

WORSHIP SERVICE

January 12, 2025

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship - Psalm 62:5-8

My soul finds rest in God alone; my hope comes from him.

Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

* Opening Song: "Blessed Be Your Name" *Lift Up Your Heart #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.

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."

You give and take away You give and take away My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be Your name Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name

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* Opening Prayer

Song: "Ten Thousand Reasons"

Lift Up Your Heart #559

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul. Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning it's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me. Let me be singing when the evening comes. Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul. Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing. Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul. Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing. The end draws near and my time has come.

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending. Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul. Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name. Worship Your holy name. Worship Your holy name.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Lord, sometimes we live as though we are blind even when your truth is clear. Our lack of understanding can lead to frustration and discouragement. Yet, when we could have looked ahead with trust in you, instead we fell behind. When we could have sensed your Spirit's leading, we missed the way.

Lord, give us the strength to trust you even when we cannot see beyond our next step of faith. Amen.

Words of Assurance 1 John 1: 5-7

God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But 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.

Song of Entrusting: "My Soul Finds Rest"

Lift Up Your Heart #370

My soul finds rest in God alone My rock and my salvation

A fortress strong against my foes And I will not be shaken

Though lips may bless and hearts may curse And lies like arrows pierce me

I'll fix my heart on righteousness I'll look to him who hears me

O praise him, hallelujah My delight and my reward

Everlasting, never failing My Redeemer, my God
Find rest, my soul, in God alone Amid the world's temptations
When evil seeks to take ahold I'll cling to my salvation
Though riches come and riches go Don't set your heart upon them
The fields of hope in which I sow Are harvested in heaven
O praise him, hallelujah My delight and my reward
Everlasting, never failing My Redeemer, my God
I'll set my gaze on God alone And trust in him completely
With every day pour out my soul And he will prove his mercy
Though life is but a fleeting breath A sigh too brief to measure
My King has crushed the curse of death And I am his forever
O praise him, hallelujah My delight and my reward
Everlasting, never failing My Redeemer, my God

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Luke 24: 13-35

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[a] from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹ "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus." ²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. ²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him

strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” ³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Message: Open Eyes And Burning Hearts

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: “Beneath the Cross”

Lift Up Your Heart #825

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy That calls me as I am;
For hands that should discard me Hold wounds which tell me, “Come.”
Beneath the cross of Jesus My unworthy soul is won.
Beneath the cross of Jesus His family is my own—
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams, Now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus See the children called by God.
Beneath the cross of Jesus— The path before the crown—
We follow in His footsteps Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us To be His perfect bride;
Beneath the cross of Jesus We will gladly live our lives.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: “May The Mind Of Christ My Savior” vs 1-3

Lift Up Your Heart #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.

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Stacy Hertz

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Alisabeth Copley, Kathlyn Copley, Elijah Hufford, Laura Hufford, Nate VanDyk

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The special offering next week is for Food at First, which serves the Ames community by offering a free meal program and a perishable food pantry. The garden on the church property and financial gifts are ways Trinity supports this ministry.

The Annual Congregational meeting will be held Thursday January 23rd at 6:30 pm.

Committee Chairs – endowment request forms have been sent out, please have them completed by the end of the month if possible. Thanks

A HUGE THANK YOU to those who gave to the staff gift special offering. Laura, Mae, Randy, and Pam would like to thank you all for the wonderful gift received.

The Family 2 Family sale will happen again this spring, More details to come.

The pictures that were removed from the bulletin board are on the table outside the office, please take yours if you would like to have it. I will remove them after the end of the month.

Reminder the winter season is here, please be sure to wipe your shoes before you come into the church to help with keeping our church home clean.

Randy will be gone from January 29th through the 31st and February 3rd through the 10th

Pam Whitney will be gone from February 8th through the 15th.

There is printout of Birthdays, Greeters, Congregational Prayer, Nursery, and Children's message on the table outside the office. This has been updated into early 2025. 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 at 10.50, after 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 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, Jan 26th 7 pm Mucky Duck.

