

WORSHIP SERVICE

September 21, 25

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude:

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship

Who is like you, O Lord, who is like You?

Majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders.

Those who know Your name trust in You

for You, O Lord, have never forsaken those who seek Your face.

* Opening Song: "You are Holy"

Lift Up Your Hearts #598

(Women echo)

You are holy (You are holy) You are mighty (You are mighty)

You are worthy (You are worthy) Worthy of praise (worthy of praise)

I will follow (I will follow) I will listen (I will listen)

I will love you (I will love you) All of my days (All of my days)

(Women in parenthesis sing same time as men)

I will sing to (You are Lord of Lords) And worship (You are King of Kings)

The King who (You are mighty God) is worthy (Lord of Everything)

I will love and (You're Emanuel) adore Him (You're the Great I Am)

I will bow down (You're the Prince of Peace) before Him (Who is the Lamb)

I will sing to (You're the living God) and worship (You're my saving Grace)

the King who (You will reign forever) is worthy (You are Ancient of days)

I will love and (You are Alpha, Omega,) adore Him (Beginning, and End)

I will bow down (You're my savior, Messiah) before Him (Redeemer and Friend)

You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for You

You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for You

Litany of Trust:

Some trust in chariots and some in horses

But we trust in the name of the Lord our God!

They are brought to their knees and fall,

But we rise up and stand firm.

Truly God is our refuge and our salvation;

he is our fortress, and we will not be shaken.

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him,

for God is our refuge, a never-failing help in trouble.

* Response: "A Mighty Fortress is our God"

Lift Up Your Hearts #776

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.
Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing. You ask who
that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabbaoth his name, from age to age the same;
and he must win the battle.
And thou this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear for God has willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! His doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.
That Word above all earthly powers—no thanks to them—abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever!

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession (adapted from Heidelberg Catechism, LD QA 127)

Lord, we confess we are sinners. We are helpless in ourselves. By ourselves, we are too weak to hold our own, even for a moment. Our sworn enemies—the devil, the world and our own flesh—never stop attacking us. And so, Lord, uphold us and make us strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit, that we may not go down to spiritual defeat. May we turn from sin and resist our enemies until we win the final victory. In the name of our Redeemer and only trust, we pray, Amen.

Song of Response: “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art” (vs1,3,5)

Lift Up Your Hearts #586

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art, my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the life, by which alone we live, and all our substance and our strength receive;
sustain us by thy faith and by thy power, and give us strength in every trying hour.
Our hope is in no other save in thee; our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure, that in thy strength we evermore endure.

Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 130)

“If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.” People of God, receive the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

We can stand by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, Amen.

* Song of Entrusting: *“In Christ Alone”* (vs 2,3) *Lift Up Your Hearts* #770

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on the cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid— Here in the death of Christ I live.
There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

Children’s Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading: 2 Chronicles 20:1-30

¹ After this, the Moabites and Ammonites with some of the Meunites^[a] came to wage war against Jehoshaphat. ² Some people came and told Jehoshaphat, “A vast army is coming against you from Edom,^[b] from the other side of the Dead Sea. It is already in Hazezon Tamar” (that is, En Gedi). ³ Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the Lord, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. ⁴ The people of Judah came together to seek help from the Lord; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him. ⁵ Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem at the temple of the Lord in the front of the new courtyard ⁶ and said: “Lord, the God of our ancestors, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you. ⁷ Our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? ⁸ They have lived in it and have built in it a sanctuary for your Name, saying, ⁹ ‘If calamity comes upon us, whether the sword of judgment, or plague or famine, we will stand in your presence before this temple that bears your Name and will cry out to you in our distress, and you will hear us and save us.’ ¹⁰ “But now here are men from Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, whose territory you would not allow Israel to invade when they came from Egypt; so they turned away from them and did not destroy them. ¹¹ See how they are repaying us by coming to drive us out of the possession you gave us as an inheritance. ¹² Our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.” ¹³ All the men of Judah, with their wives and children and little ones, stood there before the Lord. ¹⁴ Then the Spirit of the Lord came on Jahaziel son of Zechariah, the

son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite and descendant of Asaph, as he stood in the assembly. ¹⁵ He said: "Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the Lord says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's.' ¹⁶ Tomorrow march down against them. They will be climbing up by the Pass of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the gorge in the Desert of Jeruel. ¹⁷ You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you.'"

