

WORSHIP SERVICE

July 21, 2024

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship Isaiah 55: 1, 6, 7

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters;

and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Seek the Lord while he may be found;

call on him while he is near.

Let the wicked forsake their ways

and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them,

and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

* Opening Song: "Be Still, For The Presence"

Lift Up

Your Heart #532

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here. Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found; we stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around. He burns with holy fire; with splendor he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place. He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace. No work too hard for him; in faith receive from him. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Opening Prayer

Song: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"
Your Heart #538

Lift Up

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert and art and ever more shalt be.
Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

God's Will For Us: Romans 12:9-13

Hymn of Response: "Gift Of Christ From God Our Father" *Sing*
a New Creation #167

Gift of Christ from God our Father, come, Spirit, come!
Well of life and generous giver, come, Spirit, come!
With your light our minds enlighten, with your grace our talents
heighten,
with your joy our worship brighten, come, Spirit, come!
Gift of Christ to guide and teach us, come, Spirit, come!
Counselor so swift to reach us, come, Spirit, come!
Christ is Lord, so may we name him, never fearfully disclaim him,
but to all the world proclaim him. Come, Spirit, come!
Gift of Christ to help us praying, come, Spirit, come!
Advocate beside us staying, come, Spirit, come!
In the work of intercession, in the healing of confession,

in success and in depression, come, Spirit, come!
Gift of Christ for our salvation, come, Spirit, come!
Bring to birth your new creation, come, Spirit, come!
All the devil's work undoing, Christ's own ministry pursuing,
glory in the Church renewing! Come, Spirit, come!

Children's Message
Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 10-16

¹⁰ these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. ¹³ This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. ¹⁴ The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. ¹⁵ The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, ¹⁶ for, "Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Message: The Gift Of The Spirit

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

Lift Up

Your Heart #238

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling
and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness.
Wind, Wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep; then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep, and over the eons you called to each thing, "Awake from your slumbers and rise on our wings." Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness. Wind, Wind on the sea.

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand, and you gifted your people with a law and a land; and when they were blinded with idols and lies, then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness. Wind, Wind on the sea.

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill; then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still. And down in the city you called once again, when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness. Wind, Wind on the sea.

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes; from the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams; our women see visions, our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise. Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness. Wind, Wind on the sea.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "He Is Lord"

Lift Up Your Heart #227

He is Lord, he is Lord, he is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is King, he is King, he will draw all nations to him; he is King!
And the time shall be when the world shall sing that Jesus Christ is King.

He is Love, he is Love, he has shown us by his life that he is Love!
All his people sing with one voice of joy that Jesus Christ is Love.
He is Life, he is Life, he has died to set us free, and he is Life!
And he calls us all to live evermore, for Jesus Christ is Life.

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: [Rex De Bruin](#)

Congregational Prayer: Jeff Kopaska

Message: Rev. Tom Niefhof

Musicians: Rex DeBruin, Elizabeth Hobson, Andrew Friend,
Naomi Friend

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

The special offering next week will be for **World Renew**, which helps alleviate long-term poverty through integrated programs in health, agriculture, income-earning, literacy, and leadership development. Your prayers, involvement, and contributions make this work possible!

Bethesda will be hosting an internationally known Christian jazz musician, Denver Bierman who founded Denver and The Mile High Orchestra in 1999. Denver will be performing with the CJC Big Band out of Des Moines in a concert at Bethesda on Sunday, July 28 at 4 pm, in the Sanctuary. We'd love to pack the church for this FREE concert!.

We are still trying to supply **meals for Rachel Iyare** and her family as they adjust to having to care for baby Laura. If you are willing to provide a meal, please go to <https://mealtrain.com/0mqe09> and find a date that suits you, as there are no signups from now through August. Meal preferences and diet-restrictions, as well as drop off details, can be found in the meal train internet link. Meals can be delivered Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays between 4:30 and 5:30 PM

Meals can be delivered to the home address: 1207 Delaware Avenue, unit 6. Ames. 50014

NAMI will have a open house and silent auction on August 27th, from 5 to 7 pm. You can attend at 424 5th Street, Ames.

