

WORSHIP SERVICE
October 27, 2024

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

*Call to Worship Psalm 19: 1-4,19

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

May the words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight,

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

*Opening Song: "Oh For A Thousand Tongues To Sing" vs 1-3, 8
Lift Up Your Hearts #590

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows
cease,

'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever given

By saits below and saints above, The church in earth and heaven

*Opening Prayer

*Song: "Your Name"

Lift Up Your Hearts #375

As morning dawns and evening fades You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart And glorify Your Name

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower Your Name is a shelter
like no other

Your Name let the nations sing it louder 'Cause nothing has the
power to save

But Your Name

Jesus in Your Name we pray Come and fill our hearts today

Lord give us strength to live for You And glorify Your Name

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WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession Jesus' words from Matthew 12:33-37

*"Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its
fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit....*

**A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in
him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up
in him.**

*But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of
judgment for every empty word they have spoken.*

**For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words
you will be condemned."**

Assurance of Pardon *Matthew 19:28-30*

*Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when
the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will
also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone
who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or
children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and
will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and many
who are last will be first."*

Song of Entrusting: "In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified" *Lift Up
Your Hearts #861*

In our lives, Lord be glorified, be glorified; In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.

In our homes, Lord be glorified, be glorified; In our homes, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord be glorified, be glorified; In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord be glorified, be glorified; In your world, Lord, be glorified today

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:33-37

³³ "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.' ³⁴ But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. ³⁷ All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

Message: Beyond Belief - Verbal Valor (The Courage to Speak with Integrity)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "May The Mind Of Christ, My Savior" vs 1-4
Lift Up Your Hearts #334

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day,
by His love and power controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to
hour,

so that all may see I triumph only through His pow'r.

May the peace of God, my Father, rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea.
Him exalting, self abasing: this is victory.
May we run the race before us, strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus as we onward go.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Blessing

*Closing Song: "God Of Grace And God Of Glory" vs 1, 3, 4 *Lift Up Your Hearts* #926

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient church's story, bring its bud to glorious
flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your
control;

shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in
soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's
goal,

lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Pastor Randy

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Rex DeBruin, Naomi Friend, Elijah Goossen, Holly
Raak

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week we will be distributing Peter Fish/ World Renew during the Children's message. Please help the children of Trinity

collect change, which will be given to the World Hunger Campaign: Fish for Change! (an initiative of World Renew). We ask that the Peter Fish be returned in two weeks.

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.

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 2nd** Please be respectful if you come at this time.

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.

Randy will be on vacation November 12 – 17 and December 26 -31

Pam will be on vacation November 29 – December 13

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

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

ReFrame Ministries

Groundwork: How to Live as Christians - In closing his first letter to the early Christians, Peter offers some final advice that remains valuable for us today. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Peter 4-5 to

hear Peter's instructions for acting with love and humility, his assurance that God indeed cares, and his encouragement to stand firm in our faith because we are not alone and God makes us strong. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Kids Corner: Beatitude 4: Filling Up with Obedience - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. What does it mean to do what's right and listen to God? God can ask us to do things that might seem hard, like being patient or helping others. Obeying God means knowing and loving God and doing things that improve the world. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Liz and Friend Story Podcast Trust and Obey.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Today is Reformation Sunday, when churches in a variety of Reformed denominations celebrate the work of Martin Luther and others who influenced generations of Reformed churches like those in the CRCNA. The "five solas" provide a helpful summary of Reformed faith teaching: solo Christus (Christ alone), sola gratia (grace alone), sola fide (faith alone), sola scriptura (Scripture alone), and soli deo gloria (glory to God alone). Spend time reflecting on these solas this week, thinking individually or discussing as a family how important these are in your relationship with Christ. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Hurricane Helene Response Update - World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is coordinating with officials in Bluefield, West Virginia, to send volunteers to clean up downed trees and remove debris after Hurricane Helene hit Florida and the southeastern US in late September. DRS is committed to helping overlooked, underserved communities like Bluefield recover long-term. Please give generously to World Renew DRS as we help families rebuild and recover their lives. Donate online at worldrenew.net/hurricanehelene, call 1-800-552-7972, or make out your check to World Renew DRS, with Hurricane Helene written in

the memo line, and mail to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr., SW, Byron Center, MI, 49315.

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Tom Kuyper
Sound: Tom Whitney
Nursery Mindy and Stacy
Children's message: Randy Raak
Greeters: Bergman

Greeters

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

Nursery

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| October 27 | Mindy and Stacy | December 15 | Jessica and Kenzie |
| November 3 | Megan and Alisabeth | December 22 | Donna and Sue F |
| November 10 | Judy and Kathlyn | December 29 | Elaine and Elizabeth H |
| November 17 | Elaine and Brianna | January 5 | Mindy and Caraline |
| November 24 | Lyndee and Kristy | January 12 | Megan and Stacy |
| December 1 | Rachel and Cassie | January 19 | Judy and Alisabeth |
| December 8 | Melody and Pam | January 26 | Mary K and Kathlyn |

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Children's Message

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