

WORSHIP SERVICE

August 11, 2024

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (based on Psalm 119:137-144)

Lord we rise with the morning and call out to you, for in you we have put our hope.

The statutes you have ordained are righteous and trustworthy.

Your promises have been thoroughly tested; we cling to them when trouble and distress come upon us.

For your faithfulness is everlasting, and your law is always true.

* Opening Song: "Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing"

Lift Up Your Hearts #521

Come thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy
grace;

streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues
above.

Praise the mount – I'm fixed upon it mount of God's unchanging
love

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come;

and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of
God;

he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee;

prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Opening Prayer

Song: "I Surrender All"

Lift Up Your Hearts #739

All to Jesus I surrender All to Him I freely give

I will ever love and trust Him In His presence daily live

I surrender all I surrender all

All to Thee my blessed Savior I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender Make me Savior wholly Thine

Let me feel thy Holy Spirit Truly know that Thou art mine

I surrender all I surrender all All to Thee my blessed Savior

I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender Lord I give myself to Thee

Fill me with Thy love and power Let Thy blessing fall on me

I surrender all I surrender all All to Thee my blessed Savior

I surrender all

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Dear Father, we confess that we sometimes reduce our concept of you to fit within our nature, or to be agreeable to what we want you to be.

We may attempt to fit you within the realm of our limited experiences.

Help us instead to search for you, and to understand you, from the source where you have chosen to most clearly reveal yourself - your holy word. Amen.

Words of Assurance (*2 Peter 1:19-21*)

"We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Song of Entrusting: "His Mercy Is More"

What love could remember No wrongs we have done

Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum

Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more
Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more
What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more
Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more
What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more
Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more
Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
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Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Psalm 13

¹ How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? ² How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me? ³ Look on me and answer, Lord my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death, ⁴ and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall. ⁵ But I trust in your unfailing love; my

heart rejoices in your salvation. ⁶ I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me.

Message: Doubt, Faith, Certainty - Dealing with Doubt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "Nearer, Still Nearer"

Lift Up Your Hearts #659

Nearer, still nearer, close to thy heart, draw me, my Savior, so precious thou art. Fold me, O fold me close to thy breast; shelter me safe in that haven of rest, shelter me save in that haven of rest. Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring, naught as an offering to Jesus, my King – only my sinful, now contrite heart; grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart, grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart.

Nearer, still nearer, Lord, to be thine, sin with its follies I gladly resign, all of its pleasures, pomp and its pride; give me but Jesus my Lord crucified, give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified.

Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last, till safe in glory my anchor is cast; through endless ages, ever to be nearer, my Savior, still nearer to thee, nearer, my Savior, still nearer to thee.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow" *Lift Up Your Hearts #964*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen. Amen.

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Lora Copley

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Char Verkade, Mark Voss, Pam Voss

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

This week's special offering is for the **Sawyer Food Pantry**. As school is about to start again, we will be helping out our local community by buying those perishable items for the pantry each week.

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.

Reminder that the Ames Christian School started their lease agreement on August 1st. Please be understanding if you come to the church, as they will be using parts of it for the next 10 months. We welcome this opportunity to serve our

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. Contact Christopher 't Hoen with any questions.

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.

Midwest Basic Bible Camper would like to thank you for all your support. A great time was had by all who attended. From the free car wash to the amazing race. The week was spent learning “HIS”tory, from the prophets to the resurrection. Thirty plus kids learned, laught, and came closer to God in a busy yet friendly setting. May already wishing it could be camp again already. And plans for next year have started....so if you are going to be graduated from the 6th grade to graduated from 12th grade, keep the first week of August open.

The Student Welcome back will be on August 25th More details to come, hope to see you there

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 August 14th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Remember Who You Are - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. There is no more incredible blessing than knowing we are God’s children. God delights in us and

knows our names. He calls us and walks with us always. God helps us always to remember who we are. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Faith Practices for Families Ebook Collection.

Family Fire - 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: God Redeems - The biblical theme of redemption is unique to Christian theology and sets Christianity apart from other religions. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 12:1-5, Ephesians 1:3-11, Galatians 2:20-21, and Ephesians 2:1-5 to trace God's story of redemption from Genesis to the ultimate sacrifice of our Savior Jesus Christ and talk about living redeemed lives as we go about our daily lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Jesus is our model for true servanthood. What characteristics and practices of Jesus could each of us emulate to help us develop a servant heart? Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

World Renew

Pray for People Affected by Tropical Storm Debby - As Tropical Storm Debby swamps the US East Coast, World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) asks for your prayers for those most affected by the storm. After hitting the Florida panhandle as a Category-1 hurricane last weekend, Debby continued across Georgia, the Carolinas, and beyond. More than a foot of rain fell in some locations, forcing evacuations, creating significant flood risks, and causing six deaths. Please pray for safety for those who must evacuate or shelter in place. Pray for wisdom and strength for volunteers and emergency responders. Ask God to protect 500 residents in Sarasota, FL, who were evacuated last week due to

flooding, even as DRS continues to respond to Hurricane Ian needs there from 2022. You can find more about the work of World Renew DRS in responding to 2024 hurricanes and other North American disasters at worldrenew.net/drs

CRC Communications

Job Opening - Director of Ecclesiastical Governance - As a member of the Office of General Secretary, the Director of Ecclesiastical Governance shall serve, support, and equip the governance of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA). The Director shall serve as the synodical and Council of Delegates (COD) meeting officer and be the liaison between the Office of General Secretary and classes in Canada and the U.S. The Director shall serve as the Church Order and Synodical Rules of Procedure subject matter expert, strengthen the capacity of synodical delegates and COD members, equip its leadership, and promote best governance practices and continuous improvement. This position offers a flexible work schedule, an attractive benefits package (including retirement fund contribution), and four weeks of vacation. Learn more and apply at crcna.pinpointhq.com

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer:	Randy Raak
Sound:	Rex De Bruin
Nursery	Elaine and Stacy
Children's message:	Lora Copley
Greeters:	Sanders/Bassham

Greeters

August 11 Sanders/Bassham	September 22 Whitney
August 18 Sterenberg	September 29 Yoder
August 25 t' Hoen	October 6 Bakker
September 1 VanDyk	October 13 Bergman
September 8 Verkade	October 20 De Bruin
September 15 Voss	October 27 Franje

Nursery

August 11 Elaine and Stacy
August 18 Mindy and Alisabeth
August 25 Megan and Kathlyn
September 1 Judy and Brianna
September 8 Lyndee and Kristy
September 15 Mary K and
Cassie
September 22 Rachel and
Pam N

Children's Message

August 11 Lora Copley
August 18 Jeff Kopaska
August 25 Deb Niehof
September 1 Stacey Hertz
September 8 Rex DeBruin
September 15 Laura Hufford

Congregational Prayer

August 11 Randy Raak
August 18 Tom Kuyper
August 25 Tom Niehof
September 1 Randy Raak
September 8 Tom Kuyper
September 15 Randy Raak
September 22 Mark Voss

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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

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

September 22 Lora Copley
September 29 Jeff Kopaska
October 6 Deb Niehof
October 13 Stacy Hertz
October 20 Rex De Bruin
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