

WORSHIP SERVICE
October 13, 2024

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

*Call to Worship - from Psalm 16

Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.

**I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand,
I will not be shaken.**

Therefore, my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices....

**You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with
joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.**

*Opening Song: "How Majestic Is Your Name"

Sing! A New Creation # 24

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name,
Prince of Peace, Mighty God, O Lord God Almighty

Opening Prayer

Song: "As The Deer"

Lift Up Your Hearts #503

As the deer pants for the water,

so my soul longs after you;

you alone are my heart's desire,

and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield;

to you alone may my spirit yield;

you alone are my heart's desire,

and I long to worship you!

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Our Father, thank you for the direction you give us in your Word.

You help us keep our lives on a good path, by keeping us focused on what is most important.

Forgive us for the times we rush ahead without seeking your direction, or for trying to love others without loving you first.

*Thank you for loving us; help us to live in gratitude for that. Amen. *

Assurance of Pardon *1 Peter 1:3-9*

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you... though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith ...may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Song of Entrusting: “Have Thine Own Way Lord”

Lift Up Your Hearts #737

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Thou art the potter, I am the clay.

Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Search me and try me, Master today!

Open mine eyes, my sin show me now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Wounded and weary, help me I pray!

Power, all power, surely is thine!

Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Hold o'er my being absolute sway.

Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see

Christ only, always, living in me!

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer: - concluding with

“Be Still and Know” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #892

Be still and know, that I am God.

Be still and know, that I am God.

Be still and know, that I am God.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:38-42

³⁸ As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”⁴¹ “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴²but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

Message: Beyond Belief - A Different Posture

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

Song of Response: “O Master Let Me Walk With Thee”

Lift Up Your Hearts #325

O Master, let me walk with thee In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me thy secret, help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of
care.

Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, winning word
of love;

Teach me the wayward feet to stay, And guide them in the
homeward way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs
over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray Far down the future's broadening
way,

In peace that only thou canst give, With thee, O Master, let me
live.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Blessing

*Closing Song: "Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing" *Lift Up
Your Hearts #933*

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and
peace.

Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.

O direct us and protect us traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound.

May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.

Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Stacy Hertz

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Holly Raak, Derek TenPas, Char Verkade

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

Next Week's Special Offering is for the TCRC Building Fund. Our
building committee works hard to keep our church in good repair.

We are excited about all the things that happen in our building and

your offerings allow us to keep our church a great place for these

events. Every dollar counts and no amount of giving is too small.

Pray fully consider your giving to help with this church family need.

October is Pastor appreciation month. Celebrating your pastor is a
wonderful way to show gratitude for their hard work and

dedication. Please consider showing your appreciation this month

with a donation in the collection or a personal gift. No matter how you choose to express your appreciation, it does mean a lot to our pastor.

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.

Trunk or Treat. Get the date on your calendar, October 25th. Signup sheet is on the table outside the office, signup early to be sure to get a spot.

Hymn Sing: Join Andrew Friend and Elijah Goossen for a Thanksgiving hymn sing at Trinity on **November 3 at 5:00 pm!** Bring ideas for hymns and songs and we can sing them and talk about them together. Please let us know ahead of time for songs not in the red Lift Up Your Hearts or green Sing! A New Creation hymnal so we can make sure everyone will have music.

Calling All Engineers, Designers or otherwise Interested People! Save the date for a special evening on Tuesday, October 29. Areopagus (with the ISU Committee on Lectures) is hosting Dr. Ethan Brue, of Dordt University, for a conversation about the intersection of science and faith, called *"Technology as Storytelling: How Engineering, Science and Faith Play."* Dr. Brue's fascinating study helps us consider how our work has profound meaning because it is part of, and contributes to, a larger story. This nuanced, holistic and historical journey shows how technology taps into longings for a better world, as well as grapples with current challenges from new technologies. Grab a friend and join us October 29, at 6pm, in the Memorial Union's Cardinal Room

General Elections November 5th A reminder that the church will be a polling place for the general election on November 5th. Equipment will be delivered on the 4th, people will be in the church from 6 am

till 8 pm. They are thankful that we allow the use of our building for this event. There will be school on this day.

