

WORSHIP SERVICE

August 10, 2025

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (based on Colossians 1)

In the morning when we rise, you bring a song of praise to our lips and joy to our eyes.

For we know this is our Father's world, and in Christ all things hold together.

We pray that you will fill us with the knowledge of your will through the understanding that your Spirit gives, that we may live a life worthy of you, and pleasing to you.

Strengthen us with all power according to your glorious might, that we may have great endurance and patience for the day you set before us.

For you have rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

* Opening Songs: "Sing to the King"

Lift Up Your Hearts #474

Sing to the King who is coming to reign, Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain,
Life and salvation his empire shall bring and Joy to the nations when Jesus is King.
Come let us sing a song, a song declaring that we belong to Jesus; he is all we need.
Lift up a heart of praise. Sing now with voices raised to Jesus; sing to the King.
For his returning we watch and we pray; We will be ready the dawn of that day.
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed, 'cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King.

Come let us sing a song, a song declaring that we belong to Jesus; he is all we need.
Lift up a heart of praise. Sing now with voices raised to Jesus; sing to the King.

* Opening Prayer

* Song: "Your Name"

Lift Up Your Hearts #375

As morning dawns and evening fades You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart And glorify Your Name
Your Name is a strong and mighty tower Your Name is a shelter like no other
Your Name let the nations sing it louder 'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name
Jesus in Your Name we pray Come and fill our hearts today
Lord give us strength to live for You And glorify Your Name
Your Name is a strong and mighty tower Your Name is a shelter like no other
Your Name let the nations sing it louder 'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Dear Father, we thank you for being the perfect Father, worthy of our respect, just and loving in all that you do.

We can be so quick to think that the effects of sin shouldn't reach us, or that the Devil's schemes shouldn't affect us.

It's easier to think of ourselves as victims than to recognize the hardships that are just consequences of our own sins or mistakes.

Forgive us for the times we may think of you as unfair. Give us, instead, a deep gratitude for your mercy and grace, in which we can live and thrive in spite of our sins. Amen.

Words of Assurance: From Romans 8:18-28

"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.... We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved.... And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

Song of Entrusting: "Day By Day"

Lift Up Your Hearts #437

Day by day, and with each passing moment, Strength I find, to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment, I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He Whose heart is kind beyond all measure Gives unto each day what He deems best—

Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure, Mingling toil with peace and rest.
Every day, the Lord Himself is near me With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares He gladly bears, and cheer me, He Whose Name is Counselor and Power;

The protection of His child and treasure Is a charge that on Himself He laid;
"As your days, your strength shall be in measure," This the pledge to me He made.
Help me then in every tribulation So to trust Thy promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation Offered me within your holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting, Ever to take, as from a father's hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting, Till I reach the promised land.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Genesis 37

¹Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan. ²This is the account of Jacob's family line. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them. ³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate^[a] robe for him. ⁴When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him. ⁵Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. ⁶He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: ⁷We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it." ⁸His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said. ⁹Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me." ¹⁰When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?" ¹¹His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

Joseph Sold by His Brothers

¹²Now his brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, ¹³and Israel said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them." "Very well," he replied. ¹⁴So he said to him, "Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me." Then he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron. When Joseph arrived at Shechem, ¹⁵a man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, "What are you looking for?" ¹⁶He replied, "I'm looking for my brothers. Can you tell me where they are grazing their flocks?" ¹⁷"They have moved on from here," the man answered. "I heard them say, 'Let's go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan. ¹⁸But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him. ¹⁹"Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. ²⁰"Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams." ²¹When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. "Let's not take his life," he said. ²²"Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don't lay a hand on him." Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father. ²³So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing—²⁴and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it. ²⁵As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and

myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt. ²⁶ Judah said to his brothers, “What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? ²⁷ Come, let’s sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood.” His brothers agreed. ²⁸ So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels^[b] of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt. ²⁹ When Reuben returned to the cistern and saw that Joseph was not there, he tore his clothes. ³⁰ He went back to his brothers and said, “The boy isn’t there! Where can I turn now?” ³¹ Then they got Joseph’s robe, slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. ³² They took the ornate robe back to their father and said, “We found this. Examine it to see whether it is your son’s robe.” ³³ He recognized it and said, “It is my son’s robe! Some ferocious animal has devoured him. Joseph has surely been torn to pieces.” ³⁴ Then Jacob tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and mourned for his son many days. ³⁵ All his sons and daughters came to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. “No,” he said, “I will continue to mourn until I join my son in the grave.” So his father wept for him. ³⁶ Meanwhile, the Midianites^[c] sold Joseph in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh’s officials, the captain of the guard.

