

WORSHIP SERVICE
October 20, 2024

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

*Call to Worship

Because of His great love for us,

God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive in Christ.

For we know the grace of our Lord Jesus, that though He was rich

Yet for our sakes He became poor,

So that we, through His poverty, might become rich.

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

*Opening Song: "That's Why We Praise Him"

Lift Up Your Hearts #868

He came to live, live a perfect life; he come to be the living word,
our light

He came to die so we'd be reconcile; he came to rise to show his
power and might

That's why we praise him, that's why we sing.

That's why we offer him our everything.

That's why we bow down and worship this king

'cause he gave his everything; 'cause he gave his everything

He came to live (ooh), live again in us He came to be (ooh), our
conquering King and friend

He came to heal (ooh), and show the lost ones His love He came
to go (ooh), prepare a place for us

That's why we praise Him, that's why we sing

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That's why we bow down and worship this King

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Halle, Hallelujah

Halle, Hallelujah ('Cause He gave His everything)

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Opening Prayer

Song: "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 ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Call to Confession: (sung)

Song: “When I Survey The Wondrous Cross” vs1, 2

Lift Up Your Hearts #175

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, Prince of Glory, you emptied yourself of all Your glory, all Your resources, all You had to love us. In our sin, we are utterly bankrupt, yet you stretched out your hands on the cross and gave us what we didn't deserve— radical mercy. Forgive us when see people in need of mercy, and we hold back— we who received everything from you! May we give our life, our soul, our all.

Song: “When I Survey The Wondrous Cross” vs 3, 4

Lift Up Your Hearts #175

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture says, When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness we had done, but according to his mercy. Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Song of Entrusting: “What the Lord Has Done in Me”

Lift Up Your Hearts #800

Let the weak say, "I am strong" Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Let the blind say, "I can see" It's what the Lord has done in me
Hosanna, hosanna To the lamb that was slain
Hosanna, hosanna Jesus died and rose again
Hosanna, hosanna To the lamb that was slain
Hosanna, hosanna Jesus died and rose again
Into the river I will wade There my sins are washed away
From the heavens mercy stream Of the Savior's love for me
Hosanna, hosanna To the lamb that was slain
Hosanna, hosanna Jesus died and rose again
Hosanna, hosanna To the lamb that was slain
Hosanna, hosanna Jesus died and rose again
I will rise from waters deep Into the saving arms of God
I will sing salvation songs Jesus Christ has set me free
Hosanna, hosanna To the lamb that was slain
Hosanna, hosanna Jesus died and rose again
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Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:31-46; Heidelberg Catechism, QA 111 (insert)

Matthew 25:31-46

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. 34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me

in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ 37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ 40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ 41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’ 44 “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ 45 “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ 46 “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

Heidelberg Catechism, QA 111

Q. What does God require of you in this commandment?

A. That I do whatever I can for my neighbor’s good, that I treat others as I would like them to treat me, and that I work faithfully so that I may share with those in need.

Message: Beyond Belief - The Big Reveal of Mercy

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Lift Up Your Hearts #928

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,

who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy’s perfect deed, we, your servants bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,

consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.
Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for
bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our
dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the
soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles still to make your people whole.
As we worship, grant us vision till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened
sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us
bear,
stirring us to tireless striving, your abundant life to share.
Called through worship to your service, forth in your dear name
we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show.
Hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace
we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and
live.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Blessing

*Closing Song: "My Friends May You Grow In Grace"

Lift Up Your Hearts #938

My friends, may you grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our
Lord and Savior.

My friends, may you grow in grace, and in the knowledge of
Jesus Christ.

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Deb Niehof

Message: Rev. Lora Copley

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

This 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. WE NEED YOU TO HELP, please. We are short some blowup monitors. Please consider signing up to help.

The inner door of the church main entrance has a new lock, so to use a key, you will need to insert your key and turn, then twist the handle to open the inner door. It is our understanding that this will only need to happen at certain times of the day, so please ask Pam or Randy if you have questions or issues.

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) 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. There are some handouts on the table by the office, or you can ask Lora Copley, 505-387-6861)

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. Parent Teacher conferences will be Tuesday October 29th and Thursday October 30th. Please be respectful if you come to the church at this time.

Children's Christmas Program will be December 15th more information to come

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 the first Monday of the month

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

Next Council meeting is November 6th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Beatitude 3: Lead Like Jesus - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. "Humble Leader." Does that sound impossible? A humble leader makes decisions because it will help everyone who looks up to them to get better at something, feel better about themselves, or grow more confident in their abilities.

Being a humble leader means we don't want "to be served, but to serve" (Mark 10:45). Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Liz and Friend Story Podcast: At Your Service.

Kids in Action - Do you know a kid doing a special ministry or a group of young people doing God's work right now? Maybe an artist, justice-seeker, or tree planter? Nominate them to be featured in a new Kids in Action video. Do you or a friend have a story to share? We would love to hear your story. Contact us at kidscorner@reframemedia.com. Check out all our Kids in Action seasons at kidscorner.net/kids-in-action

Groundwork: Encouragement When We Suffer for Being Christians - Have you ever been tempted to hide your faith for fear of judgment or ridicule? Join our Groundwork conversation as we study 1 Peter 3 to find courage in the grace of Jesus Christ to remain faithful to the gospel in the face of injustice and suffering. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Calvin University

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Turkey and the Seven Churches of Revelation - (May 27 - June 8, 2025) Visit ancient sites connected with Paul's first, second, and third missionary journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

CRC Heritage Fund

Estate Planning Help - Many people think they have to be wealthy to need an estate plan. Truth is, everyone should plan ahead regardless of financial status. October 21-27 is National Estate Planning Awareness Week. It's a time to focus on protecting assets, providing for loved ones, and creating a legacy. If you already have a plan, take this week to review and make sure it's up to date. Or to

learn more about estate planning and planned giving visit:
crcna.org/heritagefund

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Today is Disability Awareness Sunday. First Corinthians 12 describes the church as the body of Christ—a body with many parts that play different roles. As you think about your role within your church or community, which body part(s) do you think you might be? Perhaps you are the eyes and heart, sharing empathy and kindness where you see hardship and struggle. Maybe you are the big toe, providing stability and balance. Are you like blood vessels gifted at connecting and linking others? Thank God for how God made you and how each person in God's kingdom is essential. Brought to you by Thrive:
crcna.org/Thrive

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Jeff Kopaska
Sound: Brian Sternberg
Nursery Elaine and Caraline
Children's message: Rex De Bruin
Greeters: De Bruin

Greeters

October 20	De Bruin	December 15	Hallihan
October 27	Bergman	December 22	Hertz
November 3	Copley	December 29	Irvin
November 10	Hobson	January 5	N Klemme
November 17	Voss	January 12	Kleinwolterink
November 24	Huber	January 19	Kopaska
December 1	Hufford	January 26	Kuyper
December 8	Friend		

Nursery

October 20	Mary K and Caraline	November 3	Megan and Alisabeth
October 27	Mindy and Stacy		

November 10 Judy and
Kathlyn
November 17 Elaine 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 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

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