Reminder that the **Ames Christian School** started their lease agreement. 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.

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** from 9 am to 1 pm. Please be respectful if you come at this time.

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 meets the 3rd Monday of the month

Women's Bible Study Will meet Monday October 7th at 9am in the church library. Topic will be Discipline of "Face to Face Connection".

Pub Theology meets the last Sunday of the month, Oct 27th 7 pm Mucky Duck.

Next Council meeting is October 9th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Beatitude 2: Blessed By Sadness? - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. As Jesus taught his followers in the Sermon on the Mount, He said, "God blesses those people who grieve. They will find comfort!". Grieving means someone is really, really sad. When you think about someone grieving, how do you think God blesses them? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story Podcast Mary, Martha, and Lazarus.

Groundwork: What it Means to be God's Chosen People - When we're through challenging times, we may find ourselves wondering: "Does my life matter? Am I making a difference?" Join Groundwork as we study 1 Peter 2:4-25 to see how Peter comforts Christians experiencing suffering by affirming their identities in Christ and their intrinsic value as God's chosen people. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Today is Clergy Appreciation Sunday. First Timothy 5:17 says, "The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching" (NIV). Take some time this week to write a note to a leader in the church, telling them why you are grateful for them. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Job Opening! Faith Formation Consultant - Thrive - The Faith Formation Consultant works with Thrive staff to equip and

encourage churches with particular attention to life-long faith formation and discipleship ministries at the congregational, regional, and denominational levels. This is a full time, hybrid position based in Grand Rapids, Mich., or Burlington, Ont. Apply at crcna.pinpointhq.com

Resonate Global Mission

Job Opening! Resonate International Position: Asia Team Leader - Lead the Mission Team for Asia to steward the implementation of the strategy for all three of Resonate's Core Initiatives:

Congregation Gospel Witness, Intercultural Gospel Witness, and Church Planting in this region. Personally engage in local ministry within the region in alignment with Resonate goals and focus areas. This full time position strongly prefers residence in Asia, and requires travel within the region and travel to and from North America periodically as well. Learn more and apply at crcna.pinpointhq.com

World Renew

Hurricane Milton Response - World Renew Disaster Response Services is working with our partners in Florida to coordinate a response to Hurricane Milton. World Renew is already present in Sarasota to assist after hurricanes Debby (Aug) and Helene (Sept). Pray for comfort, recovery, and hope for hurricane survivors in Florida and the southeastern US. Please give generously to World Renew DRS Hurricane Milton response at worldrenew.net/hurricanemilton, call 1-800-552-7972, or mail a check made out to World Renew DRS, with "DRS Hurricane Milton" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr., SW, Byron Center, Michigan, 49315.

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer:	Randy Raak
Sound:	Rex De Bruin
Nursery	Donna and Elizabeth H
Children's message:	Stacy Hertz
Greeters:	Bergman

Greeters

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

Nursery

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

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

Children's Message

October 13 Stacy Hertz
October 20 Deb Niehof
October 27 Randy Raak
November 3 Lora Copley
November 10 Laura Hufford
November 17 Jeff Kopaska
November 24 Deb Niehof
December 1 Stacy Hertz

December 8 Rex De Bruin
December 15 Randy Raak
December 22 Donna and Sue F
December 29 Lora Copley
January 5 Laura Hufford
January 12 Jeff Kopaska
January 19 Deb Niehof
January 26 Rex De Bruin

Congregational Prayer

October 13	Randy Raak	December 8	Tom Kuyper
October 20	Jeff Kopaska	December 15	Randy Raak
October 27	Tom Kuyper	December 22	Mark Voss
November 3	Lora Copley	December 29	Rex De Bruin
November 10	Randy Raak	January 5	Randy Raak
November 17	Mark Voss	January 12	Jeff Kopaska
November 24	Tom Niehof	January 19	Tom Kuyper
December 1	Randy Raak	January 26	Lora Copley

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