

## WORSHIP SERVICE

May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship (Psalm 9:7-11)

*The Lord reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment.*

**He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity.**

*The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble....*

**Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done.**

\* Opening Song: "Beautiful Savior"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #17*

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

\* Opening Prayer

\* Song: "You Are Holy "

*Lift Up Your Hearts #598*

*(Women echo)*

You are holy (You are holy) You are mighty (You are mighty)

You are worthy (You are worthy) Worthy of praise (worthy of praise)

I will follow (I will follow) I will listen (I will listen)

I will love you (I will love you) All of my days (All of my days)

*(Women in parenthesis sing same time as men)*

I will sing to (You are Lord of Lords) And worship (You are King of Kings)

The King who (You are mighty God) is worthy (Lord of Everything)

I will love and (You're Emanuel) adore Him (You're the Great I Am)

I will bow down (You're the Prince of Peace) before Him (Who is the Lamb)

I will sing to (You're the living God) and worship (You're my saving Grace)

the King who (You will reign forever) is worthy (You are Ancient of days)

I will love and (You are Alpha, Omega,) adore Him (Beginning, and End)

I will bow down (You're my savior, Messiah) before Him (Redeemer and Friend)

You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for You  
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## **WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

Prayer of Confession

*Our Father, your perfection and your holiness are too much for us to comprehend.*

**We confess that, too often, we settle for lives that reflect too little of your grace, your purity, your justice, and your love.**

*Help us to not conform to the pettiness, the impurity, and self-centeredness of our world.*

**Change our hearts, Lord, and give us a desire for lives that will bring glory to you. Amen.**

Words of Assurance (2 Corinthians 1:20-22)

*"For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come."*

Song of Entrusting: "Be Unto Your Name"

We are a moment, You are forever Lord of the Ages, God before time  
We are a vapor, You are eternal Love everlasting, reigning on high  
Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain  
Highest praises, honor and glory Be unto Your name, be unto Your name  
We are the broken, You are the healer Jesus, Redeemer, Mighty to save  
You are the love song we'll sing forever Bowing before You, blessing Your name  
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Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:1-10, 15-18

Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup> For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for

Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"<sup>[a]</sup> made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

<sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. <sup>8</sup> We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup> persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. <sup>10</sup> We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body

<sup>15</sup> All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup> So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Message: The Glory of God

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Prayer of Application

\* Song of Response: "God of Grace and God of Glory" *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.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

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.

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" *Lift Up Your Hearts*  
#964

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen. Amen.

## Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Rex DeBruin

Message: Pastor SJ Kim

Musicians: Elijah Goossen, Holly Raak, Rex DeBruin

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The special offering next week is for **Home for Awhile**. Several churches in the Ames area have partnered together to create this organization that seeks to reduce homelessness in our community. Families who have been recently evicted or are nearing homelessness are eligible for 3 months of subsidized housing.

**We welcome Pastor SJ Kim** today, we will be learning from 2 Corinthians 4:1-10, 15-18, "The Gory of God".

**On June 1<sup>st</sup>**, we will celebrate the recent graduates and the conclusion of our church education year with a potluck lunch after the worship service. Caraline Hertz, Colton Niemeyer, Jadyn Niemeyer, Jackson Hufford, Alexa Kopaska, Elijah Goossen, Johnathan Copley, Joel Copley, Nima Sina, and McKenzie Niemeyer.

**On June 1<sup>st</sup>** for the potluck meal the fellowship committee asks that those in the congregation whose last names are between **A-K bring a main dish**, and those with last names **L-Z bring a side dish**. The fellowship committee will supply a cake for dessert to honor the graduates

**We want to thank our outgoing council members** for their service and welcome the new. Thank you, Tom Kuyper, Rex De Bruin, Tom Whitney, and Joseph Yoder. Welcome to Melody Franje, Paul Kleinwolterink, Mark Voss and Derek Ten Pas.

**Installation** of the New Deacon and Elders will be Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>. **New Council districts** - Last names A-G: Elder Paul Kleinwolterink, Deacon Derek Ten Pas; H-K: Elder Melody Franje, Deacon Christopher 't Hoen; L-S: Elder Joel Copley, Deacon Mark Voss; T-Z: Elder Naomi Friend; Deacon Donna Bergman. Committee liaisons: Building & Grounds – Donna Bergman; Education – Christopher t'Hoen; Endowment –

Paul Kleinwolterink; Fellowship – Melody Franje; Technology – Joel Copley; Outreach & Enfolding – Mark Voss; Worship – Derek Ten Pas.

**Young Adult Ministry** –next meeting will be June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (October 13 - 24, 2025):** Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (4 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu).

**Everyone is welcome** to join the Hertz family as they celebrate Caraline's graduation from High School, Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 10.30 to 1 @1041 X Ave Boone Iowa 50036.

**Everyone is welcome** to join Niemeyer family as they celebrate Jadyn and Colton's graduation from High School on Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> from 11 to 2 at the Dakins community Center in Zeoring Iowa.

**Reminder there will be 2 weddings** at this church in May. May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and May 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> .Please keep this in mind if you plan to come to the church on these days. They will be using the whole church for their events.

**This summer's BBQ (Grill, Thrill, and Chill) will be held Friday June 13<sup>th</sup>.** Get it on your calendar and save the date. There is a sign up on the table outside of the office.

