

WORSHIP SERVICE

July 7, 2024

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship 1 John 3:1-2

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known.

But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

* Opening Song: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Lift Up Your Hearts #581

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!
All Thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in thee!
Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

Opening Prayer:

Song: "Be Thou My Vision"

Lift Up Your Hearts #859

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art –

thou my best thought, by day or by night; waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.

Thou my great Father; thine own may I be, thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not nor vain, nor vain empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always:

thou and thou only first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Our Father, you call us to always be prepared to give the reason for the hope that we have.

We always have hope because of your great love, the grace shown through Jesus Christ, and the guidance of your Word and Spirit.

Lord help us to not take you for granted, but to be aware of your help in our lives.

Give us the courage, and the words to say, when we have the opportunities to share this.

In the grace of Jesus we pray this. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon 2 Peter 1:3-7

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine

nature.... For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

Song of Confession: "Open Our Eyes" vs 1, 4, 5

Lift Up Your Hearts #297

Come and bring light to a people in darkness
Come set us free from the chains we have made

We are Your people the flock that You tend
Lord open our eyes once again

To the ones broken hearted: Open our eyes
To the plight of the poor: Open our eyes

To the innocent children: Open our eyes
Teach us compassion and love
Come and bring light to a people in darkness
Come set us free from the chains we have made

We are Your people the flock that You tend
Lord open our eyes once again

To those full of life's sorrow: Open our eyes
To the needs of the lowly: Open our eyes

To the ones who seek peace: Open our eyes
Teach us compassion and love

Come and bring light to a people in darkness
Come set us free from the chains we have made

We are Your people the flock that You tend
Lord open our eyes once again

To those suffering illness: Open our eyes
To those trapped by addiction: Open our eyes

To those lost or forgotten: Open our eyes
Teach us compassion and love

Come and bring light to a people in darkness
Come set us free from the chains we have made

We are Your people the flock that You tend
Lord open our eyes once

again

Open our eyes once again

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:19-23; Colossians 4:3-6

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Paul's Use of His Freedom

¹⁹ Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰ To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. ²¹ To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

Colossians 4:3-6

³ And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. ⁴ Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. ⁵ Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶ Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Message: Conversations with the De-Churched: Awareness of Others

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" vs 1,3,4,5

Lift Up Your Hearts #754

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.
O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart.

And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflows
in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where
until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S COVENANT WITH US

The Lord's Supper

Communion song: "Gift Of Finest Wheat" vs 1, 2, 3, 5

Lift Up Your Hearts #815

sung during passing of the bread

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat. Come, give to us,
O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

As when a shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice; so
when you call your family, Lord, we follow and rejoice. You satisfy the
hungry heart with gift of finest wheat. Come, give to us, O saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.

With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude, that you should
count us worthy, Lord, to share this heavenly food. You satisfy the
hungry heart with gift of finest wheat. Come, give to us, O saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.

Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured? Do
not one cup, one loaf declare our oneness in the Lord? You satisfy the
hungry heart with gift of finest wheat. Come, give to us, O saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.

You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be to serve each
other in your name in truth and charity. You satisfy the hungry heart

with gift of finest wheat. Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "They'll Know We Are Christians" vs 1, 2, 4

Lift Up Your Hearts #256

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,

and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us all one.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Deb Niehoff

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Char Verkade, Mark Voss, Pam Voss

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

Communion: Today 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.

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.

Fellowship committee invites you to an Ice Cream Social on Sunday July 14th after church during fellowship time. Ben and Tricia will be here that day as well, so come hangout and enjoy some fellowship and ice cream.

The Deacons of Trinity CRC will help coordinate a meal train for Rachel Iyare and her family as they adjust to having to care for baby Laura while she is in the NICU in Des Moines. If you are willing to provide a meal, please go to <https://mealtrain.com/Omqe09> and find a date that suits you. Meal preferences and diet-restrictions, as well as drop off details, can be found in the meal train internet link. Meals for two adults and two children:

- No meats, except salmon

Some of the meal items they prefer:- Fries- Mashed potatoes- Salmon- Black eye peas- Spinach- Black grapes- Greek yogurt- Strawberries- Mandarin Oranges- Water melon.

- Meals can be delivered Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays between 4:30 and 5:30 PM

We received a preliminary estimate from Sign Pro for the new church signs. The work has begun, check it out on your way in to church.

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.

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 soon.

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.

I have printed the directory with the newest updates. It 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. Thanks
Pam

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes will resume this fall

Children and Worship – 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 4th Sunday of the Month

Next Council meeting is July 10th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Reading the Old Testament shows that even though God loved, protected, and provided for the people of Israel, time after time they forgot God. How might we become people who remember God? What might you add to your home or to your

schedule to serve as a daily reminder to connect with God? Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Spontaneous Prayers - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. We don't have to wait until Sunday to talk with God, or pray to him only at mealtimes. Ephesians 6:18 says to "never stop praying." We can pray to God anytime. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Faith Practices for Families Ebook Collection.

Greeters

July 7	Nikkel	August 4	Saldana
July 14	Oftendal	August 11	Sanders/Bassham
July 21	Oltman	August 18	Sterenber
July 28	Raak	August 25	t' Hoen

Nursery

July 7	Mary and Sue F	August 4	Donna and Caraline
July 14	Rachel and Elizabeth H	August 11	Elaine and Stacy
July 21	Melody and Megan	August 18	Mindy and Alisabeth
July 28	Jessica and Sue F	August 25	Megan and Kathlyn

Children's Message

July 7	Deb Niehof	August 4	Lora Copley
July 14	Stacy Hertz	August 11	Laura Hufford
July 21	Rex De Bruin	August 18	Jeff Kopaska
July 28	Randy Raak	August 25	Deb Niehof

Congregational Prayer

June 23	Mark Voss	July 28	Tom Kuyper
June 30	Rex De Bruin	August 4	Lora Copley
July 7	Paul Kleinwolterink	August 11	Randy Raak
July 14	Jeff Kopaska	August 18	Melody Franje
July 21	Randy Raak	August 25	Tom Niehof

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Elders: A-G = Tom Kuyper; H-K = Rex De Bruin; L-S = Joel Copley; T-Z = Naomi Friend

Deacons: A-G = Joseph Yoder; H-K = Christopher 't Hoen; L-S = Tom Whitney; T-Z = Donna Bergman