

## WORSHIP SERVICE

August 4, 2024

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

\*Call to Worship - from Psalm 16:1-8

*Keep me safe, O God, for in You I take refuge.*

**I said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, apart from You I have no good thing."**

*I will praise the Lord who counsels me, even at night my heart instructs me, for I have set the Lord always before me.*

**Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.**

\*Opening Song: "Praise To The Lord The Almighty"

*Lift*

*Up Your Hearts #575*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of creation! O my soul,  
praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Come, all who hear;  
brothers and sisters draw near, join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wonderously reigning,  
sheltering you under his wings, oh, so gently sustaining. Have you  
not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do as with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O, let all that is in me adore him! All that has life  
and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound  
from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!

Opening Prayer

Song: "I Love You Lord"  
Creation #16

*Sing! A New*

I love you, Lord and I lift my voice  
to worship you; O my soul, rejoice  
Take joy, my King, in what you hear;  
may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

## **WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

Prayer of Confession - Psalm 12

*"Help, Lord, for no one is faithful anymore; those who are loyal have vanished from the human race.*

**Everyone lies to their neighbor; they flatter with their lips but harbor deception in their hearts.**

*May the Lord silence all flattering lips and every boastful tongue— those who say, "By our tongues we will prevail; our own lips will defend us— who is lord over us?"*

**'Because the poor are plundered and the needy groan, I will now arise,' says the Lord. 'I will protect them from those who malign them.'**...

*You, Lord, will keep the needy safe and will protect us forever from the wicked, who freely strut about when what is vile is honored by the human race."*

Words of Assurance - Psalm 16:9-11

*"My Heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body will also rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the path of life; you fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand."*

Song of Entrusting: "Amazing Grace"  
Hearts #691

Lift Up Your

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.  
Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come:  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
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: Psalm 13

<sup>1</sup> How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? <sup>2</sup> How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me? <sup>3</sup> Look on me and answer, Lord my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death, <sup>4</sup> and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall. <sup>5</sup> But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. <sup>6</sup> I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me.

Message: Doubt, Faith , & Certainty: Dealing With Doubt

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

Prayer of Application

\* Song of Response: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" *Lift Up  
Your Hearts* #426

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine;  
now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly thine.  
May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me,

O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears  
away,

nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When life's swift race is run, death's cold work almost done,  
be near to me. Blest Savior, then in love  
fear and distrust remove. O bear me safe above, redeemed and  
free!

## **WE CELEBRATE GOD'S COVENANT WITH US**

The Lord's Supper

Communion song

Song during passing of the Bread "Behold The Lamb" *Lift Up  
Your Hearts* #840

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ Torn for you eat and  
remember

The wounds that heal the death that brings us life Paid the price to  
make us one

So we share in this Bread of Life And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love Around the table of the King  
The blood that cleanses every stain of sin Shed for you drink and  
remember

He drained death's cup that all may enter in To receive the life of  
God

So we share in this Bread of Life And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace Around the table of the King  
And so with thankfulness and faith we rise To respond and to  
remember

Our call to follow in the steps of Christ As His body here on earth  
As we share in His suffering We proclaim Christ will come again  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven Around the table of the King

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Blessing

\*Closing Song: "We Receive Your Blessing"

*Lift Up*

*Your Hearts #947*

We receive your blessing; we receive your grace,  
as we walk in the light shining from your face.  
May the peace that you give change the way that we live.  
We receive your blessing as we leave this place.  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him, all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, you heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and praise the Holy Ghost.  
We receive your blessing; we receive your grace,  
as we walk in the light shining from your face.  
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Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Stacy Hertz

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Naomi Friend, Derek TenPas

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS :**

Communion: Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Congregation of Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for believers. If you are sorry for your sins and follow Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, you are invited to come to his table.

