

WORSHIP SERVICE
June 16, 2024
Fourth Week after Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship

Jesus said to them, "It is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

"Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Dear Jesus, fill our souls with your bread of life.

* Opening Songs: "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Lift Up

Your Hearts #537

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see you, I want to see you. Open the eyes of my heart, Lord;

open the eyes of my heart. I want to see you, I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.

Pour out your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see you, I want to see you.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see you, I want to see you. To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory. Pour out your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. I want to see you.

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. I want to see you.

Song: "Our God Will Go Before Us"

Our God will go before us, And guide us by His presence
What confidence this promise is We will never walk alone
Through unknown paths, through shadows, Our hearts fear not
tomorrow
For every step, His faithfulness, Is truth that lights our way
Our God will go before us; The Lord of hosts is with us
Praise the One who leads us on For His grace will bring us home
Though evil forms against us All heaven will defend us
The gates of hell shall not prevail For the battle is the Lord's
Our God will go before us The Lord of hosts is with us
Praise the One who leads us on For His grace will bring us home
Now send us with your presence And lead us on to heaven
Where songs of sorrow strain no more And our every breath is praise
Oh let our ev'ry breath be praise! Our God will go before us
The Lord of hosts is with us Praise the One who leads us on
For His grace will bring us home Our God will go before us
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For His grace will bring us home For His grace will bring us home

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Our Father, we struggle with balance. We like the clarity of knowing just what we should do, and what we shouldn't do. But the weight of those rules can be heavy, and leave us feeling hopeless when we fail.

We cherish your grace and love for us, but showing grace and love to others can be complex and even frustrating.

Lord, give us your love to truly care about others.

And help us to not make our personal opinions into burdens and obligations for others.

In Christ we pray, amen

Words of Assurance *from John 10*

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.... My sheep listen to my voice; I know

them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.”

Song of Entrusting: “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Lift Up Your Hearts #897

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer
Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer
Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer
In his arms he'll take and shield you: you will find a solace there.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Matthew 11:25-30

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷“All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Message: Conversations with the De-Churched: Custom Fit

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Lift Up Your Hearts #665

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live.

I came to Jesus and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise and all your day be bright."

I looked to Jesus and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "God of Grace and God of Glory" vs 1, 4

Lift Up Your Hearts # 926

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Laura Hufford

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Laura Hufford, Derek Ten Pas, Char Verkade, Pam Voss

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

This week's special offering is for Church Beyond Borders church This is a cutting edge "hybrid" church with a combination of on-line worship in Korean and English, small groups, and 1-to-1 discipleship and pastoral care. The church ministers to 2nd-generation Korean Americans who have disconnected from their parents' Korean-speaking churches. Church Beyond Borders is off to a good start and growing.

There are **Christian Education Tuition Assistance** forms on the table outside the office. Please have them filled out and returned to the office on or before June 16th. They can be placed in the basket on the desk.

The council was happy to receive the memberships of Christopher and Meredith 't Hoen from the First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood, Missouri, and to also receive the baptismal memberships of Amelia and Marliese.

We received a preliminary estimate from Sign Pro for the new church signs We should be seeing brickwork starting in the next couple of weeks.

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: 6/18 field 5 at 6 : 6/25 field 5 at 6 and 7.

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

Summer BBQ plans - July 26, Friday night, grilling for the neighborhood, burgers and hotdogs, inflatables, possibly music. There will be a sign up sheet for volunteer positions on the table by the office soon.

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)

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.

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes will resume this fall

Children and Worship – will continue 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 meets the last Sunday of the Month

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

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Albert Einstein said, “There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle; the other is as though everything is a miracle.” How might you become more attentive to God’s miraculous work all around you? Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

Thriving Essentials 1-Hour Overview (June 27th) - 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. Attend this online preview June 27 (1pm EDT) to see if the full course is right for your church. Register now at crcna.org/essentials

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Father's Day - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. This week, when you celebrate your earthly father or other good men in your life, remember all the good things he does for you. Also, take some time to celebrate your heavenly Father. He is always there for you, no matter what. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Summertime Collection.

Groundwork: Christian Civility: Defending Our Faith without Being Defensive - How do we disagree without being disagreeable, or handle conflicts when people slander or talk against us? Join Groundwork as we study 1 Peter 3:8-17 and Titus 3:1-11 to seek biblical wisdom for responding to and navigating a divisive culture in faithful and Christlike ways. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Resonate Global Mission

Position Opening - Resonate Global Mission is hiring! We seek a full time Leadership Developer - E Asia Region. The successful candidate will work in collaboration with local partners to plant a diverse, locally-rooted, and globally connected congregation among the diaspora and Japanese people to faithfully proclaim and live out the good news of Jesus. The focus from the beginning will also be to walk with and develop local leaders who collaborate in creating the faith community. Learn more and apply at <https://crcna.pinpoonthq.com/>

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Randy Raak

Sound: Rex De Bruin

Nursery: Megan and Brianna

Children's message: Laura Hufford

Greeters: Kuyper

Greeters

June 16 Kuyper

June 23 Niehof

June 30 Niemeyer

July 7 Nikkel

July 14 Oftendal

July 21 Oltman

July 28 Raak

August 4 Saldana

August 11 Sanders/Bassham

August 18 Sterenberg

August 25 t' Hoen

Nursery

June 16 Megan and Brianna

June 23 Judy and Kristy

June 30 Sue and Cassier

July 7 Mary and **Sue Fee**

July 14 Rachel and ???

July 21 Melody and Megan

July 28 Jessica and ???

August 4 Donna and Caraline

August 11 Elaine and Stacy

August 18 Mindy and Alisabeth

August 25 Megan and Kathlyn

Children's Message

June 16 Laura Hufford

June 23 Lora Copley

June 30 Jeff Kopaska

July 7 Deb Niehof

July 14 Stacy Hertz

July 21 Rex De Bruin

July 28 Randy Raak

August 4 Lora Copley

August 11 Laura Hufford

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August 11 Randy Raak

August 18 Melody Franje

August 25 Tom Niehof

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

Elders: 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