

WORSHIP SERVICE

May 12, 2024

Ascension Sunday

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship - Psalm 24:1-6

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.

For he laid the earth's foundation on the seas and built it on the ocean depths.

Who may climb the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?

Those whose hands and hearts are pure, who do not put their trust in other things.

They will receive the Lord's blessing and have a right relationship with God their savior.

Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob.

* 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: "Jesus, All For Jesus"

Lift Up Your Hearts #738

Jesus, all for Jesus All I am and have
And ever hope to be All of my ambitions, hopes, and plans
I surrender these Into your hands
For it's only in Your will that I am free
For its only in Your will that I am free
Jesus, all for Jesus All I am and have
And ever hope to be

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Dear Jesus, we say to the world that you have ascended and reign over this earth. But too often we live as though you are powerless. Other times we think of your power as though it is only a tool for our benefit. Help us, instead, to see our place in your plan, and turn our focus to your glory. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon *from* Ephesians 2:4-7

"Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, has made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions.... And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus."

Song of Entrusting: "When We Walk With The Lord"

Lift Up Your Hearts #327

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word,
what a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will
he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey
But we never can prove the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay; for the favor he shows,
and the joy he bestows are for them who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey.
Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do,
where he sends we will go -never fear, only trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Jonah 4

⁴ But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the Lord, "Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. ³ Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ But the Lord replied, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵ Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. ⁶ Then the Lord God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the

plant. ⁷ But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live." ⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?" "It is," he said. "And I'm so angry I wish I were dead." ¹⁰ But the Lord said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. ¹¹ And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?"

Message: Surf's Up - Point Break

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: "Hear the Call of the Kingdom"

Hear the call of the kingdom Lift your eyes to the King
Let His song rise within you As a fragrant offering
Of how God, rich in mercy Came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in His unfailing grace Hear the call of the Kingdom
To be children of light With the mercy of heaven
The humility of Christ Walking justly before Him
Loving all that is right That the life of Christ
May shine through Him King of Heaven
We will answer the call We will follow
Bringing hope to the world Filled with passion
Filled with power to proclaim Salvation in Jesus' name
Hear the call of the Kingdom To reach out to the lost
With the Father's compassion In the wonder of the cross
Bringing peace and forgiveness And a hope yet to come
Let the nations put their trust in Him. King of Heaven
We will answer the call We will follow

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WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Go To The World" *Lift Up Your Hearts #925*

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth Alleluia!
Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia!
Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia!
Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen." Alleluia!

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Jeff Kopaska

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Chloe Berns-Schweingruber, Nancy Berns, Elijah Hufford,
Char Verkade

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

The special offering next week is for **Home for Awhile**. Several churches in the Ames area have partnered together to create this organization that seeks to reduce homelessness in our community. Families who

have been recently evicted or are nearing homelessness are eligible for three months of subsidized housing through Home For Awhile.

To honor our mothers, there will be color sheets on the table outside the office. Please color one and hang it on the bulletin board with your name on it. We will be doing these all month, everyone is welcome to participate. There will as be some Book Markers there for coloring as well.

The Whitney's would like to invite you to Old Chicago on Sunday the 12th at 2 to 4 pm to celebrate Eli's Graduation and Tom's retirement from Heartland Coop. There will be some apps and cake to share.

The VanDyk family invites you to join us at a graduation open house for Nate on Saturday May 18th, 1:30 – 4:00pm at Trinity CRC. We look forward to seeing you there.

Chloe Berns-Schweingruber's grad party is May 25th from 4-7, and is open for anyone who wants to attend. It is an open house party at 4305 Harrison Circle. Hope you can join us!

Congregational meeting on May 12th. After the worship service, we will have a short meeting to select the new Elders and Deacons. For Elder – Joel Copley, Naomi Friend, and Paul Kleinwolterink. For Deacon – Donna Bergman, Rebekah DePenning, and Christopher 't Hoen. The counting committee, comprising Pastor Tom Niehof and Deacon Mark Irvin, will count all ballots received. Every name that has been approved by more than 2/3 of the votes received will be put into a container – one container for the elder nominees, and one for the deacon nominees. The retiring elders and deacon (if available) will then blindly select a name (from the nominees to their office) to succeed them as the officer connected to their part of the TCRC family

This weeks Softball game: 5/14 Field 5 at 8:10 and 9:10: 5/21 Field 5 at 8 and 9: 5/28 Field5 at 6 and field 6 at 7: 6/4 field 6 at 9: 6/11 field 5 at 8: 6/18 field 5 at 6 : 6/25 field 5 at 6.

