

WORSHIP SERVICE
September 15, 2024

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

*Call to Worship

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name!

The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and He delivers them.

Those who look to the LORD are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

Hallelujah! We praise You, great and gracious God!

*Opening Song: "Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah!"

Lift Up Your Hearts #518

Praise the Lord! Sing hallelujah! Come, our great Redeemer
praise

I will sing The glorious praises Of my God through all my days

Put no confidence in princes Nor on human help depend

They shall die To dust returning All their thoughts and plan shall
end

Happy are The ones professing Jacob's God to be their aid

They are blest Whose hope of blessing On the Lord their God is
stayed

Heaven and earth The Lord created Seas and all that they contain

He delivers from oppression Righteousness he will maintain

Food he daily give the hungry Sets the mourning prisoner free
Raises those Bowed down with anguish Makes the sightless eyes
to see

God our Savior love the righteous And the stranger he befriends
Helps the orphan and the widow Judgment on the wicked sends
Praise the Lord! Sing hallelujah!

Come, our great Redeemer praise I will sing The glorious praises
Of my God through all my days Over all God reigns forever
Through all ages he is King Unto him Your God, O Zion Joyful
hallelujahs sing

*Opening Prayer

*Song: "Open The Eyes Of My Heart Lord"

Lift Up Your Hearts #537

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see you, I want to see you. Open the eyes of my heart,
Lord;

open the eyes of my heart. I want to see you, I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.

Pour out your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see you, I want to see you.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see you, I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.

Pour out your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. I want to see
you.

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. I want to see
you

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession (*from the Heidelberg Catechism, QA 126, 127*)

**Lord, by ourselves we are too weak to hold our own even for a
moment. And our sworn enemies– the devil, the world, and
our own flesh- never stop attacking us. And so, Lord make us**

strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit, so we may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle.

Because of Christ's blood, do not hold against us, poor sinners that we are, any of the sins we do or the evil that constantly clings to us. Forgive us just as we are fully determined, as evidence of your grace in us, to forgive our neighbors. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

"If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:6,8-9

Song of Entrusting: "Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace"

Make me a channel of your peace Where there is hatred, let me bring you love

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord And where there is doubt, true faith in you

O Master grant that I may never seek Much to be consoled as to console

To be understood as to understand To be loved as to be love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace Where there is despair in life let me bring hope

Where there is darkness, let me bring your light And where there's sadness, ever joy

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Make me a channel of your peace It is in pardoning that we are pardoned

In giving to all people, we receive And in dying that we are born, to eternal life

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Children's Message
Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: 2 King 6:8-23

⁸Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, "I will set up my camp in such and such a place." ⁹The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: "Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there." ¹⁰So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places. ¹¹This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, "Tell me! Which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?" ¹²"None of us, my lord the king," said one of his officers, "but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom." ¹³"Go, find out where he is," the king ordered, "so I can send men and capture him." The report came back: "He is in Dothan." ¹⁴Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city. ¹⁵When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?" the servant asked. ¹⁶"Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." ¹⁷And Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see." Then the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. ¹⁸As the enemy came down toward him, Elisha prayed to the Lord, "Strike this army with blindness." So he struck them with blindness, as Elisha had asked. ¹⁹Elisha told

them, "This is not the road and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will lead you to the man you are looking for." And he led them to Samaria. ²⁰ After they entered the city, Elisha said, "Lord, open the eyes of these men so they can see." Then the Lord opened their eyes and they looked, and there they were, inside Samaria. ²¹ When the king of Israel saw them, he asked Elisha, "Shall I kill them, my father? Shall I kill them?" ²² "Do not kill them," he answered. "Would you kill those you have captured with your own sword or bow? Set food and water before them so that they may eat and drink and then go back to their master." ²³ So he prepared a great feast for them, and after they had finished eating and drinking, he sent them away, and they returned to their master. So the bands from Aram stopped raiding Israel's territory.