¹⁸ Jehoshaphat bowed down with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the Lord. ¹⁹ Then some Levites from the Kohathites and Korahites stood up and praised the Lord, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice. ²⁰ Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the Lord your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful." ²¹ After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: "Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever."

²² As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated. ²³ The Ammonites and Moabites rose up against the men from Mount Seir to destroy and annihilate them. After they finished slaughtering the men from Seir, they helped to destroy one another. ²⁴ When the men of Judah came to the place that overlooks the desert and looked toward the vast army, they saw only dead bodies lying on the ground; no one had escaped. ²⁵ So Jehoshaphat and his men went to carry off their plunder, and they found among them a great amount of equipment and clothing and also articles of value—more than they could take away. There was so much plunder that it took three days to collect it. ²⁶ On the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Berakah, where they praised the Lord. This is why it is called the Valley of Berakah to this day. ²⁷ Then, led by Jehoshaphat, all the men of Judah and Jerusalem returned joyfully to Jerusalem, for the Lord had given them cause to rejoice over their enemies. ²⁸ They entered Jerusalem and went to the temple of the Lord with harps and lyres and trumpets. ²⁹ The fear of God came on all the surrounding kingdoms when they heard how the Lord had fought against the enemies of Israel. ³⁰ And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace, for his God had given him rest on every side.

Message: Standing Firm When Shaken

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #772

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: “*In Christ Alone*” (vs 1,4)

Lift Up Your Hearts #770

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;

This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My comforter, my all in all— Here in the love of Christ I stand.

No guilt in life, no fear in death— This is the pow’r of Christ in me;

From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow’r of hell, no human plan, Can ever pluck me from His hand;

Till He returns or calls me home— Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children’s Message: Stacy Hertz

Message: Rev. Lora Copley

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Alisabeth Copley, Holly Raak, and Matt Haken

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next week's special offering is for Areopagus, a ministry to Iowa State University.

Areopagus aims to reflect the relevance of the Gospel and a Reformed Christian worldview to the world of higher education, and in the lives of students and faculty. For more information, please talk with Lora Copley (director), or follow us on Instagram or face book, more followers is always welcome.

Sawyer Elementary School will be having a **winter clothing drive** again this year. This is an opportunity to provide decent winter gear for K-5th grade children who need it **in our own community**. The items they need include: winter coats, hats, mittens & gloves

(waterproof preferred), and snow pants. We will collect these items for the next 3 weeks, until Sunday, October 5 in a tub in the church lobby.

Church Clean up is scheduled for Wednesday Oct 1st. starting at 6 pm. The Roots group will be helping the church family with this annual event. More information to come (Weather date is Oct 15th)

Ames Christian School – ACS is back at Trinity this fall for the 2025-2026 school year. It is at this time as well that we remind everyone who uses the church to be mindful of any mess you create. The school is here every day, and should not have to clean up after our events. They use the fellowship hall, kitchen, and class rooms. Please be mindful of any messes made by your group or yourself while using the church, including dishes.

Adult Sunday School will meet in Room 8/9 at 10:50 a.m. Rev. Tom Niehof will lead us in a study of the Gospel of Mark. Chapter 2 Feel free to bring your Bible, so you can make notes in the margins. All are welcome for this new study.

Trunk or Treat is happening again this year, with Halloween on a Friday, the date has been moved to the Friday before, Oct 24th. Time will be from 4pm to 6:30pm. A sign-up sheet is on the table by the office.

The church will be host to 2 more weddings this year. Niemeyer on Oct. 18th and De Penning wedding on Oct 25th

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (April 3 - 13. 2026): Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110) or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

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.

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 After fellowship

Children and Worship – After Children's message.

Young Adult Ministry – Will start again on Sept 28th, contact Derek before then for updates.

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

UFO Meets the 3rd Monday of the Month.

Women's Bible Study Meets the first Monday of the month

Pub Theology meets the last Sunday of the month, **September 28th at 7 pm** Mucky Duck.

