

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**May 25, 2025**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship (from Isaiah 61: 10-11)

*I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God.*

**For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom and a bride adorned in their finest.**

*For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.*

\* Opening Songs: "O God, You Are My God"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #743*

Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways.

And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days (Repeat)

"Lord, I Lift Your Name On High"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #610*

Lord, I lift your name on high;

Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life;

I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,

from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky.

Lord I lift your name on high!

\* Opening Prayer

\* Song: "He Leadeth Me"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #440*

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!

Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by his own hand he leadeth me:

his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's flowers bloom,  
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by his own hand he leadeth me:

his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine;  
content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by his own hand he leadeth me:  
his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.  
And when my task on earth is done, when, by thy grace, the victory's won,  
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me.  
He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by his own hand he leadeth me:  
his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

## **WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

Prayer of Confession

*Dear Lord, it is so easy for us to become complacent in our walk with you.*

**We may stop acknowledging the areas in which we need to grow, or making the effort to address habitual sins.**

*We resist the sanctifying work of your Holy Spirit, or fail to recognize ourselves and our sins in the mirror of your word.*

**Jump-start our hearts, Lord. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Amen.**

Words of Assurance (*Isaiah 61:6-9*)

*"And you will be called priests of the Lord, you will be named ministers of our God.... Instead of your shame you will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance. And so you will inherit a double portion in your land, and everlasting joy will be yours. For I, the Lord, love justice; I hate robbery and wrongdoing. In my faithfulness I will reward my people and make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants will be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples. All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the Lord has blessed."*

Song of Entrusting: "Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart "(vs 1,2,4,5)

*Lift Up Your Hearts #618*

Spirit of God, who dwells within my heart, wean it from sin, through all its pulses move.

Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are, and make me love you as I ought to love.  
I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
no angel visitant, no opening skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.

Teach me to feel that you are always nigh; teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh; teach me the patience of unceasing prayer.  
Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame:  
the fullness of the heaven-descended Dove; my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. <sup>4</sup> In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup> And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says, “My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, <sup>6</sup> because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.” <sup>7</sup> Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? <sup>8</sup> If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. <sup>9</sup> Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! <sup>10</sup> They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. <sup>11</sup> No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Message: Continuing Education

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

Prayer of Application

\* Song of Response: “Make Me A Channel of Your Peace”

Make me a channel of your peace Where there is hatred, let me bring you love  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord And where there is doubt, true faith in you  
O Master grant that I may never seek Much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand To be loved as to be love with all my soul  
Make me a channel of your peace Where there is despair in life let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness, let me bring your light And where there’s sadness, ever joy  
O Master grant that I may never seek Much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand To be loved as to be love with all my soul  
Make me a channel of your peace It is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
In giving to all people, we receive And in dying that we are born, to eternal life  
O Master grant that I may never seek Much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand To be loved as to be love with all my soul

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song: “O Master Let Me Walk With Thee”( vs 1,3,4)

## Lift Up Your Hearts #325

O Master, let me walk with thee In lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me thy secret, help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.  
Teach me thy patience; still with thee In closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong.  
In hope that sends a shining ray Far down the future's broadening way,  
In peace that only thou canst give, With thee, O Master, let me live.

### Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Randy Raak

Message: Pastor Randy Raak

Musicians: Char Verkade, Maggie VanDyk, Alisabeth Copley

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Communion:** Next week we will gather at the Lord's Table. Come, all who are sorry for their sins, who believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, have confessed his name, and desire to live in obedience to him. Come, for Christ our risen Lord invites you to fellowship with him at his table.

The special offering this 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.

**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

**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 & Enfolded – 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 24th from 10.30 to 1 @1041 X Ave Boone Iowa 50036.

**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) 5/27 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

**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> @ 6:30pm

## **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CRC Communications

**40 Days of Prayer for Synod 2025** - It's not too late! Prayers from around the denomination and the world began praying for Synod 2025 on May 4, but new prayers are always welcome. With prayers contributed by a wide variety of CRC writers, join us as we seek God's guidance and presence for this year's synod. Learn more and sign up for either daily Scripture and prayers OR a week's worth of Scripture and prayers that will be emailed to you. [crcna.org/synod/prayer](http://crcna.org/synod/prayer)

ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner Devotions: Guarding Our Hearts** - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Guarding Our Hearts" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). The Bible tells us to be careful about what we read, watch, and listen to because it affects our hearts and actions. If you ever see or hear something that doesn't feel right, choose to stop and talk to a parent about it! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's Coloring Packet Collection.

**Groundwork: Money and the Attitude of Your Heart** - Can we strike a balance between being grateful for what we have and not being overly attached to it? Join Groundwork as we dig into Mark 10:17-27, Matthew 6:19-24, and 1 John 2:15-17 to reflect on such a balanced attitude toward money and possessions. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - This week we celebrate Ascension Day on Thursday. Romans 8:34 tells us that Jesus "is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us" (NIV). As you think about Christ interceding for us in heaven, what do you imagine he's asking God the Father for on your behalf? Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Congregational Prayer: Randy Raak

Sound: Bryan Van Belle

Nursery: Mindy and Melody

Children's message: Randy Raak

Greeters: De Bruin

**Greeters**

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 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**

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June 1 Stacy Hertz  
June 8 Laura Hufford  
June 15 Lora Copley  
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June 29 Stacy Hertz  
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July 20 Laura Hufford  
July 27 Lora Copley

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August 10 Stacy Hertz  
August 17 Rex De Bruin  
August 24 Randy Raak  
August 31 Laura Hufford  
September 7 Lora Copley  
September 14 Jeff Kopaska  
September 21 Stacy Hertz  
September 28 Rex De Bruin

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August 24 Randy Raak

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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:

**Deacons:** A-G = Derek Ten Pas;; H-K = Christopher 't Hoen;; L-S = Mark Voss;; T-Z = Donna Bergman:

**Committee Chairs:** Building & Grounds – Jim Bergman; Education – Andrew Friend; Endowment – Paul Kleinwolterink; Fellowship – Sue Fee; Technology – Tom Kuyper; Outreach and Enfolding – Mark Voss; Worship – Randy Raak