

WORSHIP SERVICE
July 4, 2021
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

- * God's Greeting
- * We Greet One Another
- * Call to Worship

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. (James 1:17)

Though we also have trials, "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us...."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:18,38-39)

- * Opening Song of Praise: "Blessed Be Your Name" *Lift Up Your Hearts #343*

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful, where your streams of abundance flow; blessed be your name. Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place. Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say, "Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name."

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me, when the world's "all as it should be"; blessed be your name. Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering; though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.

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- * Opening prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

God's Will for Our Lives

And no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, that is Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 3:11)

But let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to spiritual maturity.

For we need not lay again the foundation of our belief – faith in God and repentance from acts that lead to our destruction. (Hebrews 6:1)

God calls us "to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life." (1 Timothy 6:19)

Unison Prayer of Confession

To you, our Father, and our Savior - we offer our hearts. We confess that too often we seek a foundation other than you. We seek approval from people rather than from you. We listen to human wisdom instead of yours. We seek fulfillment in human accomplishments instead of becoming more like you. We care more about spending time in our leisure than serving you.

Draw us close to you again, cleanse our hearts, renew our spirits, and restore to us the joy of our salvation. Amen.

Song of Assurance: "You Are My King (Amazing Love)" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #360

I'm forgiven because you were forsaken.

I'm accepted; you were condemned.

I'm alive and well, your Spirit is within me

because you died and rose again (x2)

Amazing love, how can it be

that you, my King, would die for me?

Amazing love, I know it's true;

it's my joy to honor you (x2)

In all I do, I honor You. You are my king. You are my king.

Jesus, You are my King. Jesus You are my King.

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Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Scripture Reading: Luke 6:46-49

⁴⁶ "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? ⁴⁷ As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. ⁴⁸ They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. ⁴⁹ But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."

Message: "Stories with Intent: Faith That Rocks"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

Song of Response: "The Solid Rock"

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.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "The Church's One Foundation" *Lift Up Your Hearts #251*

The church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is His new creation, by water and the Word;
from heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Tho' with a scornful wonder, the world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

* Postlude

Children's Message: Deb Niehof

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Holly Raak

This Week's Special Offering 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.

Communion - This Sunday we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who are baptized into Christ and have made a public stand for him are welcome to the Lord's Table, to receive the nourishment and refreshment of the bread and cup of the Lord "as sure signs" in remembrance of Christ's body and blood poured out for us in his once-for-all sacrifice on the cross.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday Evening Book Club will not meet this week.

Roots Summer Party - A Belated 4th of July Party - Stop on by, bring a friend, and let's have some 4th of July fun around the firepit on **Wednesday, July 7th** from **7 PM-9 PM** at the backyard firepit at the Hufford House. Highlights include: Sparklers, Pie, Campfire, Fun and Fellowship. (If it's not TOO dry maybe a few other fun fireworks too!)

Speaker Next Sunday - Next week, **Jeff Maskevich**, founder and director of **God's Mercy to Haiti**, will be visiting our church and sharing more about this ministry in Haiti. God's Mercy to Haiti- consisting of a church, school, and clinic- is a teaching and mercy ministry to the impoverished Haitian village of Kilbitè. A special offering will also be taken.

Birthday Card Shower for Eleanor Ostendorf - Eleanor's birthday is on **July 11**. Please consider mailing her a card to help her celebrate her birthday.

UFOs Meeting - **UFOs** will meet on **Monday, July 12 at 7 PM** at church. Depending on the weather, this will be either outdoors or in the Fellowship Hall. Wings of Refuge has sent over information about Tea Etiquette, so we will watch their tea etiquette video and then continue on with fellowship. Please bring your own hot or cold tea.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nursery - The nursery will be reopening on **July 11th** with two volunteers - either 1 adult and 1 helper (age 12 or older) OR 2 adults. Adults must be vaccinated to serve in the nursery. Christina will be contacting past volunteers, but if you are interested in being added, please let her know.

Church keys - A number of people have keys to the church building. The church building is generally open Tuesday - Friday from 9-12 and 1-5. If you have a key and do not frequently need access to the building outside of these hours, please return it to Jim Bergman, Bill Frazier, or Christina. For those that need occasional access to the church, we can give you access to the lock box near the door into the Fellowship Hall; however, this key does not open the office doors. If you are keeping your key, please let us know what letter is listed on it (possibly the letter "M" or "S").

Church Pictures

The church is looking to collect pictures for two reasons:

1. We'd like to update the family picture bulletin board. If you have your own picture that you want to use, please send it to Christina. On July 11, Christina will plan on taking pictures of the service and start taking family pictures.
2. We also have a new website that will launch in the near future. Tina VanDyk has been working hard to switch web platforms and update the content on the website. The last item that is needed is pictures. If you have any pictures from church events that you'd like to share, please send them to Tina (tvandyk@gmail.com) or Christina (office@amestrinity.org).

Finally, Christina will work on having families sign an updated Photo and Live Streaming Release Form.

Church Entry Garden - The garden near the entry of the church has recently been updated in memory of Ralph Oltman. Thank you, Judy, for organizing this beautiful work and for making the entry more welcoming!

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Elder Care Groups are as follows: A-G = Tom Kuyper, H-K = Melody Franje, L-S = Mark Voss, T-Z = Paul Kleinwolterink

Deacons: A-G = Tina VanDyk, H - K = Andrew Friend, L-S = Judy Oltman, T-Z = Donna Bergman