

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**October 6, 2024**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

\*Call to Worship From Psalm 119

*Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.*

**Your statutes are my delight; they are my counselors.**

*I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways.*

**Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart.**

\*Opening Song: "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #534

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wandering. Here in truth we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.

Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.

We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.

Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been led.

Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Opening Prayer

Song: "There Is A Redeemer"

*Lift Up Your Hearts* # 833

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son Precious Lamb of God  
Messiah Holy One

Thank You O my Father For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names Precious Lamb of  
God Messiah

Hope for sinners slain Thank You O my Father  
For giving us Your Son And leaving Your Spirit Till  
the work on earth is done When I stand in glory I will see His  
face

There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place  
Thank You O my Father For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done

## **WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

Prayer of Confession

*Father, you desire us to experience life to the fullest.*

**But sometimes your way looks too selfless, too generous, or  
too gracious when we want to look out for ourselves first.**

*Help us to see the ways in which we can honor you in our work, our  
studies, and in our relationships.*

**Father, weave the works of our hands and the words of our  
mouths into the tapestry of your kingdom.**

Assurance of Pardon Hebrews 10:19-23

“Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to  
enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus... let us draw  
near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that  
faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a  
guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.  
Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who  
promised is faithful.”

Song of Entrusting: “Take My Life And Let It Be” vs 1, 2, 5, 6  
Lift Up Your Hearts #863

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise, let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading: Luke 19:11-27

<sup>11</sup> While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once. <sup>12</sup> He said: "A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. <sup>13</sup> So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. 'Put this money to work,' he said, 'until I come back.' <sup>14</sup> "But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We don't want this man to be our king.' <sup>15</sup> "He was made king, however, and returned home. Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained with it. <sup>16</sup> "The first one came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned ten more.' <sup>17</sup> "Well done, my good servant!' his master replied. 'Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.' <sup>18</sup> "The second came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned five more.' <sup>19</sup> "His master answered, 'You take charge of five cities.' <sup>20</sup> "Then another servant came and said, 'Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. <sup>21</sup> I was afraid of you,

because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.’<sup>22</sup> “His master replied, ‘I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow?’<sup>23</sup> Why then didn’t you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?’<sup>24</sup> “Then he said to those standing by, ‘Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.’<sup>25</sup> “‘Sir,’ they said, ‘he already has ten!’<sup>26</sup> “He replied, ‘I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what they have will be taken away.’<sup>27</sup> But those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them—bring them here and kill them in front of me.’”  
Message: Beyond Belief - Got Talent?

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response: “Here I Am, Lord” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #869

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? whom shall I send?

REFRAIN: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send? (REFRAIN)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give

my life to them.

Whom shall I send? (REFRAIN)

## **WE CELEBRATE GOD'S COVENANT WITH US**

The Lord's Supper

Communion song: "Gift Of Finest Wheat" vs 1, 2, 3, 5

*Lift Up Your Hearts #815*

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat. Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

As when a shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice; so when you call your family, Lord, we follow and rejoice.

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat. Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude, that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heavenly food. You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat. Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured? Do not one cup, one loaf declare our oneness in the Lord? You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat. Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be to serve each other in your name in truth and charity. You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat. Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song: "Go To The World" 1, 2, 3      *Lift Up Your Hearts #925*

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.

Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,  
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go into every place.

Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.

Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;  
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.  
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia!

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Deb Niehof

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Rex DeBruin, Andrew Friend, Naomi Friend, Holly Raak

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS :**

**Communion:** Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who are baptized into Christ and have made a public stand for him are welcome to the Lord's Table, to receive the nourishment and refreshment of the bread and cup of the Lord "as sure signs" in remembrance of Christ's body and blood poured out for us in his once-for-all sacrifice on the cross.

The special offering this week is for **Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance** which provides emergency rent, utility and food assistance to Story County residents in an atmosphere of dignity, comfort, and encouragement. TCRC contributes to Good Neighbor as our way of assisting those in need in our community. To learn more, visit [www.gnea.org/](http://www.gnea.org/)

**Dear Council and Congregation of Ames Trinity CRC** I pray that God may bless you all in His grace, love, and peace. We, the leadership team of Church Beyond Borders, would like to thank you for your heartfelt contribution to our vision and mission for the next generation. We pray that God may use your loving support and generous contribution in His vision and ministry for His people, especially here in Des Moines, our new parish. May it help to further His Kingdom in this area and make disciples of the next generation. We pray that God may repay you with His blessings.

Thank you again for your love, In Him, with prayerful love. Rev Seongjun Kim

**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.

**Hymn Sing: Join** Andrew Friend and Elijah Goossen for a hymn sing at **Trinity on October 6 at 5:00 pm!** Bring ideas for hymns you would like to sing out of the red Lift Up Your Hearts or green Sing! A New Creation hymnals (at least for this first hymn sing) and we can sing them and talk about them together.

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

**General Elections November 5<sup>th</sup>** A reminder that the church will be a polling place for the general election on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Equipment will be delivered on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 27<sup>th</sup>**, Please plan your trips to the church to avoid this evening from 5 -8 pm.