Message: Road Closed: Detour Ahead - the Life of Joseph, Master Dreamer

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: “By Faith”

By Faith we see the hand of God In the light of creation’s grand design
In the lives of those who prove his faithfulness Who walk by faith and not by sight
By Faith our father roamed the earth with the pow’r of His promise in their hearts
of a holy city built by God’s own hand a place where peace and justice reign
We will stand as the children of the promise We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul’s
reward
till the race is finished and the work is done, We’ll walk by faith and not by sight
By Faith the prophets saw a day When the longed for Messiah would appear
With the pow’r to break the chains of sin and death And rise triumphant from the
grave
By Faith the church was called to go In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news In ev’ry corner of the earth
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul’s reward till the race is finished and the work is
done,
We’ll walk by faith and not by sight
By Faith this mountain shall be moved And the pow’r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible For all who call up on his name.
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul’s reward till the race is finished and the work is
done,

We'll walk by faith and not by sight

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Fill thou My Life" (vs 1&3) *Lift Up Your Hearts #356*

Fill thou my life, O Lord my God, In every part with praise,
That my whole being may proclaim Thy being and thy ways
Not for the lip of praise alone, Nor e'en the praising heart I ask,
but for a life made up of praise in every part.
So shall each fear, each fret, each care
Be turned into a song, And every winding of the way
The echo shall prolong. So shall no part of day or night
From sacredness be free, But all my life, in every step,
Be fellowship with Thee.

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Stacy Hertz

Message: Pastor Randy Raak

Musicians: Elijah Goossen, Holly Raak, Maggie Van Dyk

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The special offering next week will be for the **God's Mercy to Haiti**. God's Mercy to Haiti is a teaching and mercy ministry to the impoverished Haitian village of Kilbitè. They live without electricity or running water. Their warm hearts, eager minds, and resourceful efforts make them a delight to love and serve

UFO group would again like to thank everyone for all the work last Sunday making 14 fleece blankets. We have 6 more to make—that date to come later. Also thanks for all the who donated \$\$\$\$ to purchase fleece.

Back To School – hard to believe, but is coming, our celebration will be August 24th. More details to come.

Sunday school and Children in Worship: Will start on September 7th, the first Sunday after Labor Day

The 29th Annual Senior Variety Show, "Catch a Radio Wave"" will be presented Friday, August 15, 7:00 pm, and Saturday, August 16, 2:00 pm at Ames City Auditorium. Over 100 talented Story County seniors will showcase songs, dances, and

humor as they celebrate aging in style! The net proceeds will benefit the following senior projects: Ames Ecumenical Housing, Inc., Ames History Museum, Heart of Iowa Band, Seniors in Story, and Wreaths Across America. Tickets, \$10, are now on sale at Worldly Goods, 223 Main St., Ames, and other county-wide locations. Information: 515-620-8843 or SeniorVarietyShow.org.

REMINDER: if you or your group use a classroom or the library during these summer months, please do not leave any food (beverage or solid) in the room, including the trash cans. We are having issues with ants and other critters and this is the major draw for them to come into the church.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (April 3 - 13, 2026): Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 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](tel:616-328-3110) or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

Pam Whitney has submitted her resignation to council. More information to come for those who may have interest in this position.

Monthly financials: Income was \$10530.31 with 9899.25 from general offering and \$631.36 from interest. Special giving for Wings of refuge \$1786.25 and NAMI \$1910.00. Largest expense for the month was \$3000 to help Church Beyond Borders.

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.

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 September 7th.

Children and Worship – Will resume September 7th.

