

WORSHIP SERVICE
September 22, 2024

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

*Call to Worship (John 1:1-5,14)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not grasped it.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

*Opening Song: "Blessed Be Your Name" *Lift Up*
Your Hearts # #343

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful, where your streams of abundance flow; blessed be your name. Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place. Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say, "Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name."

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me, when the world's "all as it should be"; blessed be your name. Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering; though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.

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* Opening Prayer

* Song: “Oceans”

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you understand our pride, for you were also fully human. You know how we grasp the importance of the role you gave us as the highest lifeform on earth.

And you know how humanity attempts to twist that role into something more, wanting to remove you from the picture and proclaim ourselves the masters of the universe.

And yet we cannot handle that role. We abuse this earth instead of caring for it. And we abuse each other as we grasp for power, influence, and other selfish interests.

Lord, open our eyes to see that you alone are worthy: just and yet loving, gracious and yet righteous. Help us see that your way brings out the best *in us, and for us.* Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 103:13-18)

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.... But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children— with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

Song of Entrusting: "Sanctuary"

Lord prepare me To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy Tried and true
With thanksgiving I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary Pure and holy
Tried and true With thanksgiving
I'll be a living Sanctuary for You

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-16, Romans 8:5-11

Romans 8:5-11

⁵ Those 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. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those 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.

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

God's Wisdom Revealed by the Spirit

⁶ We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age,

who are coming to nothing. ⁷No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived"—the things God has prepared for those who love him—¹⁰these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹For 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. ¹²What 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. ¹³This 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. ¹⁴The 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. ¹⁵The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, ¹⁶for, "Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Message: Doubt, Faith & Certainty - Life Beyond Logic

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "Speak, O Lord" *Lift Up Your Hearts* # #755

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness – that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.

Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.

Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Blessing

*Closing Song: "This Is My Father's World" (vs 1 & 3)

Lift Up Your Hearts # #21

This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--His hand the wonders
wrought.

This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me
everywhere.

This is my Father's world: O let me not forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! God reigns; let earth be
glad!

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Laura Hufford

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Kathlyn Copley, Elijah Hufford, Laura Hufford, Maggie VanDyk

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

This 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 has started. 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.

The first day of Roots will be Wednesday, September 25th in the Fellowship Hall from 7:00-8:30 pm. All kids between 6th -12th grade are welcome to come! We are so excited to kick off the year!

Hymn Sing: Join Andrew F. And Elijah G. for a hymn sing at Trinity on October 6 at 5:00 pm! Bring your favorite hymns (or any hymns you would like to sing) and we can sing them and talk about them together.

Emersen Jo Schmidt arrived on Monday September 16th @ 10:10 pm. She weighed in at 8 lbs 6oz and 20" long. Daughter of Becca (Voss) and Samuel Schmidt.

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.

The church will be in use **Sunday October 27th**, Please plan your trips to the church to avoid this evening from 5 -8 pm.

The church will be in use **Saturday on November 16th** time of use to come.

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.

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 meets the 3rd Monday of the month

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

Groundwork: Dry Bones And God's Promises Of Restoration -

Have you ever felt so hopeless that anything and everything remotely good seems impossible and out of reach? Join

Groundwork as we study the hope filled imagery in Ezekiel 37 and

47 to remember God's great love for his people, how seriously he takes his promises, and how deeply we can trust that one day he will fully restore us too. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Kids Corner: Questions Show Care - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Why do you think Jesus asked people all these questions? What did he want to find out? Maybe what they thought, or what they wanted, or what they believed? Why was Jesus so curious? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story Podcast *The Woman at the Well*.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - One way we can participate in the mission of God is by living justly. To live justly is to pray and stand up for people who are mistreated. In your school, workplace, neighborhood, or community, who is not being treated fairly? What can you do to advocate for justice for them? Ask God to show you where there is injustice in your community and how you can support people who are being wronged. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

CRC Communications

New Ministry Shares Video - Today is one of two Sundays each year that churches have an opportunity to think more about ministry shares, which support CRC ministry across North America and far beyond. As a Christian Reformed Church member, have you ever wondered about ministry shares? When you put your dollar in the offering plate or give a monthly tithe to your church, where exactly do those ministry share dollars go? The answer is: All over the world! Watch this video to find out more: tinyurl.com/CRC-Ministry-Shares-Video

Resonate Global Mission

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Randy Raak

Sound: Tom Whitney

Nursery Rachel and Pam N
Children's message: Laura Hufford
Greeters: Verkade

Greeters

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

Nursery

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
November 24 Lyndee and
Kristy
December 1 Rachel and
Cassie

Children's Message

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
November 17 Jeff Kopaska
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Congregational Prayer

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September 29 Mark Voss
October 6 Paul Kleinwolterink

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October 20 Jeff Kopaska
October 27 Tom Kuyper

November 3 Lora Copley
November 10 Randy Raak
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November 24 Tom Niehof
December 1 Randy Raak

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Tom Whitney; T-Z = Donna Bergman