The church will be in use **Saturday on November 16<sup>th</sup>** 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month

**Women's Bible Study** Will meet Monday October 7<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 7 pm Mucky Duck.

**Next Council meeting** is October 9<sup>th</sup>

### **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **ReFrame Ministries**

**Kids Corner:** Beatitude 1: Depend on God - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Matthew 5:3 is all about dependence. But what does it mean to depend on God? Can you think of one way to practice relying on God this week? Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the Liz and Friend Story Podcast: Change of Plans.



**Groundwork:** Live a Holy Life Set Apart for God - When the culture we live in makes our faith feel restrictive, the apostle Peter encourages believers to embrace a new perspective. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Peter 1:13-2:3 to learn what it means to live a holy life, set apart by God for his purposes, and how God's Word provides the spiritual sustenance we need to maintain an active faith in all circumstances. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### **Thrive**

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Today is All Nations Heritage Sunday! To celebrate and give thanks to God for the beautiful gift of diversity, learn how to say "Thank you, God" in a new language every day this week. Practice these phrases as you pray with thanks to God for your siblings in Christ around the globe. Thank you, God! For more information about how you can support growing diversity in CRC ministries, leadership, and congregations, visit [crcna.org/AllNations](http://crcna.org/AllNations). Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://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](http://crcna.pinpointhq.com)

### **Resonate Global Mission**

**Living In Hope** - Women's Retreat - Come by yourself, with your mom or daughter, or with some friends and spend the weekend (November 1-3) with us at Gull Lake Ministries Center in Hickory Corners, Michigan. Enjoy the beautiful setting as we look at 1 & 2 Thessalonians to explore the theme of Living in Hope. Learn from Pamela Alderman as she leads us Friday and Saturday followed on Sunday by Marisol Cabrera. The weekend will be a wonderful time

of learning and growing -- or sign up for the single day option for a quick day away! Details at [globalcoffeebreak.org/events](http://globalcoffeebreak.org/events)

### **CRC Communications**

**Job Opening! Learning and Development Manager** - This position will be responsible for implementing a learning and development program for denominational staff, focusing on improving skills, knowledge, and overall professional development. The role will also oversee the Performance Review System and collaborate with Human Resources Directors to execute the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) strategy for denominational staff. This is a full time, hybrid position based in Grand Rapids, Mich., or Burlington, Ont. Apply at [crcna.pinpointhq.com](http://crcna.pinpointhq.com)

### **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](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu).

### **World Renew**

**World Renew Hurricane Helene Response** - World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is preparing to respond to Hurricane Helene in the most affected communities from Florida to North Carolina. You can help people whose homes and property have been flooded or destroyed since Helene made landfall on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024. Please give generously to World Renew DRS as we help families rebuild and recover their lives. Donate online at [worldrenew.net/hurricanehelene](http://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: Paul Kleinwolterink

Sound: Bryan Van Belle  
Nursery Jessica and Sue F  
Children's message: Rex De Bruin  
Greeters: Bakker

### **Greeters**

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|-------------|----------|-------------|----------------|
| October 6   | Bakker   | December 8  | Friend         |
| October 13  | Bergman  | December 15 | Hallihan       |
| October 20  | De Bruin | December 22 | Hertz          |
| October 27  | Franje   | December 29 | Irvin          |
| November 3  | Copley   | January 5   | N Klemme       |
| November 10 | Hobson   | January 12  | Kleinwolterink |
| November 17 | Voss     | January 19  | Kopaska        |
| November 24 | Huber    | January 26  | Kuyper         |
| December 1  | Hufford  |             |                |

### **Nursery**

|            |                          |             |                       |
|------------|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| October 6  | Jessica and Sue F        | November 10 | Judy and<br>Kathlyn   |
| October 13 | Donna and<br>Elizabeth H | November 17 | Mary K and<br>Brianna |
| October 20 | Elaine and<br>Caraline   | November 24 | Lyndee and<br>Kristy  |
| October 27 | Mindy and Stacy          |             |                       |
| November 3 | Megan and<br>Alisabeth   |             |                       |

### **Children's Message**

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|------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| October 6  | Rex De Bruin | November 3  | Lora Copley   |
| October 13 | Stacy Hertz  | November 10 | Laura Hufford |
| October 20 | Deb Niehof   | November 17 | Jeff Kopaska  |
| October 27 | Randy Raak   | November 24 | Deb Niehof    |

### **Congregational Prayer**

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|------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| October 6  | Paul Kleinwolterink | November 3  | Lora Copley |
| October 13 | Randy Raak          | November 10 | Randy Raak  |
| October 20 | Jeff Kopaska        | November 17 | Mark Voss   |
| October 27 | Tom Kuyper          | November 24 | Tom Niehof  |

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**Office Coordinator:** office@amestrinity.org

**Elders:** A-G = Tom Kuyper; H-K = Rex De Bruin; L-S = Joel Copley; T-Z = Naomi Friend

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