Hymn Sing will be held the first Sunday of the Month at 5 pm at the Church.
February 3rd

Next Council meeting is February 12th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Loving My Enemy - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. As you listen, remember that what bullies say about you doesn't define you. God has already said who you are. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

Groundwork: Repentance, Forgiveness, and Sin's Consequences - Does God still punish us for our sins, even though in Jesus he forgives all our sins? Join Groundwork as we explore 2 Samuel 12 and the prophet Nathan's conversation with King David to help us answer that question and discover God's hope even in bad situations. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

CRC Heritage Fund

CRCNA Heritage Circle Invite - If you have named the CRCNA (or one of their four agencies: Resonate, Thrive, World Renew or ReFrame) in your will or estate plan you are invited to join the Heritage Circle - a group of people

who have named the CRCNA in future plans. As a member, you will receive a welcome package and be invited to special events throughout the year. Learn more about the Heritage Circle and planned giving at crcna.org/heritagefund

Calvin University

Online Course - The online course "Cultural Values in Ministry" equips leaders of all types of ministries with practical tools for relating well to people from a variety of cultures. Understanding and respecting cultural differences is key to a healthy ministry. Held online February 3-March 9, 2025. Register at worship.calvin.edu/events/2025/cultural-values-ministry

Thrive

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday - January 19 - Next week, Thrive invites congregations to explore a holistic ethic of life as it relates to the unborn, people with disabilities, and end of life issues on Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Learn more and discover other resources now at this website: crcna.org/life

Other

Register for a High School Experience of a Lifetime! - Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at the New Life Church in Sioux Center, Iowa. TEC is an interdenominational three-day Christian retreat designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community. The next TEC is February 14-16, 2025. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit www.TriStateTEC.org or email TriStateTEC@gmail.com. The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request. Are you an adult but still want to be involved? We are also accepting applications for adults over 21 to join our team for the weekend and help these students experience Jesus! Visit tristatetec.org for more information.

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Jeff Kopaska
Sound: Brian Sterenberg
Nursery: Megan and Stacy
Children's message: Stacy Hertz
Greeters: N. Klemme

Greeters

Jan 12	N. Klemme	Feb 16	Nikkel
Jan 19	Kopaska	Feb 23	Oftedal
Jan 26	Kuyper	March 2	Oltman
Feb 2	Niehof	March 9	Raak
Feb 9	Niemeyer	March 16	Saldana

March 23 Sanders/Bassham
 March 30 Schweingruber/Berns
 April 6 Sterenberg
 April 13 t' Hoen
 April 20 VanDyk
 April 27 Verkade
 May 4 Whitney
 May 11 Bakker

May 18 Bergman
 May 25 De Bruin
 June 1 Franje
 June 8 Copley
 June 15 Hobson
 June 22 Voss
 June 29 Hubert

Nursery

Jan 12 Megan and Stacy
 Jan 19 Judy and Alisabeth
 Jan 26 Mary K and Kathlyn
 Feb 2 Sue F and Brianna
 Feb 9 Rachel and Kristy
 Feb 16 Melody and Cassie
 Feb 23 Jessica and Pam
 March 2 Donna and Kenzie
 March 9 Elaine and Sue F
 March 16 Mindy and Elizabeth
 March 23 Megan and
 Caraline/Stacy
 March 30 Judy and Brianna
 April 6 Mary and Alisabeth

April 13 Lyndee and Kathlyn
 April 20 Rachel and Sue F
 April 27 Melody and Kristy
 May 4 Jessica and Cassie
 May 11 Donna and Pam
 May 18 Elaine and Kenzie
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 June 29 Rachel and Kathlyn

Children's Message

Jan 12 Stacy Hertz
 Jan 19 Rex De Bruin
 Jan 26 Randy Raak
 Feb 2 Laura Hufford
 Feb 9 Lora Copley
 Feb 16 Jeff Kopaska
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Congregational Prayer

Jan 12 Jeff Kopaska

Jan 19 Tom Kuyper

Jan 26	Lora Copley	April 6	Rex De Bruin
Jan 5	Randy Raak	April 13	Randy Raak
Jan 12	Jeff Kopaska	April 20	Tom Niehof
Jan 19	Tom Kuyper	April 27	Randy Raak
Jan 26	Lora Copley	May 4	Mark Voss
Feb 2	Paul Kleinwolterink	May 11	Paul Kleinwolterink
Feb 9	Randy Raak	May 18	Randy Raak
Feb 16	Jeff Kopaska	May 25	Jeff Kopaska
Feb 23	Tom Niehof	June 1	Tom Niehof
March 2	Randy Raak	June 8	Randy Raak
March 9	Lora Copley	June 15	Lora Copley
March 16	Tom Kuyper	June 22	Tom Kuyper
March 23	Randy Raak	June 29	Randy Raak
March 30	Tom Niehof		

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Pam Whitney Office Administrator: office@amestrinity.org

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Deacons: A-G = Joseph Yoder; H-K = Christopher 't Hoen; L-S = Tom Whitney; T-Z = Donna Bergman