

WORSHIP SERVICE
June 23, 2024
Fifth Week after Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship - from Hebrews 6:17-20

Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his commitment very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with his unbreakable oath.

God did this so that we, who have taken hold of the hope set before us, may be greatly encouraged. We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.

Our hope, then, enters the inner sanctuary beyond what human eyes can see, the dwelling place of God himself, where our forerunner, Jesus, has already entered on our behalf.

* Opening Song: "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

Lift Up Your Heart #667

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true and only Light,
Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shade of night;
Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear.
Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee;
joyless is the day's return, till Thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief;
more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

Opening Prayer

Song: "Spirit of the Living God"

Lift Up Your Heart #749

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me:

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, move among us all:
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love;
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Our Father, we thank you for making us in your image.

We try to live up to the identity you have given us, but our personal issues get in the way.

Sometimes we think too much of ourselves, and sometimes too little.

We may put too much trust in our own abilities, and miss the leading of your Word and Spirit.

Lord, please continue to sanctify us through your Spirit, that we may reflect some of your goodness to the world around us. Amen.

Words of Assurance - 2 Corinthians 2:14-1

"But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing."

Song of Entrusting: "Amazing Grace" vs 1, 2, 3, 5

Lift Up Your Heart #691

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Children's Message
Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Conversations with the De-Churched: Self Awareness

Message: Romans 12:3; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Romans 12:3

³For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

⁷or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: "May the Mind of Christ, My Savior"

Lift Up Your Heart #334

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day,
by His love and power controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph only through His pow'r.

May the peace of God, my Father, rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.
May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea.
Him exalting, self abasing: this is victory.
May we run the race before us, strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus as we onward go.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

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

Sing a New Creation #288

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: Rev. Lora Copley

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Rex DeBruin, Char Verkade, Pam Voss

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

The special offering next week is for **NAMI Central Iowa**. NAMI's mission is to provide support, education, and advocacy for persons living with mental illness and their family members. To learn more about support groups and educational classes, visit the website at namici.org or call 515-292-9400.

The Deacons of Trinity CRC will help coordinate a meal train for Rachel Iyare and her family as they adjust to having to care for baby Laura while she is in the NICU in Des Moines. If you are willing to provide a meal, please go to <https://mealtrain.com/0mqe09> and find a date that suits you. Meal preferences and diet-restrictions, as well as drop off

details, can be found in the meal train internet link. Meals for two adults and two children

- No meats, except salmon

Some of the meal items they prefer:

- Fries- Mashed potatoes- Salmon- Black eye peas- Spinach- Black grapes- Greek yogurt- Strawberries- Mandarin Oranges- Water melon.

- Meals can be delivered Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays between 4:30 and 5:30 PM

Meals can be delivered to the home address: 1207 Delaware Avenue, unit 6. Ames. 50014. Want to sign up for one of the days in June or July, use the link above. Contact Christopher 't Hoen with any questions.

We received a preliminary estimate from Sign Pro for the new church signs. The work has begun, check it out on your way in to church.

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: 6/25 field 5 at 6 and 7.

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.

Pub Theology meets Sunday June 23rd at 7 pm at the Mucky Duck. Be sure to get your questions in before this meeting. It is a great time for fellowship and theological discussion. Hope to see you all there.

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

World Renew

Make an Impact by Volunteering with World Renew - This fall, World Renew has volunteer openings for individual adults, couples, or church groups to help in areas impacted by disasters. These one-week trips include home repair and cleanup projects that give vulnerable homeowners a chance to rebuild their lives. No matter your skillset, lending your time and talents as a volunteer with World Renew will have lasting reach. Learn more and sign up at worldrenew.net/volunteer.

Thrive

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

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Take a strong magnifying glass with you on a walk, and look at how the tiniest details of nature point to the Creator of the universe. You'll be amazed by what you see! Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

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: Persistent Prayers - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Just like Jesus, you can pray persistently about the big, scary things in the world and how they make you feel. Big feelings do not scare God. He welcomes you to talk to him about them and to keep talking about them. He wants you to trust him. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Faith Practices for Families Ebook Collection.

Groundwork: Christian Engagement in Societal Issues - Together, let's delve into the complexities of Christian engagement in societal issues. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Romans 13:1-7, 1 Peter 2:13-17, Romans 3:10-12, and James 2:1-9 to discover practical insights and biblical wisdom to help us discern what it means to faithfully engage and embrace our role in shaping a more just and God-honoring society. 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.pinpointhq.com/>

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Mark Voss
Sound: Tom Whitney
Nursery Judy and Kristy
Children's message: Lora Copley
Greeters: Niehof

Greeters

June 23	Niehof	July 28	Raak
June 30	Niemeyer	August 4	Saldana
July 7	Nikkel	August 11	Sanders/Bassham
July 14	Oftendal	August 18	Sterenber
July 21	Oltman	August 25	t' Hoen

Nursery

June 23	Judy and Kristy	July 28	Jessica and ???
June 30	Sue and Cassier	August 4	Donna and Caraline
July 7	Mary and Sue Fee	August 11	Elaine and Stacy
July 14	Rachel and ???	August 18	Mindy and Alisabeth
July 21	Melody and Megan	August 25	Megan and Kathlyn

Children's Message

June 23	Lora Copley	July 28	Randy Raak
June 30	Jeff Kopaska	August 4	Lora Copley
July 7	Deb Niehof	August 11	Laura Hufford
July 14	Stacy Hertz	August 18	Jeff Kopaska
July 21	Rex De Bruin	August 25	Deb Niehof

Congregational Prayer

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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 = 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