

WORSHIP SERVICE

September 29, 2024

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

*Call to Worship (From John 7 & 8)

Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

To those who then believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Opening Song : "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Lift Up Your Hearts #223

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.
Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
who rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing who died and reigns on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.
Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Opening Prayer:

Song: "I Offer My Life"

Sing! A New Creation #218

All that I am, all that I have, I lay them down before you, O
Lord;

all my regrets, all my acclaim, the joy and the pain,
I'm making them yours. Lord, I offer my life to you,
everything I've been through, use it for your glory.

Lord, I offer my days to you, lifting my praise to you
as a pleasing sacrifice. Lord, I offer you my life.

Things in the past, things yet unseen, wishes and dreams that are
yet to come true;

all of my hopes, all of my plans, my heart and my hands are lifted
to you.

Lord, I offer my life to you, everything I've been through,
use it for your glory. Lord, I offer my days to you,
lifting my praise to you

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Dear Jesus, we are not always very good followers of you.

**We spend much more time on our screens than reading your
word or in prayer, and then wonder why you seem distant.**

*We have our own ideas of the ways we should go. And too often we do
not spend the time to be assured that they follow your teaching.*

**Lord, speak to us again. Open our hearts and minds to your
teaching, that we may know your truth, and find the freedom
you offer. In your name we pray, amen.**

Assurance of Pardon *(From John 14)*

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one
comes to the Father except through me.... Anyone who loves me
will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will
come to them and make our home with them.... [and] the
Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my
name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything
I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I
do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be
troubled and do not be afraid."

Song of Entrusting: “Beneath The Cross”

Lift Up Your Hearts #825

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy That calls me as I am;
For hands that should discard me Hold wounds which tell me,
“Come.”

Beneath the cross of Jesus My unworthy soul is won.
Beneath the cross of Jesus His family is my own—
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams, Now one through grace
alone.

How could I now dishonor The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus See the children called by God.
Beneath the cross of Jesus— The path before the crown—
We follow in His footsteps Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us To be His perfect bride;
Beneath the cross of Jesus We will gladly live our lives.

Children’s Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14: 22-33

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” ²⁸ “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ “Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why

did you doubt?" ³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Message: Discipleship - Getting Out Of The Boat

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

Song of Response: "He Leadeth Me" vs 1, 3, 4

Lift Up Your Hearts #440

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!

Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by his own hand he leadeth me: his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine;

content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by his own hand he leadeth me: his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done, when, by thy grace, the victory's won,

e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by his own hand he leadeth me: his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Blessing

*Closing Song: "Step By Step" ("O God, You Are My God") *Lift Up Your Hearts #743*

Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways.

And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days
(Repeat)

Postlude

Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Stacy Hertz

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Elijah Goossen, Derek Ten Pas, Pam Voss

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

Communion: Next week we will have the opportunity to celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is the family table at which we eat together and are nourished with Christ's sacrifice for us.

Here (as in Baptism) we celebrate who we are - children of God – and are reminded of God's promises to be our God, to care for us, love us, and be faithful to us. All who are baptized into Christ and have made a public stand for him are welcome to the Lord's Table.

The special offering next week is for **Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance** which provides emergency rent, utility and food assistance to Story County residents in an atmosphere of dignity, comfort, and encouragement. TCRC contributes to Good Neighbor as our way of assisting those in need in our community. To learn more, visit www.gnea.org/

Sunday school has started. The Adult Sunday School class will meet in Room 7. Melody Franje and Rex De Bruin will lead a discussion on different faith practices and how to incorporate these spiritual disciplines into our personal and communal lives.

Hymn Sing: Join Andrew Friend and Elijah Goossen for a hymn sing at **Trinity on October 6 at 5:00 pm!** Bring ideas for hymns you would like to sing out of the red Lift Up Your Hearts or green Sing! A New Creation hymnals (at least for this first hymn sing) and we can sing them and talk about them together.

Emersen Jo Schmidt arrived on Monday September 16th @ 10:10 pm. She weighed in at 8 lbs 6oz and 20" long. Daughter of Becca (Voss) and Samuel Schmidt.

Reminder that the **Ames Christian School** started their lease agreement. Please understand that things will be different as we start our Sunday School year. Be respectful of their things as they

are of ours. We thank God for this opportunity to serve these families.