Hymn Sing first Sunday of the Month at 5 pm

Next Council meeting is **October 8th @ 6:30pm**

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Baking With God - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Baking With God" at www.kidscorner.net. In the devotion story today, a good time for prayer was when the family spent time baking bread. Each of us has different routines, so when is the best time for you to pray? Maybe it's when you ride your bike to school or when you spend time building Lego. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net

Groundwork: Be A Disciple of Jesus Christ - Many Christians have questions about following Jesus. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Timothy 4:7-8, 1 Peter 2:2-5, and 1 Timothy 2:1-3 to help us define discipleship, understand what this means for the lives of his disciples today, and discover the importance of community on our journey. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

CRC Heritage Fund

Have You Ever Considered Giving Real Estate to Your Favorite CRC Ministry? -

Many people are able to give more than they ever thought possible by giving a vacation home, rental property, farmland or other real estate to CRC Ministries. It's a smart way to redirect property you no longer need for the benefit of God's Kingdom. Learn more at crcna.org/heritagefund or call Josh Remer, CRCNA Planned Giving Advisor at 616-223-5885.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - This week is Mission Emphasis Week in the Christian Reformed Church, a time to think about God's mission to restore and renew his broken creation through Jesus Christ (see Rev. 21:1-4). It is also a time to renew our participation in that mission by supporting missionaries nearby and far away and by creating our own descriptions of God's mission—a few sentences that describe what God is doing and why we are glad he's doing it. Practice sharing your sentences with one another, and then look for opportunities to share them with others! Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

World Renew

Support Earthquake Survivors in Afghanistan - Thousands of families are still experiencing urgent need from the devastating 6.0 magnitude earthquake that struck Afghanistan on August 31, followed by multiple aftershocks across remote, mountainous

regions in several eastern provinces. More than 2,200 lives have been lost, and entire villages have been leveled—leaving families without shelter as winter approaches. We pray for God's comfort for grieving families, healing for the injured, and provision for those displaced. World Renew is responding to meet urgent needs among the most vulnerable. Please give generously at worldrenew.net/afghanistan-earthquake or by calling 1-800-552-7972. Let us stand together to extend God's hope to families impacted by this disaster.

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Tom Niehof
Sound: Rex De Belle
Nursery Jessica and Donna
Children's message: Stacy Hertz
Greeters: Nikkel

Greeters

Sept 21	Nikkel	Nov 23	Niemeyer
Sept 28	Oltman	Nov 30	Voss
Oct 5	Raak	Dec 7	Yoder
Oct 12	Saldana	Dec 14	Bakker
Oct 19	Sanders/Bassham	Dec 21	Bergman
Oct 26	Sterneberg	Dec 28	De Bruin
Nov 2	t' Hoen	Jan 4	Franje
Nov 9	VanDyk	Jan 11	Copley
Nov 16	Verkade		

Nursery

Sept 21	Jessica and Donna	Nov 23	Melody and Alisabeth
Sept 28	Sue and Kristy	Nov 30	Jessica and Kathlyn
Oct 5	Sue and Cassie	Dec 7	Donna and Sue
Oct 12	Sue and Pam	Dec 14	Sue and Kristy
Oct 19	Megan and Kenzie	Dec 21	Mindy and Cassie
Oct 26	Judy and Sue	Dec 28	Megan and Pam
Nov 2	Mary and Elizabeth	Jan 4	Judy and Kenzie
Nov 9	Lyndee and Clayton	Jan 11	Mary and Sue
Nov 16	Rachel and Brianna		

Children's Message

Sept 21	Stacy Hertz	Nov 2	Stacy Hertz
Sept 28	Rex De Bruin	Nov 9	Rex De Bruin
Oct 5	Randy Raak	Nov 16	Randy Raak
Oct 12	Laura Hufford	Nov 23	Laura Hufford
Oct 19	Lora Copley	Nov 30	Lora Copley
Oct 26	Jeff Kopaska	Dec 7	Jeff Kopaska

Dec 14 Stacy Hertz
Dec 21 Rex De Bruin
Dec 28 Randy Raak

Jan 4 Laura Hufford
Jan 11 Lora Copley

Congregational Prayer

Sept 21 Tom Niehof
Sept 28 Rex De Bruin
Oct 5 Melody Franje
Oct 12 Randy Raak
Oct 19 Tom Niehof
Oct 26 Rex De Bruin
Nov 2 Randy Raak
Nov 9 Rex De Bruin
Nov 16 Tom Niehof

Nov 23 Randy Raak
Nov 30 Mark Voss
Dec 7 Paul Kleinwolterink
Dec 14 Randy Raak
Dec 21 Jeff Kopaska
Dec 28 Tom Niehof
Jan 4 Randy Raak
Jan 11 Lora Copley

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