The special offering this week will be for the **God's Mercy to Haiti**. God's Mercy to Haiti is a teaching and mercy ministry to the impoverished Haitian village of Kilbitè. They live without electricity or running water. Their warm hearts, eager minds, and resourceful efforts make them a delight to love and serve

Reminder that the Ames Christian School started their lease agreement on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Please be understanding if you come to the church, as they will be using parts of it for the next 10 months. We welcome this opportunity to serve our

We are still trying to supply **meals for Rachel Iyare** and her family as they adjust to having to care for baby Laura. If you are willing to provide a meal, please go to <https://mealtrain.com/0mqe09> and find a date that suits you, as there are no signups from now through August. Meal preferences and diet-restrictions, as well as drop off details, can be found in the meal train internet link. 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. Contact Christopher 't Hoen with any questions.

**NAMI** will have a open house and silent auction on August 27<sup>th</sup>, from 5 to 7 pm. You can attend at 424 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Ames.

**The Sign brick work is done, check it out.** The sign will be coming from Sign Pro soon, so watch for it.

**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. We are looking for a few Jenga games and old magazines and picture books for our service projects. (Still looking for one female councilor for this year.)

**The Student** Welcome back will be on August 25<sup>th</sup> More details to come, hope to see you there

**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.

The directory with the newest updates. Is on the table outside the office. Please review your changes if you made any. If you have changes or need to add info, please do it on this sheet. Thanks Pam

### **Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates**

**Sunday School Classes** will resume this fall

**Children and Worship** – will resume this fall.

**Breakfast Club** meets 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

**Next Council meeting** is August 14<sup>th</sup>

### **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner: Words of Love** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Words can change the way we think about ourselves. When you choose your words wisely, it helps your friends remember that God loves them and that you also love them. And that

helps your friends feel good about themselves. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the Faith Practices for Families Ebook Collection.

**Groundwork: Humanity Falls** - Just after the story of creation, the Bible tells us the story of humanity's fall. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 2-3, Romans 5:12, Romans 8:20-22, and Romans 3:9-23 to examine the second major theme of the Bible, the Christian doctrine of the fall. This theme emphasizes the catastrophic impact of sin on humanity and creation, and clearly articulates our universal need for a Savior in Jesus Christ. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Look for service opportunities that allow you to serve "with" people in need, rather than doing things "to" or "for" them. And always remember to look for things you can learn from people you serve. Learn more at [crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject)

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Congregational Prayer: John Copley

Sound: Rex De Bruin

Nursery Donna and Caraline

Children's message: Stacey Hertz

Greeters: Saldana

### **Greeters**

August 4 Saldana

August 11 Sanders/Bassham

August 18 Sterenberg

August 25 t' Hoen

September 1 VanDyk

September 8 Verkade

September 15 Voss

September 22 Whitney

September 29 Yoder

October 6 Bakker

October 13 Bergman

October 20 De Bruin

October 27 Franje



## **Nursery**

August 4 Donna and Caraline  
August 11 Elaine and Stacy  
August 18 Mindy and Alisabeth  
August 25 Megan and Kathlyn  
September 1 Judy and Brianna  
September 8 Lyndee and Kristy  
September 15 Mary K and  
Cassie

September 22 Rachel and Pam  
N  
September 29 Melody and  
Kenzie  
October 6 Jessica and Sue F  
October 13 Donna and  
Elizabeth H  
October 20 Elaine and Caraline  
October 27 Mindy and Stacy

## **Children's Message**

August 4 Stacey Hertz  
August 11 Lora Copley  
August 18 Jeff Kopaska  
August 25 Deb Niehof  
September 1 Stacey Hertz  
September 8 Rex DeBruin  
September 15 Laura Hufford

September 22 Lora Copley  
September 29 Jeff Kopaska  
October 6 Deb Niehof  
October 13 Stacy Hertz  
October 20 Rex De Bruin  
October 27 Randy Raak

## **Congregational Prayer**

August 4 John Copley  
August 11 Randy Raak  
August 18 Tom Kuyper  
August 25 Tom Niehof  
September 1 Randy Raak  
September 8 Tom Kuyper  
September 15 Randy Raak

September 22 Mark Voss  
September 29 Rex DeBruin  
October 6 Paul Kleinwolterink  
October 13 Randy Raak  
October 20 Jeff Kopaska  
October 27 Tom Kuyper

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

**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