

WORSHIP SERVICE

July 13, 2025

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (from Psalm 9:8-11)

Sing the praises of the Lord; proclaim among the nations what he has done.

He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity.

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

* Opening Songs: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Lift Up Your Hearts #19

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For yourself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given,
agent of God's grand design: peace on earth and joy in heaven.

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

* Opening Prayer

* Song: "Lord Most High"

Lift Up Your Hearts #593

From the ends of the earth, *From the ends of the earth,*
From the depths of the sea, *From the depths of the sea,*
From the heights of the heavens, *From the heights of the heavens,*
Your name be praised.

From the hearts of the weak, *From the hearts of the weak,*
From the shouts of the strong, *From the shouts of the strong,*
From the lips of all people, *From the lips of all people,*
This song we raise Lord

Throughout the endless ages you will be crowned with praises, Lord Most High.
Exalted in every nation, sovereign of all creation Lord Most High, be magnified be magnified.

From the ends of the earth, *From the ends of the earth,*
From the depths of the sea, *From the depths of the sea,*
From the heights of the heavens, *From the heights of the heavens,*
Your name be praised.

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From the shouts of the strong, *From the shouts of the strong,*
From the lips of all people, *From the lips of all people,*
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WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Lord, your ability to create is beyond our capacity to comprehend. You imagine an entire universe, and can simply speak it into being.

We've been here for thousands and thousands of years, but still struggle to comprehend what you have set, physically, right in front of us.

We struggle to understand other people who are so similar to us. We cannot seem to get out of our own way in building relationships, blind to what others see clearly in ourselves.

Help us, Lord. Give us wisdom to see your ways, and clarity in how we should live in them. Amen.

Words of Assurance: God's Providence - *from Our World Belongs to God, articles 4,10,12*

Our world, fallen into sin, has lost its first goodness, but God has not abandoned the work of his hands.

Our Maker preserves this world, sending seasons, sun, and rain, upholding all creatures, renewing the earth, promising a Savior, and guiding all things to their purpose.

Made in God's image to live in communion with our Maker, we are appointed earth-keepers and caretakers to tend the earth, enjoy it, and love our neighbors.

God uses our skills for the unfolding and well-being of his world so that creation and all who live in it may flourish.

Even now, as history unfolds in ways we know only in part, we are assured that God is with us in our world, holding all things in tender embrace and bending them to his purpose.

The confidence that the Lord is faithful gives meaning to our days and hope to our years. The future is secure, for our world belongs to God.

Song of Entrusting: "God of Wonders"

Lift Up Your Hearts #4

Lord of all creation, Of the water, earth and sky

The Heavens are Your Tabernacle, Glory to the Lord on high
God of wonders, beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy
Lord of Heaven and Earth, Lord of Heaven and Earth
Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light
And when I stumble into darkness, I will call Your name by night
God of wonders, beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy
Lord of Heaven and Earth, Lord of Heaven and Earth
Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth
Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth
Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth
God of wonders, beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy
Precious Lord, reveal your heart to me, Father holy, holy;
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy, holy, holy
Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth
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Children's Message
Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Acts 14:8-20

⁸ In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. ⁹ He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed ¹⁰ and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk. ¹¹ When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" ¹² Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. ¹³ The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them. ¹⁴ But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: ¹⁵ "Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. ¹⁶ In the past, he let all nations go their own way. ¹⁷ Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." ¹⁸ Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them. ¹⁹ Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the

city, thinking he was dead. ²⁰ But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.

Message: Acts: The Church on Fire - Building Bigger Windows

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "All Creatures of Our God and King"(vs 1,4,6)

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!

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!

6 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!

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Let All things Now Living"

Lift Up Your Hearts #5

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the Creator triumphantly
raise,

who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who guides us and leads to the
end of our days.

His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the
night,

till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light
into light.

His law he enforces; the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim
him divine.

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us
raise,

till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: To God in the highest, hosanna and
praise!

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message:

Message: Pastor Randy Raak

Musicians: Elijah Goossen, Derek Ten Pas, Pam Voss, Alisabeth Copley

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The special offering next week is for **Wings of Refuge**, which is a Christ-centered organization serving survivors of sex trafficking by providing a safe home and aftercare where women can have the opportunity to heal and find new life. They have a safe home located in Ames. For more info: www.wingsofrefuge.net.

REMINDER: if you or your group use a classroom or the Library during these summer months, please do not leave any food (beverage or solid) in the room, including the trash cans. We are having issues with ants and other critters and this is the major draw for them to come into the church.

Back To School – hard to believe, but is coming, our celebration will be August 24th. More details to come.

The UFO Group is sponsoring the making of fleece blankets for hospitalized kids-(not babies) at Mary Greeley. They are asking for volunteers of all ages to help on a Sunday, August 3rd during fellowship. Asking for donations to help purchase fleece or for donations of fleece (1.5yds X 60 inches (need two pieces per blanket). big enough for a single bed. Since these will be for all kids, please, try to stay away from pink or blue colored fleece, that way anyone can receive the blanket. The estimated cost will be about \$20 per blanket. There is a signup by the office or contact Sue Fee about donations or questions.

Thank you Naomi for the new bulletin cover. Please let us know what you think by sending your thoughts to office@amestrinity.org.