Young Adult Ministry – Will host summer events on Fridays and Saturdays, Text Derek 712-578-9149

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 Meets the first Monday of the month

Pub Theology meets the last Sunday of the month, **August 31st at 7 pm** Mucky Duck.

Hymn Sing first Sunday of the Month at 5 pm, next one **September 7th**

Next Council meeting is August 13th @ 6:30pm

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Psalm 19 exclaims, “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands” (v. 1, NIV). Throughout your week make a point to observe the sky—whether storm-filled, clear and sunny, brilliant blue with fluffy clouds, or full of stars. How does observing creation remind you of God’s glory and good works? Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Kids Corner Devotions: God's Grand Story: Josiah Reads the Bible - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “God's Grand Story: Josiah Reads the Bible” at www.kidscorner.net. Open the Bible today and see how God wants us to live. Talk together as a family about how the Bible offers guidance for real life—at home, at school, and with friends. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Kids Corner Bible Story Podcast Series.

Groundwork: God Longs to Restore His People - Amidst all the judgment in Hosea, God reveals the tender ache of a father’s heart, and we find powerful images of restoration. Join Groundwork as we study Hosea 11 and 14 and discuss how this ancient prophecy still calls us back to the heart of God and offers us a roadmap for restoration. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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Calvin University 150th Anniversary Events - Calvin University is celebrating its 150th anniversary and you're invited to join us in marking the occasion all year long! Check the calvin.edu/150 website for details on many events going on at Calvin throughout the anniversary year. Some ways we're celebrating include Celebration Weeks on campus, Calvin On-the-Road events to 30 cities, an Anniversary Worship Celebration in March 2026, and a 150th Anniversary Hymn Text Contest.

World Renew

Cambodia Discovery Tour - Join World Renew from November 14 to 24, 2025, for a journey into Cambodia's vibrant culture and the inspiring work of local communities pursuing lasting change through partnership and hope. This is an opportunity to witness God's love in action—experience deep connections, hear powerful stories, and see how lives are being transformed. Registration is limited and closes September 14. Learn more and register here: <https://bit.ly/2025cambodiainfo>

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Randy Raak

Sound: Brian Sterenberg

Nursery Megan and Mary

Children's message: Stacy Hertz

Greeters: Kopaska

Greeters

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

Nursery

August 10	Megan and Mary	Nov 2	Mary and Elizabeth
August 17	Kopaska and Elizabeth H	Nov 9	Lyndee and Clayton
August 24	Sue F and Caraline	Nov 16	Rachel and Brianna
August 31	Sue F and Brianna	Nov 23	Melody and Alisabeth
Sept 7	Sue F and Alisabeth	Nov 30	Jessica and Kathryn
Sept 14	Sue F and Kathryn	Dec 7	Donna and Sue
Sept 21	Jessica and Sue F	Dec 14	Sue and Kristy
Sept 28	Donna and Kristy	Dec 21	Mindy and Cassie
Oct 5	Sue and Cassie	Dec 28	Megan and Pam
Oct 12	Mindy and Pam	Jan 4	Judy and Kenzie
Oct 19	Megan and Kenzie	Jan 11	Mary and Sue
Oct 26	Judy and Sue		

Children's Message

August 10	Stacy Hertz	Nov 2	Stacy Hertz
August 17	Rex De Bruin	Nov 9	Rex De Bruin
August 24	Randy Raak	Nov 16	Randy Raak
August 31	Laura Hufford	Nov 23	Laura Hufford
Sept 7	Lora Copley	Nov 30	Lora Copley
Sept 14	Jeff Kopaska	Dec 7	Jeff Kopaska
Sept 21	Stacy Hertz	Dec 14	Stacy Hertz
Sept 28	Rex De Bruin	Dec 21	Rex De Bruin
Oct 5	Randy Raak	Dec 28	Randy Raak
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Congregational Prayer

August 10	Randy Raak	Nov 2	Randy Raak
August 17	Mark Voss	Nov 9	Rex De Bruin
August 24	Paul Kleinwolterink	Nov 16	Tom Niehof
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Oct 26	Rex De Bruin		

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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