**Summer Softball has begun.** Please contact Derek Ten Pas if you are interested or have questions, it's always great to see our church family supporting our teams. (game dates times and field) 5/20 7:10 Field 6 | 5/27 6:10 Field 5 | 6/3 8:10 Field 6 | 6/10 7:10 Field 6 | 6/17 6:10 Field 6 | 6/24 8:10 and 9:10 Field 6 | 7/1 6:10 and 7:10 Field 5 | 7/8 Rain Makeup Date | 7/15 Tournament Begins

**Deacons' Report** – April Financial report, 36% of Budget and 30% of budgeted expenses. \$23,184.29

General Fund income, \$18,506 offerings, \$4,000 school income and 678.29 bank interest. Special offerings Building Fund \$1495 and MICA \$1720.

If **your group** or committee has an announcement, please be sure to get me an update by 10:30 am on Thursday so I have time to get it into the announcements for the week.  
Thanks Pam

**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 3 through 3<sup>rd</sup> 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** Will resume in the fall.

**Children and Worship** – Happening after the children's message

**Young Adult Ministry** – Meets Sunday after service @11:30, next meeting will be June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Breakfast Club** meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the Lincoln Center Hy-Vee at 8:30 AM.

**UFO** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, **June 1<sup>st</sup> 7 pm** Mucky Duck.

**Hymn Sing** will be the first Sunday of the Month at 5 pm at the Church. June 1<sup>st</sup> is the next one.

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

### **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner Devotions: Remembering Scripture** - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Remembering Scripture" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). When we memorize Bible verses, God's words stay in our hearts and help us when we need them. Just like practicing something over and over makes it easier to remember, reading and saying Bible verses out loud helps us keep God's truth with us every day! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's Coloring Packet Collection.

**Groundwork: Everything We Have is from God** - Whether we have them or not, money and possessions are an inescapable fact of life. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study passages like Exodus 20:15-17, Deuteronomy 5:19-21, Deuteronomy 8:7-18, Leviticus 25:23-28; Proverbs 22:9, Ephesians 4:28, and Matthew 5:40-42 to cultivate a biblical perspective on our money and the things we own in this life. Listen now at [Groundworkonline.com](http://Groundworkonline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Stories are powerful; there's often no better way to convey deep truth, deep pain, and deep love than through a meaningful story. Sharing faith stories helps us grow in Christ as we remember that our individual stories are situated within God's greater story. This week, explore ways to share faith stories with your community. Ask a friend to share their faith story, share your own faith story with a friend, or share stories as a group during a mealtime. Brought to you by Thrive:

[crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

World Renew

**World Renew Nicaragua Young Adults Trip** - Young adults (18–30), join us in Nicaragua this August 9–17, 2025! Experience God in another culture while developing a perspective on poverty, missions and community development. Scholarship available via application! Contact Andrew Rienstra at [arienstra@worldrenew.net](mailto:arienstra@worldrenew.net) or visit <https://bit.ly/nicaragua2025info> to learn more and register.

**Thank You for Supporting Babies and Moms** - Thank you for your generous gifts for babies and mothers worldwide through World Renew on Mother's Day. Your support for our health initiatives during the first 1,000 days will change countless lives for generations. You're helping give babies a healthy start so they can grow up strong and flourish with their God-given purpose. To learn more, visit

[worldrenew.net/first1000days](http://worldrenew.net/first1000days)

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 Faith Church in Rock Valley, 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 June 13-15, 2025. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit [www.TriStateTEC.org](http://www.TriStateTEC.org) or email [TriStateTEC@gmail.com](mailto:TriStateTEC@gmail.com). The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Congregational Prayer: Jeff Kopaska

Sound: Brian Sterenberg

Nursery: Rachel and Kenzie

Children's message: Rex De Bruin

Greeters: Nikkel

### **Greeters**

May 18 Nikkel  
May 25 De Bruin  
June 1 Franje  
June 8 Copley  
June 15 Hobson  
June 22 Voss  
June 29 Hubert  
July 6 Hufford  
July 13 Friend  
July 20 Hallihan

July 27 Hertz  
August 3 Irvin  
August 10 Nancy Klemme  
August 17 Kleinwolterink  
August 24 Kopaska  
August 31 Kuyper  
September 7 Niehof  
September 14 Niemeyer  
September 21 Nikkel

### **Nursery**

May 18 Rachel and Kenzie  
May 25 Mindy and Melody  
June 1 Megan and Elizabeth  
June 8 Stacy and Caraline  
June 15 Mary and Brianna  
June 22 Lyndee and Alisabeth  
June 29 Rachel and Kathlyn  
July 6 Melody and Lyndee  
July 13 Jessica and Kristy  
July 20 Donna and Cassie

July 27 Elaine and Pam  
August 3 Mindy and Kenzie  
August 10 Megan and Sue F  
August 17 Kopaska and Elizabeth H  
August 24 Mary and Caraline  
August 31 Sue F and Brianna  
September 7 Sue F and Alisabeth  
September 14 Sue F and Kathlyn  
September 21 Jessica and Sue F  
September 28 Donna and Kristy

### **Children's Message**

May 18 Rex De Bruin  
May 25 Randy Raak  
June 1 Stacy Hertz  
June 8 Laura Hufford  
June 15 Lora Copley  
June 22 Jeff Kopaska  
June 29 Stacy Hertz  
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July 13 Randy Raak  
July 20 Laura Hufford

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**Pam Whitney** Office Administrator: office@amestrinity.org

**Elders:** A-G = Paul Kleinwolterink; H-K = Melody Franje; L-S = Joel Copley; T-Z = Naomi Friend:

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