Summer is here, and that means camping. **Midwest Basic Bible Camp** is in the works. August 3 – 7 at Pine Lake in Eldora. Camp is for those students that have completed 6th through the 12th grade. Fliers on the table by office. Please contact Rob or Pam with any questions. Registration on line at [Camp Registration](#)

Young Adult Ministry –Will meet on Fridays and Saturdays through the summer, contact Derik Ten Pas with questions 712-578-9149

Summer Softball has begun. 7/15 Tournament Begins

If your group or committee has an announcement, please be sure to get me an update by 10:30 am on Thursday so I have time to get it into the announcements for the week. Thanks Pam

There is printout of Birthdays, Greeters, Congregational Prayer, Nursery, and Children's message on the table outside the office. This has been updated for June. 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.

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes Will resume in the fall.

Children and Worship – Will resume in the fall

Young Adult Ministry – Will host Summer events on Fridays and Saturdays, Text Derek

Breakfast Club meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the Lincoln Center Hy-Vee at 8:30 AM.

UFO Will meet Monday **July 21st at Deb's house. at 6:30 pm.**

Women's Bible Study Will meet the first Monday of the month

Pub Theology meets the last Sunday of the month, **August 31st at 7 pm** Mucky Duck.

Hymn Sing will be the first Sunday of the Month at 5 pm date for next one to come soon.

Next Council meeting is August 13th @ 6:30pm

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: God's Grand Story: Isaac: God's Promise - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "God's Grand Story: Isaac: God's Promise" at www.kidscorner.net. Get ready for an exciting journey with Abraham and Isaac as they discover how God always comes through, even when things feel uncertain! This powerful story will remind your family that you can trust God's promises no matter what. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Kids Corner eBook Collection: Faith Practices.

Kids in Action: Glory Girls - Kids in Action host Maraleisa laces up with the Glory Girls Run Club—a group of girls who aren't just running for fun (though they do love that part). They're building confidence, teamwork, and unstoppable faith. It's Kids in Action, running with the Glory Girls, and learning more about who God made us to be! Check out the video at <https://kidscorner.net/kids-in-action/glory-girls>

Groundwork: The Victory of God - In story after story in Luke, we witness Jesus extending his healing and victory to rejected, isolated individuals—outsiders. Join Groundwork as we study the recurring theme of the victory of God for us and for all who are marginalized or far off in Luke 5:12-16; Luke 17:11-19; Luke 8:1-10, 41-56; and Luke 13:10-17, and together we'll think about what this means for how we live our faith today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In the church year we are in "Ordinary Time," a season named not because it is less significant than other church seasons but because it's a time

to focus on faithfulness in our ordinary, day-to-day lives. This week, ponder how you can “take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering” (Romans 12:1-2, MSG). Choose one daily activity that you can write a simple prayer about, and say that prayer each day. Small practices like this can make us mindful of God's presence in the ordinary. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Rex De Bruin
 Sound: Brian Sterenberg
 Nursery: Jessica and Kristy
 Children's message: Rex De Bruin
 Greeters: Friend

Greeters

July 13	Friend	Oct 19	Sanders/Bassham
July 20	Hallihan	Oct 26	Sterneberg
July 27	Hertz	Nov 2	t' Hoen
August 3	Irvin	Nov 9	VanDyk
August 10	Nancy Klemme	Nov 16	Verkade
August 17	Kleinwolterink	Nov 23	Whitney
August 24	Kopaska	Nov 30	Voss
August 31	Kuyper	Dec 7	Yoder
Sept 7	Niehof	Dec 14	Bakker
Sept 14	Niemeyer	Dec 21	Bergman
Sept 21	Nikkel	Dec 28	De Bruin
Sept 28	Oltman	Jan 4	Franje
Oct 5	Raak	Jan 11	Copley
Oct 12	Saldana		

Nursery

July 13	Jessica and Kristy	Oct 5	Sue and Cassie
July 20	Donna and Cassie	Oct 12	Mindy and Pam
July 27	Elaine and Pam	Oct 19	Megan and Kenzie
August 3	Mindy and Kenzie	Oct 26	Judy and Sue
August 10	Megan and Sue F	Nov 2	Mary and Elizabeth
August 17	Kopaska and Elizabeth H	Nov 9	Lyndee and Clayton
August 24	Mary and Caraline	Nov 16	Rachel and Brianna
August 31	Sue F and Brianna	Nov 23	Melody and Alisabeth
Sept 7	Sue F and Alisabeth	Nov 30	Jessica and Kathlyn
Sept 14	Sue F and Kathlyn	Dec 7	Donna and Sue
Sept 21	Jessica and Sue F	Dec 14	Sue and Kristy
Sept 28	Donna and Kristy	Dec 21	Mindy and Cassie

Dec 28 Megan and Pam
Jan 4 Judy and Kenzie

Jan 11 Mary and Sue

Children's Message

July 13 Rex De Bruin
July 20 Laura Hufford
July 27 Lora Copley
August 3 Jeff Kopaska
August 10 Stacy Hertz
August 17 Rex De Bruin
August 24 Randy Raak
August 31 Laura Hufford
Sept 7 Lora Copley
Sept 14 Jeff Kopaska
Sept 21 Stacy Hertz
Sept 28 Rex De Bruin
Oct 5 Randy Raak
Oct 12 Laura Hufford

Oct 19 Lora Copley
Oct 26 Jeff Kopaska
Nov 2 Stacy Hertz
Nov 9 Rex De Bruin
Nov 16 Randy Raak
Nov 23 Laura Hufford
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Deacons: A-G = Derek Ten Pas;; H-K = Christopher 't Hoen;; L-S = Mark Voss;; T-Z = Donna Bergman:

Committee Chairs: Building & Grounds – Jim Bergman; Education – Andrew Friend; Endowment – Paul Kleinwolterink; Fellowship – Sue Fee; Technology – Tom Kuyper; Outreach and Enfolding – Mark Voss; Worship – Randy Raak