

WORSHIP SERVICE
September 8, 2024

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship Psalm 65:4,8

Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts!

We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.

The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;

where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.

* Opening Song: "To God Be The Glory"

Lift Up Your Hearts #604

To God be the glory, great things he has done; so loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory; great things he has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God;

the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory; great things he has done.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great
our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our
transport, when Jesus we see.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the
glory; great things he has done

*Opening prayer

*Song: "In Sweet Communion, Lord With You" vs 1, 2, 3, 5

Lift Up Your Hearts #346

In sweet communion, Lord, with you I constantly abide;
my hand you hold within your own to keep me near your side.
Your counsel through my earthly way shall guide me and control,
and then to glory afterward you will receive my soul.
Whom have I, Lord, in heaven but you, to whom my thoughts
aspire?
And, having you, what more on earth is there I can desire?
To live apart from God is death; 'tis good his face to seek
My refuge is the living God; his praise I long to speak

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

**Lord, it can be difficult for us to humbly admit how much
greater you are. We may think our salvation depends on how
well we follow you, or even how well we understand your
Word. Help us instead to put our trust in you, and to
intentionally follow where you lead us, even when that path is
difficult. In our Savior's name we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon Ephesians 2:4-5,8-10

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,
made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in
transgressions— For it is by grace you have been saved, through
faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not
by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's

handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Song of Entrusting: “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.

Commissioning of Sunday School teachers and Youth Group
leaders for the coming year.

Children’s Message

Baptism of Colin Paul Kuyper

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:5-13

⁵Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. ⁸Those

who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you. ¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Message: Doubt, Faith, Certainty - What is Faith, Really?

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

Installation of new elders and deacons

*Song of Response: "Holy Spirit Living Breath Of God"

Lift Up Your Hearts#746

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.

Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.

Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see;

give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within, may your joy be seen in all I do. Love enough to cover every sin, in each thought and deed and attitude.

Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.

Turn my striving into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,
show your power once again on earth, cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Blessing

*Closing Song: "Freely, Freely"

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you To share His love as he told me to:
He said, "Freely, freely you have received.

Freely, freely give;

Go in my name and, because you believe, Others will know that I live
All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name, In earth and heav'n in Jesus name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you To share his pow'r as He told me to:

He said, "Freely, freely you have received.

Freely, freely give; Go in my name and, because you believe, Others will know that I live

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Rex DeBruin

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Elijah Goossen, Mark Voss, Pam Voss

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

The special offering this Sunday is for Resonate Global Missions, Benjamin Groenewold and Trica VanDyk (John VanDyk's sister). They are missionaries to Lithuania. They both teach at LCC International University in Klaipeda Lithuania. LCC is a Christian liberal arts university that is uniquely placed to develop future

leaders in a region of the world deeply damaged by Soviet rule. They have a few flyers on the table outside the sanctuary.

Sunday school for both kids and adults will start September 8th. The grades, rooms, teachers are: 2nd/3rd grade, Room 8/9, Rachel DeBruin and Megan Saldana; Jr. High, Library, Derek Ten Pas; High School, Youth Room, Pastor Randy. The Adult Sunday School class will meet in Room 7. Melody Franje and Rex De Bruin will lead a discussion on different faith practices and how to incorporate these spiritual disciplines into our personal and communal lives."

Hello everyone, Men and Women of Trinity. We are looking to update and increase our list of volunteers. Volunteering for your church family can be a wonderful thing. The positions are Congregational Prayer, Nursery, and Children's Message. If you would like to volunteer for one or more of these positions, or if you are on the list and would like to be removed, please email to office@amestrinity.org Volunteers make our church family a wonderful family.

Reminder that the **Ames Christian School** started their lease agreement on August 1st. Please understand that things will be different as we start our Sunday School year. Be respectful of their things as they are of ours. We thank God for this opportunity to serve these families..

Baby Laura is growing well and coming home soon! Please join our church for a baby shower for Rachel Iyare and baby Laura Saturday, September 7 at 2 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The registry link is included below. (Please note that although Laura was just a tiny, little one when she was born, she will be nearly 8 pounds when she comes home so please no newborn or premie clothing.) Here is the link to baby registry <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift-giver?registryId=308dfbf0-5fdc-11ef-9cbf-d3573a0fcdb7&type=BABY>

In-person and zoom support groups meet each week locally through NAMI Central Iowa, the National Alliance for Mental Health. These and other programs are for support and education for people with mental illness and their families. Check out <https://namicentraliowa.org> or contact Erik at egustafson@namicentraliowa.org or 515-292-9400, or Tom & Deb Niehof's daughter Anastasia Tuckness (atuckness@gmail.com) for more information.

There is printout of Birthdays, Greeters, Congregational Prayer, Nursery, and Children's message on the table outside the office. 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.

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



Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes will resume September 8th

Children and Worship – will resume September 8th

Breakfast Club meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the Lincoln Center Hy-Vee at 8:30 AM.

UFO will meet on the third Monday of the month.

Women's Bible Study The monthly women's Bible study will be meeting at 9am on Mon, Sept 9th. We are studying Spiritual Disciplines. New members are welcomed. Any questions contact Melody Franje. They will meet in the High School Sunday School classroom.

Pub Theology meets the last Sunday of the month, Sep 29th 7 pm
Mucky Duck.

Next Council meeting is September 11th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Groundwork: God's Presence With His People - God delights to dwell with his people, but he is holy and his presence cannot remain with unholy people. Join Groundwork as we study Ezekiel chapters 10, 11, and 36 to witness the painful consequences of Israel's unholy ways and hear the hope God offers even in the midst of those consequences. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Kids Corner: Church: We Belong to God - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. God brought all of us together so that we could be thankful for Jesus dying on the cross for our sins and to help each other live like him. The Church reminds us that we belong to God as part of his family. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Church in Action comic book.

CRC Heritage Fund

Happy Grandparents Day! - As a grandparent on this special day, do you know how to set up a trust or gift a charity in your will and extend your legacy? Have you done it? If not, the CRC has resources to help. Learn more about planned giving by visiting the CRC Heritage website at crcna.org/foundation

CRC Communications

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Tom Kuyper

Sound: Rex DeBruin

Nursery Lyndee and Kristy

Children's message: Rex DeBruin

Greeters: Whitney

Greeters

September 8 Whitney September 22 Verkade

September 15 Voss September 29 Yoder

October 6 Bakker
October 13 Bergman
October 20 De Bruin
October 27 Franje
November 3 Copley
November 10 Hobson
November 17 Voss
November 24 Huber
December 1 Hufford

Nursery

September 8 Lyndee and
Kristy
September 15 Mary K and
Cassie
September 22 Rachel and
Pam N
September 29 Melody and
Kenzie

Children's Message

September 8 Rex DeBruin
September 15 Laura Hufford
September 22 Lora Copley
September 29 Stacey Hertz
October 6 Rex De Bruin

Congregational Prayer

September 8 Tom Kuyper
September 15 Randy Raak
September 22 Mark Voss
September 29 Rex DeBruin

December 8 Friend
December 15 Hallihan
December 22 Hertz
December 29 Irvin
January 5 N Klemme
January 12 Kleinwolterink
January 19 Kopaska
January 26 Kuyper

October 6 Jessica and Sue F
October 13 Donna and
Elizabeth H
October 20 Elaine and
Caraline
October 27 Mindy and
Stacy

October 13 Stacy Hertz
October 20 Deb Niehof
October 27 Randy Raak
November 3 Lora Copley

October 6 Paul Kleinwolterink
October 13 Randy Raak
October 20 Jeff Kopaska
October 27 Tom Kuyper

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