Message: Eyes Open to the Real World

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

Song of Response: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of
His glory and grace

Turn your eyes to the hillside, Where justice and mercy embrace
There the Son of God gave His life for us, And our measureless
debt was erased

Jesus to You we lift our eyes, Jesus our glory and our prize
We adore You behold You our Savior ever true

Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You, Turn your eyes to the morning
And see Christ the lion awake, What a glorious dawn fear of
death is gone

For we carry His life in our veins, Jesus to You we lift our eyes
Jesus our glory and our prize, We adore You behold You our
Savior ever true

Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You, Turn your eyes to the heaven

Our King will return for His own, Every knee will bow, every
tongue will shout
All glory to Jesus alone!, Jesus to You we lift our eyes
Jesus our glory and our prize, We adore You behold You our
Savior ever true
Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You
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WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Blessing

*Closing Song: "In Thee Is Gladness" *Lift Up Your Hearts #344*

In Thee is gladness amid all sadness, Jesus, day-star of my heart!
By Thee are given the gifts of heaven, thou the true Redeemer art!
Our souls thou wakest; our bonds thou breakest.

Who trusts Thee surely has built securely and stands forever:
Allelujah!

Our hearts are longing to see thy dawning. Living or dying, in
thee abiding,
naught can us sever: Allelujah!

Jesus is ours! We fear no powers, not of earth or sin or death.
He sees and blesses in worst distresses; he can change them with
a breath.

Wherefore the story - tell of His glory with hearts and voices;
all heaven rejoices in him forever: Allelujah! We shout for
gladness,
triumph o'er sadness, love him and praise him,
and still shall raise him glad hymns forever: Allelujah!

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Rev. Lora Copley

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Musicians: Rex DeBruin, Andrew Friend, Naomi Friend

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

Next week's special offering is for **Areopagus**, a ministry to Iowa State University. Areopagus aims to reflect the relevance of the Gospel and a Reformed Christian worldview to the world of higher education, and in the lives of students and faculty. For more information, please talk with Lora Copley (Areopagus director), or visit <http://www.isu-areopagus.org/>

"Sunday school for both kids and adult has started. 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..

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 Happening Sunday after church and fellowship

Children and Worship – Happening after the children's message

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

UFO UFO will meet on Monday September 16th at 6:30pm. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kelly Hobson,

Women's Bible Study The monthly women's Bible study on the first Monday of the month

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

Next Council meeting is October 9th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Groundwork: Understanding God's Judgment - Judgment and consequences can feel unfair and mean. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Ezekiel 14 and 22 to better understand God's judgment: where it comes from, what it means, why it's necessary, and why it's also a source of grace. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Kids Corner: Heart Checkups - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. As you sit in church or go to Sunday School, try to listen for something you can do during the week to come. God does not wait to use you until you are older, so as you are listening for something you can do, listen for someone you can encourage this week as well! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Church in Action comic book.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - We all do things that are wrong and not pleasing to God. Paul writes in Romans 3:23 that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (NIV). When we do wrong, people get hurt by our actions, words, and even the things we should do but don't. How have your actions brought others harm? To whom do you need to say you are sorry this week?

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VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Rex De Bruin

Sound: Brian Sterenberg

Nursery Mary K and Cassie

Children's message: Lora Copley

Greeters: Voss

Greeters

September 15 Voss

September 22 Verkade

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
December 8 Friend
December 15 Hallihan
December 22 Hertz

Nursery

September 15 Mary K and
Cassie
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
November 3 Megan and
Alisabeth
November 10 Judy and
Kathlyn
November 17 Mary K and
Brianna

Children's Message

September 15 Lora Copley
September 22 Laura Hufford
September 29 Stacey Hertz
October 6 Rex De Bruin
October 13 Stacy Hertz
October 20 Deb Niehof
October 27 Randy Raak
November 3 Lora Copley
November 10 Laura Hufford

December 29 Irvin
January 5 N Klemme
January 12 Kleinwolterink
January 19 Kopaska
January 26 Kuyper

November 24 Lyndee and
Kristy
December 1 Rachel and
Cassie
December 8 Melody and Pam
N
December 15 Jessica and
Kenzie
December 22 Donna and Sue F
December 29 Elaine and
Elizabeth H
January 5 Mindy and Caraline
January 12 Megan and Stacy
January 19 Judy and
Alisabeth
January 26 Mary K and
Kathlyn

November 17 Jeff Kopaska
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