From Building & Grounds - in preparation for the Summer BBQ event and Ames Christian School starting here in the fall, church grounds clean-up will **be June 8**. Please mark your calendars for a great church family event.

The Outreach Committee is planning an outing to an **Iowa Cubs game on Friday evening, June 7**. Game time is 7:08, and there will be fireworks following the game. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer so we can pre-purchase a block of tickets. Anyone can attend and pick up a ticket at the game, too.

Summer BBQ plans - July 26, Friday night, grilling for the neighborhood, burgers and hotdogs, inflatables, possibly music. We will need a church clean up this summer as well, date to come.

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. More info to come. (Can always use councilors as well as campers)

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.

If you are not on our weekly emails and updates, please supply your email address to Pam Whitney at office@amestrinity.org. Please update the directory on the table outside the office as well. I will make a new version at the end of March.

Children and Worship - During our morning worship service, immediately following the children's message, children ages three through third grade are invited to attend Children and Worship, which meets 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 come pick up your child(ren) at the end of the service.

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes will resume this fall

Breakfast Club meets on 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

Softball Schedule: Tuesday evenings The games are played at South River Valley Park, 725 E 13th St, Ames, IA 50010 (on 13th between Duff and Dayton, south side of the road)

Next Council meeting is May 15th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thrive

Including Thrive in Your Estate Plans - Have you considered leaving an estate gift to Thrive in your will? Visit crcna.org/HeritageFund To learn more.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - The Lord's Prayer: An Intergenerational Event and Worship Experience is a downloadable free resource with which children, teens, and adults can gather to learn about and/or deepen their understanding of the Lord's Prayer. Try it in your church! Find it at tinyurl.com/intergenprayer. Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

World Renew

Happy Mother's Day! - Today we celebrate the special women in our lives. Women who are healthy – physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually – become Women of Hope. Your gifts to World Renew today can help shape capable, confident women who help to build strong families and communities that flourish and have hope for the future. For more information or to give online, go to worldrenew.net/womenofhope

April Tornadoes Cross the Midwest - World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is coordinating with other organizations to respond to damage caused by 88 confirmed tornadoes from Texas to Iowa on April 26-30, 2024, and tornadoes that struck the Portage, MI, area on May 7. DRS will initially offer volunteer clean-up services including removing debris and tarping roofs to survivors while plans are made for long-term recovery. Please help families who have lost homes and loved ones in these storms. Donate at worldrenew.net/springstorms2024, call 1-800-552-7972, or send your check made out to World Renew DRS, with “DRS Spring Storms 2024” in the memo line to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr. SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.

ReFrame Ministries

Family Fire - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

Groundwork: Spiritual Apathy and Justice in Malachi - Back in their homeland, the Israelites were finally comfortable again and spiritual apathy began to settle in their hearts. Join Groundwork as we study Malachi 1-4 to witness how out-of-sync life can get when we go through the motions of faith without investing our hearts and learn from Malachi’s warnings against spiritual apathy and his encouragement to examine our hearts. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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Congregational Prayer: Randy Raak

Sound: Rex DeBruin

Nursery Melody and Jayden

Children's message: Jeff Kopaska

Greeters: Hertz

Greeters

May 12 Hertz

June 23 Niehof

May 19 Irvin

June 30 Niemeyer

May 26 N Klemme

July 7 Nikkel

June 2 Kleinwolterink

July 14 Oftendal

June 9 Kopaska

July 21 Oltman

June 16 Kuyper

July 28 Raak

Nursery

May 12 Melody and Jayden

June 23 Judy and Kristy

May 19 Jessica and Caraline

June 30 Sue and Cassier

May 26 Donna and Stacy

July 7 Mary and Pam

June 2 Elaine and Alisabeth

July 14 Rachel and Kenzie

June 9 Mindy and Kathlyn

July 21 Melody and Megan

June 16 Megan and Brianna

July 28 Jessica and Jayden

Children's Message

May 12 Jeff Kopaska

June 2 Rex De Bruin

May 19 Stacy Hertz

June 9 Randy Raak

May 26 Deb Niehof

June 16 Laura Hufford

June 23 Lora Copley
June 30 Jeff Kopaska
July 7 Deb Niehof

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July 21 Rex De Bruin
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July 21 Randy Raak
July 28 Tom Kuyper

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T-Z = Jeff Kopaska

Deacons: A-G = Joseph Yoder; H-K = Pam Niemeyer; L-S = Tom Whitney;
T-Z = Mark Irvin