The Sign brick work is done, check it out. The sign will be coming from Sign Pro soon, so watch for it.

On the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, a small group meets for mental health support. Upcoming meetings will take place August 6 and 20 at 2-3:30pm in the Fellowship Hall at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ames (610 15th Street). This group will provide a safe place to discuss faith and mental illness. NAMI Connection groups are free and confidential recovery support groups for people at least 18 years old that have any mental health condition; the group offers respect, understanding, encouragement and hope. NAMI stands for National Alliance on Mental Illness, a national grassroots organization with local chapters that's dedicated to building better lives for people with mental illness and their families. To find out more or register, contact the NAMI office at 515-292-9400, NAMI education coordinator Erik Gustafson at egustafson@namicentraliowa.org or co-leader Anastasia Tuckness at atuckness@gmail.com.

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. We are looking for a few Jenga games and old magazines and picture books for our service projects. (Still looking for one female councilor for this year.)

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.

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. 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 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

Next Council meeting is July 10th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Devoted - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Is there something you are really devoted to? When we are devoted to something, we give all our time and energy to it - that's why reading our Bible and praying is called "devotions." Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Faith Practices for Families Ebook Collection.

Groundwork: The Trinity in Worship, Prayer, and Daily Life - The Christian belief in the Holy Trinity significantly influences our worship, prayer, and daily living. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 28:19, 2 Corinthians 13:14, Hebrews 4:14-16, Romans 8:26-35, and Acts 2:42 to see how these biblical truths shape and inform how we glorify God and touch every aspect of our lives.

Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

The Banner

The Banner Challenge! - This year The Banner has been tasked with a faith challenge to be almost fully reader supported in three years with no more reliance on ministry shares. This step of faith will benefit the other agencies of the CRC (like ReFrame, Resonate, Thrive, etc.) since every ministry share dollar The Banner doesn't use will flow to one of them. Are you up to undertake this faith challenge with us? We need you now more than ever! Please donate now at TheBanner.org/Give

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Telling our faith stories to other generations is a deeply meaningful way to help us remember together what God has done. Check out our intergenerational story-starter questions at tinyurl.com/StoryStarterQuestions. Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

Greeters

July 21	Oltman	September 15	Voss
July 28	Raak	September 22	Whitney
August 4	Saldana	September 29	Yoder
August 11	Sanders/Bassham	October 6	Bakker
August 18	Sterenber	October 13	Bergman
August 25	t' Hoen	October 20	De Bruin
September 1	VanDyk	October 27	Franje
September 8	Verkade		

Nursery

July 21	Melody and Megan	August 25	Megan and Kathlyn
July 28	Jessica and Sue F	September 1	Judy and Brianna
August 4	Donna and Caraline	September 8	Lyndee and Kristy
August 11	Elaine and Stacy	September 15	Mary K and Cassie
August 18	Mindy and Alisabeth		

September 22 Rachel and
Pam N
September 29 Melody and
Kenzie
October 6 Jessica and Sue F

October 13 Donna and
Elizabeth H
October 20 Elaine and
Caraline
October 27 Mindy and
Stacy

Children's Message

July 21 Rex De Bruin
July 28 Randy Raak
August 4 Stacey Hertz
August 11 Lora Copley
August 18 Jeff Kopaska
August 25 Deb Niehof
September 1 Stacey Hertz
September 8 Rex DeBruin

September 15 Laura Hufford
September 22 Lora Copley
September 29 Jeff Kopaska
October 6 Deb Niehof
October 13 Stacy Hertz
October 20 Rex De Bruin
October 27 Randy Raak

Congregational Prayer

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September 22 Mark Voss
September 29 Rex DeBruin
October 6 Paul Kleinwolterink
October 13 Randy Raak
October 20 Jeff Kopaska
October 27 Tom Kuyper

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Lora Copley: director@isu-areopagus.org or 505-387-6861

(Areopagus Campus Ministry)

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