

WORSHIP SERVICE
June 9, 2024
Third Week after Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting (Isaiah 41:-5-6)

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (from Job 38 & 40, Matthew 6:26)

The Lord has laid the earth's foundation and marked off its dimensions.

His voice thunders in mighty ways, he does great things that are beyond our understanding.

Who are we to discredit his justice or condemn him to justify ourselves?

Yet he provides food for the raven when her young cry out.

And he says to us: "Look at the birds of the air, they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"

* Opening Song: "How Majestic Is Your Name" *Sing A New Creation #24*

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name, Prince of Peace, Mighty God, O Lord God Almighty.

Opening Prayer

Song: "Before The Throne Of God Above" *Lift Up Your Hearts #682*

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea;
a great High Priest, whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads
for me.

My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can bid me thence
depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look, and see him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.
Behold him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless
righteousness;
the great unchangeable "I AM," the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Dear Jesus, you call us to take up our cross and follow you. But so often, our hearts are conflicted. We want to follow you, but our hearts also desire things like comfort and amusement. We seek to be noticed, respected, and appreciated by others. Lord, help us put you first and seek the best for others. In your name we pray, amen.

Assurance of Pardon *Mark 10:29-31*

"Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

Song of Entrusting: "Is He Worthy?"

Do you feel the world is broken? *We do* Do you feel the shadows deepen? *We do*

But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? *We do*

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? *We do*

Is all creation groaning? *It is* Is a new creation coming? *It is*

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? *It is*

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? *It is*

(Sing together:)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal
and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah Who conquered the grave, He is David's Root and
the Lamb who died to

ransom the slave. Is He worthy, is He worthy, Of all blessing and
honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us? *He does* Does the Spirit move among
us? *He does*

And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves? *He does*

Does our God intend to dwell again with us? *He does*

(Sing together:)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal
and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave He is David's Root And
the Lamb who died to ransom the slave From ev'ry people and tribe
every nation and tongue

He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son

Is He worthy, is He worthy, Of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy, Is He worthy, Is He worthy of this?

He is Is He worthy, Is He worthy? He is

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Romans 10:5-15

⁵ Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them." ⁶ But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the deep?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and

believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Message: Conversations with the De-Churched - Belief and Passion

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: “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.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

*Closing Song: "Oh, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing" vs.1, 2, 8 *Lift Up Your Hearts* #590

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever given
By saits below and saints above, The church in earth and heaven

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Rev. Randy Raak

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Musicians: Andrew Friend, Naomi Friend, Derek Ten Pas

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

Next week's special offering is for Church Beyond Borders church This is a cutting edge "hybrid" church with a combination of on-line worship in Korean and English, small groups, and 1-to-1 discipleship and pastoral care. The church ministers to 2nd-generation Korean Americans who have disconnected from their parents' Korean-speaking churches. Church Beyond Borders is off to a good start and growing.

There are **Christian Education Tuition Assistance** forms on the table outside the office. Please have them filled out and returned to the office on or before June 16th. They can be placed in the basket on the desk.

New Council districts - Last names A-G: Elder Tom Kuyper, Deacon Joseph Yoder; H-K: Elder Rex DeBruin, Deacon Christopher 't Hoen; L-S: Elder Joel Copley, Deacon Tom Whitney; T-Z: Elder Naomi Friend; Deacon Donna Bergman. Committee liaisons: Building & Grounds – Tom Kuyper; Education – Tom Whitney; Endowment – Joel Copley; Fellowship – Donna Bergman; Technology – Rex DeBruin; Outreach & Enfolded – Christopher 't Hoen; Worship - Pastor Randy.

Holly is recovering from hip replacement, please consider joining the [mealtrain](https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/3zn9ww), to help with meals. Please go to the web site to find a time to help them with a meal, or donate a gift card for their use.

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We received a preliminary estimate from Sign Pro for the new church signs. The signs will be as close as is feasible to the design approved by the congregation in January, 2021. We hope to have the sign completed this summer.

There will be a small group will be meeting in the evenings at the church at 7 pm. This will be happening May through July. If you come to the church please be respectful and quiet for those in this meeting.

This weeks Softball game: 6/11 field 5 at 8: 6/18 field 5 at 6 : 6/25 field 5 at 6 and 7.

Looking for someone to take a spot on the nursery rotation. If you would like to be added to the rotation please let Pam Whitney know. We have a few summer opening requests that need to be filled as well, so if you would only like a short gig at nursery, the opportunity is there

The June bulletin board design, I again, am asking for some assistance like with the snowflakes this past winter. I will have 'tie' templates printed on card-stock for you to design/color for the board. Please place completed ties in the basket on the table! Thanks Rachel

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, starting at 9 am.** 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. There is a sign up sheet for volunteer positions on the table by the office.

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. Fliers on the table by office. (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.

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes will resume this fall

Children and Worship – will continue 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 June 12th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Banner

Banner Writing Contest for Young Adults: Peacemaking - Cash prizes and winners published; enter by June 23. For details visit thebanner.org.

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.

Kids Corner: Praying Together - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. When we pray together, we get to have a conversation not just with the people around us but with God, too. We get to hear and be sad about people's struggles. We get to celebrate with our happy friends. It's what makes us like a family. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Summertime Collection.

Groundwork: How to Live in Christ - Keeping laws and customs won't benefit our salvation at all, but that doesn't mean our actions don't matter. Join Groundwork as we study Galatians 5-6 to examine Paul's description of how we should live in Christ. Together we'll discuss the Fruits of the Spirit and what grateful Christian living looks like as we follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - William Brown, author of Sacred Sense: Discovering the Wonder of God's Word and World, observed, "Wonder and wisdom fit hand in glove. Without a sense of wonder, faith and practice become routine, lukewarm, trivial." Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Tom Kuyper

Sound: Brian Sterenberg

Nursery: Mindy and Kathlyn

Children's message: Randy Raak

Greeters: Kopaska

Greeters

June 9 Kopaska

June 16 Kuyper

June 23 Niehof

June 30 Niemeyer

July 7 Nikkel

July 14 Oftendal

July 21 Oltman

July 28 Raak

August 4 Saldana

August 11 Sanders/Bassham

August 18 Sterenberg

August 25 t' Hoen

Nursery

June 9 Mindy and Kathlyn
June 16 Megan and Brianna
June 23 Judy and Kristy
June 30 Sue and Cassier
July 7 Mary and Sue Fee
July 14 Rachel and ???

July 21 Melody and Megan
July 28 Jessica and ???
August 4 Donna and Caraline
August 11 Elaine and Stacy
August 18 Mindy and Alisabeth
August 25 Megan and Kathlyn

Children's Message

June 9 Randy Raak
June 16 Laura Hufford
June 23 Lora Copley
June 30 Jeff Kopaska
July 7 Deb Niehof
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Niemeyer

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