In-person and zoom support groups meet each week locally through **NAMI Central Iowa**, the National Alliance for Mental Health. These and other programs are for support and education for people with mental illness and their families. Check out <https://namicentraliowa.org> or contact Erik at egustafson@namicentraliowa.org or 515-292-9400 Anastasia Tuckness (atuckness@gmail.com) for more information.

The church will be in use **Sunday October 27th**, Please plan your trips to the church to avoid this evening from 5 -8 pm.

The church will be in use **Saturday on November 16th** from 9 am to 1 pm. Please be respectful if you come at this time.

There is printout of Birthdays, Greeters, Congregational Prayer, Nursery, and Children's message on the table outside the office. 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.

Children and Worship - During our morning worship service, immediately following the children's message, ages three through third grade are invited to attend, meeting in room 3, located to the south of the sanctuary. Children experience worship in the same order as in the 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 pick up your child(ren) at the end of the service



Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes Happening Sunday after church and fellowship

Children and Worship – Happening after the children's message
Breakfast Club meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the Lincoln Center Hy-Vee at 8:30 AM.

UFO UFO meets the 3rd Monday of the month

Women's Bible Study Will meet Monday October 7th at 9am in the church library. Topic will be Discipline of "Face to Face Connection".

Pub Theology meets the last Sunday of the month, Sep 29th 7 pm Mucky Duck.

Next Council meeting is October 9th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - First Peter 3:15 urges us to be prepared to share with others the reason we have hope. As Christians, we have hope because Jesus loves us and promises that one day, there will be no more sadness, no more sickness, no more hurt (Rev. 21:4). Spend some time praying this week about whom you can talk with about Jesus. Consider with whom God may be calling you to share the hope you have in Christ. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: The Beatitudes: Hope-Filled Blessings - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Check out the Beatitudes in Matthew 5:1-12. Read each Beatitude, and remember that Jesus is showing you a new way to live. It's a way filled with hope, even when things seem tough. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story Podcast: The Story of Peter.

Groundwork: Praise God for Our Living Hope - Life is full of ups and downs, yet even in suffering we have reason for great joy: our living hope and identity in Jesus Christ. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Peter 1:1-12 to discover the incredible value of our faith as Peter opens his letter by praising God for the living hope and inheritance we receive as a direct result of our faith in Jesus Christ. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Resonate Global Mission

Position Opening: Donor Relations Manager, Resonate (Michigan) - Develop relationships and implement a strategy with existing and potential donors that will increase financial support and resources, engage current constituents and cultivate potential donors

in support of the ministry. This full time, hybrid position in Grand Rapids, Mich., offers a flexible work schedule, attractive benefits package (including retirement fund contribution), and three weeks vacation. Apply at crcna.pinpointhq.com.

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Mark Voss
Sound: Rex De Bruin
Nursery Melody and Kenzie
Children's message: Stacey Hertz
Greeters: Yoder

Greeters

September 29	Yoder	December 1	Hufford
October 6	Bakker	December 8	Friend
October 13	Bergman	December 15	Hallihan
October 20	De Bruin	December 22	Hertz
October 27	Franje	December 29	Irvin
November 3	Copley	January 5	N Klemme
November 10	Hobson	January 12	Kleinwolterink
November 17	Voss	January 19	Kopaska
November 24	Huber	January 26	Kuyper

Nursery

September 29	Melody and Kenzie	November 24	Lyndee and Kristy
October 6	Jessica and Sue F	December 1	Rachel and Cassie
October 13	Donna and Elizabeth H	December 8	Melody and Pam N
October 20	Elaine and Caraline	December 15	Jessica and Kenzie
October 27	Mindy and Stacy	December 22	Donna and Sue F
November 3	Megan and Alisabeth	December 29	Elaine and Elizabeth H
November 10	Judy and Kathlyn	January 5	Mindy and Caraline
November 17	Mary K and Brianna	January 12	Megan and Stacy
		January 19	Judy and Alisabeth

January 26 Mary K and
Kathlyn

Children's Message

September 29 Stacey Hertz
October 6 Rex De Bruin
October 13 Stacy Hertz
October 20 Deb Niehof
October 27 Randy Raak
November 3 Lora Copley
November 10 Laura Hufford
November 17 Jeff Kopaska
November 24 Deb Niehof

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Copley; T-Z = Naomi Friend

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Tom Whitney; T-Z = Donna Bergman