of the Lord their God and the message of the prophet Haggai, because the Lord their God had sent him. And the people feared the Lord. ¹³ Then Haggai, the Lord's messenger, gave this message of the Lord to the people: "I am with you," declares the Lord. ¹⁴ So the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house

of the Lord Almighty, their God, ¹⁵ on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month.

The Promised Glory of the New House In the second year of King Darius,

Message: Paneled Houses?

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "Better Is One Day" *Lift Up Your Hearts #506*

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord almighty. For my soul longs and even faints for You. For here my heart is satisfied, within Your presence. I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house, better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere. Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house, better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere, than thousands elsewhere.

One thing I ask and I would seek: to see Your beauty, to find You in the place Your glory dwells. One thing I ask and I would seek: to see Your beauty, to find You in the place Your glory dwells.

Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house, better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere. Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house, better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere, than thousands elsewhere.

My heart and flesh cry out for You the living God; your Spirit's water to my soul. I've tasted and I've seen; come once again to me; I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You.

Better is one day, better is one day, better is one day than thousands elsewhere. Better is one day, better is one day, better is one day than thousands elsewhere. Than thousands elsewhere.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "My Friends May You Grow In Grace"

Lift Up Your Hearts #938

My friends, may you grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

My friends, may you grow in grace, and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Deb Niehof

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Derek TenPas, Maggie VanDyke

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

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.

Next week's special offering will be for the **Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund**. Please consider giving to this fund as one of the ways in which we can support families and children of Trinity and as an action following from the promises we make at baptism to nurture the faith of the children of our congregation.

New Council districts - Last names A-G: Elder Tom Kuyper, Deacon Joseph Yoder; H-K: Elder Rex DeBruin, Deacon Christopher 't Hoen; L-S: Elder Joel Copley, Deacon Tom Whitney; T-Z: Elder Naomi Friend; Deacon Donna Bergman. Committee liaisons: Building & Grounds – Tom Kuyper; Education – Tom Whitney; Endowment – Joel Copley; Fellowship – Donna Bergman; Technology – Rex DeBruin; Outreach & Enfolding – Christopher 't Hoen; Worship - Pastor Randy.

We received a preliminary estimate from Sign Pro for the new church signs. The signs will be as close as is feasible to the design approved by

the congregation in January, 2021. We hope to have the sign completed this summer.

Chloe Berns-Schweingruber's grad party is May 25th from 4-7, and is open for anyone who wants to attend. It is an open house party at 4305 Harrison Circle. Hope you can join us!

There will be a small group will be meeting in the evenings at the church at 7 pm. This will be happening May through July. If you come to the church please be respectful and quiet for those in this meeting.

This weeks Softball game: 5/28 Field5 at 6 and field 6 at 7: 6/4 field 6 at 9: 6/11 field 5 at 8: 6/18 field 5 at 6 : 6/25 field 5 at 6 and 7.

Summer is here, so let's have a potluck. On June 2nd after the service we will have a Start the Summer potluck. Please bring the following items by your last name. A -H bread or side dish; I – Q main dish; R – Z dessert. Please plan to stay and enjoy fellowship with your church family.

Looking for someone to take a spot on the nursery rotation. If you would like to be added to the rotation please let Pam Whitney know. We have a few summer opening requests that need to be filled as well, so if you would only like a short gig at nursery, the opportunity is there

The June bulletin board design, I again, am asking for some assistance like with the snowflakes this past winter. I will have 'tie' templates printed on card-stock for you to design/color for the board. Please place completed ties in the basket on the table! Thanks Rachel

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.

Summer is almost here, and that means camping. Midwest Basic Bible Camp is in the works. August 3 – 7 at Pine Lake in Eldora. ‘HIS’tory is the theme this year. Jesus, from the prophets, to birth, his life, to crucifixion, to now. 5 days of camp for one great story. Fliers on the table by office. (Can always use councilors as well as campers)

Story County Election: will hold the primary election in our church on June 4th. Polls will be open from 7 am to 8 pm. The equipment will be delivered on June 3rd, please keep this in mind if you need to come to the church on those days.

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 – will continue this fall.

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes will resume this fall

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 will meet June 6th, 7 PM @ Mucky Duck due to holiday

Softball Schedule: Tuesday evenings The games are played at South River Valley Park, 725 E 13th St, Ames, IA 50010 (on 13th between Duff and Dayton, south side of the road)

Next Council meeting is June 12th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

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.

Kids Corner: Who Is Number One? - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. What does it mean to live with humility? It means we realize that we're not better than others. It means we think of God's way instead of our own way. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the KC Bible Story Podcasts.

Groundwork: The Cross of Jesus is the Only Way - As Galatians continues, Paul continues to emphasize that the cross of Jesus is the only way to salvation and he confronts Peter's hypocritical behavior. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Galatians 2 to explore the struggle the apostles faced as the Christian faith spread, and along the way find the courage to embody the truth of salvation in your relationships and daily life. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - When praying with children, try this kid-friendly version of the "ACTS" model, replacing Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication with these prompts: "God, you are . . ." "I'm sorry for . . ." "Thank you for . . ." "Please . . ." Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

Thriving Essentials Online Overview - May 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 course involves including discussions on four key concepts of Mission, Discipleship, Discernment, and Leadership. Sign up to

attend this preview on May 30 (2PM EDT) and discern if the full course is right for your church: crcna.org/Essentials

Support DWELL Children's Curriculum! - DWELL is the official children's curriculum produced by the Christian Reformed Church. Please consider making a financial gift for its continued expansion. Your gift today will equip more churches with this strong, solidly Reformed curriculum that shares and invites all children into God's Big Story. Visit crcna.org/Dwell to give today!

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Tom Niehof

Sound: Tom Whitney

Nursery Donna and Stacy

Children's message: Deb Niehof

Greeters: N Klemme

Greeters

May 26	N Klemme	June 30	Niemeyer
June 2	Kleinwolterink	July 7	Nikkel
June 9	Kopaska	July 14	Oftendal
June 16	Kuyper	July 21	Oltman
June 23	Niehof	July 28	Raak

Nursery

May 26	Donna and Stacy	June 30	Sue and Cassier
June 2	Elaine and Alisabeth	July 7	Mary and ???
June 9	Mindy and Kathlyn	July 14	Rachel and ???
June 16	Megan and Brianna	July 21	Melody and Megan
June 23	Judy and Kristy	July 28	Jessica and ???

Children's Message

May 26	Deb Niehof	June 30	Jeff Kopaska
June 2	Rex De Bruin	July 7	Deb Niehof
June 9	Randy Raak	July 14	Stacy Hertz
June 16	Laura Hufford	July 21	Rex De Bruin
June 23	Lora Copley	July 28	Randy Raak

Congregational Prayer

May 26 Tom Niehof
June 2 Randy Raak
June 9 Tom Kuyper
June 16 Randy Raak
June 23 Mark Voss

June 30 Rex De Bruin
July 7 Paul Kleinwolterink
July 14 Jeff Kopaska
July 21 Randy Raak
July 28 Tom Kuyper

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A-G = Tom Kuyper; H-K = Rex De Bruin; L-S = Joel Copley; T-Z = Naomi
Friend

Deacons: A-G = Joseph Yoder; H-K = Christopher 't Hoen; L-S = Tom
Whitney; T-Z = Donna Bergman