

WORSHIP SERVICE

August 24, 2025

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (Psalm 146:2-5)

I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save.

When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.

Blessed are those whose help is... the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them— he remains faithful forever.

He upholds the cause of the oppressed, and gives food to the hungry.... The Lord reigns forever.

* Opening Songs: "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: "When Morning Gilds the Sky" (vs 1,3,4)

Lift Up Your Hearts #372

When morning gilds the sky, our hearts awaking cry:

May Jesus Christ be praised! in all our work and prayer

we ask his loving care: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:

May Jesus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky

from depth to height reply: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, when day is past, of all our thoughts the last:

May Jesus Christ be praised! The night becomes as day

when from the heart we say: May Jesus Christ be praised!

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Dear Lord, there are times when we are tempted to quit, to give up in the face of trials.

It may feel like life is stacked against us, or like we are helpless to overcome the setbacks we face.

We may face formidable opposition - in our homes, or in our schools, our work, or relationships.
We may face injustice or prejudice for many reasons, perhaps even because of our faith in you.

Lord, turn our hearts to you, give us courage and strength to face the challenge. Lift our eyes to you that we may honor you and follow your ways, even in our darkest times. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Hebrews 10:19-23

"Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 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 unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful."

Song of Entrusting: "When Peace Like a River"

Lift Up Your Hearts #451

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

It is well(*It is well*) with my soul (*with my soul*)

It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control: that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

It is well(*It is well*) with my soul (*with my soul*)

It is well, it is well with my soul

My sin - oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! - my sin, not in part,
but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the
Lord, O my soul!

It is well(*It is well*) with my soul (*with my soul*)

It is well, it is well with my soul

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a
scroll; the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend; even so, it is well with my
soul.

It is well(*It is well*) with my soul (*with my soul*)

It is well, it is well with my soul

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Genesis 40

¹ Some time later, the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt offended their master, the king of Egypt. ² Pharaoh was angry with his two officials, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, ³ and put them in custody in the house of the captain of

the guard, in the same prison where Joseph was confined. ⁴ The captain of the guard assigned them to Joseph, and he attended them. After they had been in custody for some time, ⁵ each of the two men—the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were being held in prison—had a dream the same night, and each dream had a meaning of its own. ⁶ When Joseph came to them the next morning, he saw that they were dejected. ⁷ So he asked Pharaoh’s officials who were in custody with him in his master’s house, “Why do you look so sad today?” ⁸ “We both had dreams,” they answered, “but there is no one to interpret them.” Then Joseph said to them, “Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me your dreams.” ⁹ So the chief cupbearer told Joseph his dream. He said to him, “In my dream I saw a vine in front of me, ¹⁰ and on the vine were three branches. As soon as it budded, it blossomed, and its clusters ripened into grapes. ¹¹ Pharaoh’s cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes, squeezed them into Pharaoh’s cup and put the cup in his hand.” ¹² “This is what it means,” Joseph said to him. “The three branches are three days. ¹³ Within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your position, and you will put Pharaoh’s cup in his hand, just as you used to do when you were his cupbearer. ¹⁴ But when all goes well with you, remember me and show me kindness; mention me to Pharaoh and get me out of this prison. ¹⁵ I was forcibly carried off from the land of the Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing to deserve being put in a dungeon.” ¹⁶ When the chief baker saw that Joseph had given a favorable interpretation, he said to Joseph, “I too had a dream: On my head were three baskets of bread. ^[a] ¹⁷ In the top basket were all kinds of baked goods for Pharaoh, but the birds were eating them out of the basket on my head.” ¹⁸ “This is what it means,” Joseph said. “The three baskets are three days. ¹⁹ Within three days Pharaoh will lift off your head and impale your body on a pole. And the birds will eat away your flesh.” ²⁰ Now the third day was Pharaoh’s birthday, and he gave a feast for all his officials. He lifted up the heads of the chief cupbearer and the chief baker in the presence of his officials: ²¹ He restored the chief cupbearer to his position, so that he once again put the cup into Pharaoh’s hand— ²² but he impaled the chief baker, just as Joseph had said to them in his interpretation. ²³ The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.

Message: Road Closed: Detour(s) Ahead - Faithful But Forgotten?

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Lift Up Your Hearts #465

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near; when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall; take my hand, precious Lord, lead
me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near, when the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand; take my hand, precious Lord, lead
me home.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" *Lift Up Your Hearts #772*

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is
sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;

in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is
sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;

when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is
sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,

dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is
sinking sand.

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Pastor Randy

Message: Pastor Randy Raak

Musicians: Char Verkade, Amelia 't Hoen, Pam Voss, Derek Ten Pas, Alisabeth Copley

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next week's special offering is for the **Sawyer Food Pantry**. As school is about to start
again, we will be helping out our local community by buying those perishable items for
the pantry each week. We have great volunteers who buy these each week, thank you to
them as well.

