

WORSHIP SERVICE

July 6, 2025

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (Genesis 17:3,7, Isaiah 43:1))

God said to Abram: "I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations,

This will be an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your offspring after you."

"And now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine."

* Opening Songs: "Oh, The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" *Lift Up Your Hearts #796*

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,

Rolling as a mighty ocean In its fullness over me.

Underneath me, all around me, Is the current of thy love;

Leading onward, leading homeward, To thy glorious rest above.

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;

How he loves us, ever loves us, Changes never, nevermore;

How he watches o'er his loved ones, Died to call them all his own;

How for them he interceding, Watching o'er them from the throne.

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of every love the best:

'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'Tis a haven sweet of rest.

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heaven of heavens to me;

And it lifts me up to glory, For it lifts me up to thee.

* Opening Prayer

* Song: "Jesus Loves Me, This I know"

Lift Up Your Hearts #709

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me - he who died heaven's gate to open wide.

He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."
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Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Children's Message

Baptism of Phoebe Ann Friend

Song of Entrusting: "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #804
(to the tune of *Lift Up Your Hearts* #56)

Child of blessing child of promise Baptized with the Spirit's sign
With this water God has sealed you Unto love and grace divine
Child of love our love's expression Love's creation loved indeed
Fresh from God refresh our spirits Into joy and laughter lead
Child of joy our dearest treasure God's you are from God you came
Back to God we humbly give you Live as one who bears Christ's name
Child of God your loving Parent Learn to listen for God's call
Grow to laugh and sing and worship Trust and love God more than all

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Acts 6:1-7

¹ In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews^[a] among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. ² So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³ Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them ⁴ and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." ⁵ This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. ⁶ They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷ So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

Message: The Church on Fire - Growing Pains

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "I Love Your Church, O Lord"

Lift Up Your Hearts #247

I love your church, O Lord! Her saints before you stand
Dear as the apple of your eye and graven on your hand.
Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways
Her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
I love your church, O God, the people you have called,
The church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S COVENANT WITH US

The Lord's Supper

Communion Song: "Behold the Lamb"

Lift Up Your Hearts #840

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ Torn for you eat and remember
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life Paid the price to make us one
So we share in this Bread of Life And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love Around the table of the King
The blood that cleanses every stain of sin Shed for you drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in To receive the life of God
So we share in this Bread of Life And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace Around the table of the King
And so with thankfulness and faith we rise To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ As His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering We proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven Around the table of the King

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song; "Go, My Children, With My Blessing"

Lift Up Your Hearts #946

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing; you are my own.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Randy Raak

Message: Pastor Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Chloe Berns-Schweingruber, 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 NAMI Central Iowa. NAMI's mission is to provide support, education, and advocacy for persons living with mental illness and their family members. To learn more about support groups and educational classes, visit the website at namici.org or call 515-292-9400.

The Baptism of Phoebe Ann Friend will be on July 6th.

The UFO Group is sponsoring the making of fleece blankets for hospitalized kids-(not babies) at Mary Greeley. They are asking for volunteers of all ages to help on a Saturday/Sunday, maybe during fellowship, making the blankets, date and time to be announced later. Asking for donations to help purchase fleece or for donations of fleece (1.5yds X 60 inches (need two pieces per blanket)). big enough for a single bed. Since these will be for all kids, please, try to stay away from pink or blue colored fleece, that way anyone can receive the blanket. The estimated cost will be about \$20 per blanket. There is a signup by the office or contact Sue Fee about donations or questions.

The UFO group is planning a meal train for the Friends starting Sunday June 29th throughout the month of July. Sue Fee is the contact for sign-up. Please signup on the list in the fellowship hall or contact Sue for open dates. Some food ideas include pot roast, with gravy, pasta, fruit, pizza, or whatever. The Friends are very thankful for this wonderful offer.

Thank you Naomi for the new bulletin cover. Please let us know what you think by sending your thoughts to office@amestrinity.org.

Summer is here, and that means camping. **Midwest Basic Bible Camp** is in the works. August 3 – 7 at Pine Lake in Eldora. Camp is for those students that have completed 6th through the 12th grade. Fliers on the table by office.

Please contact Rob or Pam with any questions. Registration on line at [Camp Registration](#)

Young Adult Ministry – Will meet on Fridays and Saturdays through the summer, contact Derik Ten Pas with questions 712-578-9149

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) 7/8 8:10 Field 6 | 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 for June. 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.

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes Will resume in the fall.

Children and Worship – Will resume in the fall

Young Adult Ministry – Will host Summer events on Fridays and Saturdays, Text Derek

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

UFO Will meet Monday July 21st at Deb's house. at 6:30 pm.

Women's Bible Study Will meet the first Monday of the month

Pub Theology meets the last Sunday of the month, **July 27th at 7 pm** Mucky Duck.

Hymn Sing will be the first Sunday of the Month at 5 pm date for next one to come soon.

Next Council meeting is July 9th @ 6:30pm

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: God's Grand Story: Be a God Detective - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "God's Grand Story: Be a God Detective" at www.kidscorner.net. You are part of God's amazing adventure, and God's story is happening all around you! Discover how Jesus welcomed children with open arms, and today, challenge your family to become God Detectives, spotting God's love and kindness in everyday life!

Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Kids Corner Ebook Collection: Faith Practices.

Groundwork: Jubilee and the Joy of Salvation - Jubilee and joy are featured frequently in Luke's gospel. Join Groundwork as we study Luke 4:18-19, Luke 5:33-35, Luke 15, and Luke 19:1-9 to trace this theme through Jesus' parables and encounters, so we understand its importance, how it connects to the Old Testament's Year of Jubilee, and what it means for how we faithfully respond to encounters with Jesus and salvation today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In Joshua 4, God instructs the Israelites to gather twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan River as a reminder of what God has done for them. As we move into the second half of the year, create your own remembrances from the first half of the year. What moments serve as reminders of God's care, provision, and lovingkindness? Write them on a poster and hang them in your home as a sign of God's faithfulness. Or gather rocks, paint them, write keywords on them, and display them along a walkway outside or in a common room in your home. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

World Renew

World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) Volunteer Opportunities - When a community experiences a natural disaster, recovery is often complex and seems out of reach. You can change stories of disaster into stories of hope by volunteering with World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS)! This fall, join a DRS reconstruction team in Sarasota, Florida, or Windsor, North Carolina, to repair disaster-impacted homes for families in need. With construction supervision on site, generous volunteer reimbursements, and ministry opportunities, what are you waiting for? Team dates and contact information to sign up are available at worldrenew.net/volunteer

Other

Position Opening: Director of Partnership Administration - Grand Rapids, MI or Burlington ON. - Are you a servant leader with a proven track record of excellence in administration and organizational management? Do you love the church and want to use your passion for good governance, organizational strategies, and balanced budgets to further God's kingdom? Then please consider applying for the CRCNA's director of partnership administration position. As a member of the Office of General Secretary, the Director of Partnership Administration works collaboratively to guide and orient the ministries of the CRCNA according to the direction provided by the CRCNA ecclesiastical assemblies, especially synod and the Council of Delegates. Partnering with the executive leaders of the Canadian and U.S. ministry boards as well as leaders of the educational institutions and World Renew, the Director of Partnership Administration will advance the work of the CRCNA in areas such as governance and compliance, joint ministry plans, finance, and budgets to create a well-functioning organization that operates on both sides of the Canada-U.S. border. Apply at crcna.pinpointhq.com

Resonate Global Mission

Job Opening! Director of North American Regional Teams - Resonate - USA or Canada Remote - The Director of North American Regional Teams oversees the implementation of Resonate's Core Initiatives—Global Mission, Local Mission, and Church Planting—in Canada and the USA. This full-time, remote role focuses on managing the Local Mission Core Initiative and developing resources to empower missional leaders and faith communities within the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) and beyond. The Director also collaborates with other Core Initiative Leaders to support Resonate's initiatives. Apply at crcna.pinpointhq.com
Calvin University

Global Leadership Summit Simulcast - August 7–8, 2025 | Calvin University - Join leaders from around the world for a live simulcast of the Global Leadership Summit Simulcast, hosted locally at Calvin University's Covenant Fine Arts Center. Hear from top global speakers on leadership, purpose, and innovation. Open to professionals, students, educators, and community members. Early Bird tickets available through July 16. More info & registration at <https://brushfire.com/582107>

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Tom Niehof
Sound: Rex De Bruin
Nursery Melody and Lyndee
Children's message: Randy Raak
Greeters: Hufford

Greeters

July 6	Hufford	Oct 12	Saldana
July 13	Friend	Oct 19	Sanders/Bassham
July 20	Hallihan	Oct 26	Sterneberg
July 27	Hertz	Nov 2	t' Hoen
August 3	Irvin	Nov 9	VanDyk
August 10	Nancy Klemme	Nov 16	Verkade
August 17	Kleinwolterink	Nov 23	Whitney
August 24	Kopaska	Nov 30	Voss
August 31	Kuyper	Dec 7	Yoder
Sept 7	Niehof	Dec 14	Bakker
Sept 14	Niemeyer	Dec 21	Bergman
Sept 21	Nikkel	Dec 28	De Bruin
Sept 28	Oltman	Jan 4	Franje
Oct 5	Raak	Jan 11	Copley

Nursery

July 6	Melody and Lyndee	July 13	Jessica and Kristy
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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
Sept 7	Sue F and Alisabeth
Sept 14	Sue F and Kathlyn
Sept 21	Jessica and Sue F
Sept 28	Donna and Kristy
Oct 5	Sue and Cassie
Oct 12	Mindy and Pam

Oct 19	Megan and Kenzie
Oct 26	Judy and Sue
Nov 2	Mary and Elizabeth
Nov 9	Lyndee and Clayton
Nov 16	Rachel and Brianna
Nov 23	Melody and Alisabeth
Nov 30	Jessica and Kathlyn
Dec 7	Donna and Sue
Dec 14	Sue and Kristy
Dec 21	Mindy and Cassie
Dec 28	Megan and Pam
Jan 4	Judy and Kenzie
Jan 11	Mary and Sue

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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