Next Sunday, August 31, Rev. Tom Niehof will lead us in a study of Matthew 15:21-28,
Jesus and the Canaanite Woman. May God bless the preaching of His Word.

The TCRC Council is asking that you join us on Sunday, Sept 14, during the Sunday school hour after the worship service. We're setting aside this time together to prepare for Pastor Randy's retirement by listening for the Holy Spirit's leading through prayer, conversation, and reflection. Through this, we hope to gain some insight to: help a search committee better understand Trinity's identity and hopes; to help the council identify key issues to monitor during the vacancy; and to preserve momentum through some initiatives that will help TCRC stay healthy and engaged in ministry. We plan to have a make-up meeting on Sept 21 for those who can't be there on Sept 14. More details to come, but please begin to pray for these meetings.

Back To School – Back To School – hard to believe, but is coming, our celebration will be August 24th right after the service. There will be hot dogs, burgers and sides supplied by the fellowship committee, a sign-up to bring a dessert is on the counter in fellowship hall.

Ames Christian School – ACS will be back at Trinity this fall for the 2025-2026 school year, starting on August 25th. Teachers and staff will be in the church the week prior to set up their rooms and get organized. It is at this time as well that we remind everyone who uses the church to be mindful of any mess you create. The school is here every day, and should not have to clean up after our events. They use the fellowship hall, kitchen, and class rooms.

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

Roots is starting on September 10 @ 7:00 pm at the church, hope to see you all there for the start of the new year.

Amelia goes to Spain! You're invited to Amelia's farewell party. Amelia departs for Spain on September 11th to study abroad for a full academic year. The party will be held on Saturday August 30, between 1pm – 3pm (ROOTS-people, you're invited from 5pm – 9pm). Feel free to stop by to just say hi or stay a while. We will provide drinks and food. LOCATION: 2409 Timberland Rd., in Ames. Hope to see you there! ~The 't Hoen family.

Trunk or Treat is happening again this year, with Halloween on a Friday, the date has been moved to the Friday before, Oct 24th.. Please watch for a sign-up sheet to volunteer and more information for this great event.

The church will be host to 2 more weddings this year. Niemeyer on Oct. 18th and De Penning wedding on Oct 25th

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.

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

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 24th at 7 pm** Mucky Duck.

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

Next Council meeting is September 10th @ 6:30pm

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In the book *Unsettling Truths*, theologian and professor Soong-Chan Rah writes: "Repentance is not just sorrow and confession, it is the turning around of wrong behavior towards right and just action. Repentance from sinful corporate behavior therefore requires systemic change." Write down how you are going to pair your acts of repentance from "sinful corporate behaviors," like racism, with acts of systemic change this week. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Kids Corner Devotions: School -- Do It With All Your Might - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "School -- Do It With All Your Might" at www.kidscorner.net. A new school year can feel exciting and a little scary, and that's okay! Whatever you do—learning, helping, or being kind—do your best like you're doing it for God, and he'll help you along the way. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Kids Corner Bible Story Podcast Series.

Calvin University

Hymn Text Contest - Calvin University will host an Anniversary Worship Celebration in honor of its 150th year on Sunday, March 29, 2026, at the Calvin University Covenant Fine Arts Center for community worship. You can help us celebrate by participating in our 150th Anniversary Hymn Text Contest! The planning committee invites hymnwriters to submit a hymn text to be sung at the worship service; submissions must be sent via email by November 1, 2025. The winner of this contest will receive a \$1,500 award.

World Renew

Ride to Renew: Cycle for Change - Join World Renew for the ride of a lifetime from November 1–9, 2025. One hundred riders will cycle through beautiful Florida and raise funds to equip 1,500 farmers with sustainable farming practices. Each rider commits to raising \$3,000, directly supporting 15 global farmers in achieving food security for their families and communities. Let's ride together for a more food-secure future! For more information and to register, visit worldrenew.net/ridetorenew.

Hope Beyond the Headlines - Media outlets often move on quickly after covering the initial impacts of conflict, natural disasters, and other devastating events—leaving behind stories of loss, displacement, and communities struggling with hunger, poverty, and hopelessness. Yet God's promise in Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us that He has plans for a hope and a future. World Renew, together with our Christian partners and as a member of the Integral Alliance, continues to walk alongside communities long after the cameras are gone—helping restore hope and rebuild lives. Now participating in the third Neglected Crises campaign, World Renew is calling for collective action to support people affected by long-term, complex, and overlooked crises—in Madagascar, Sudan, Haiti, and beyond. Your gift can help extend God's hope to places where suffering persists long after public attention fades. Learn more or give today at:

worldrenew.net/global-food-crisis

CRC Communications, Thrive

Prayer for Our Immigrant Neighbors - Over the past few months, many Christian Reformed Church leaders and members have been deeply impacted by the increased immigration enforcement activities taking place across the United States. We are asking every CRC congregation to set aside a special time of prayer for our immigrant brothers and sisters during worship on Sunday, Sept. 7. All congregations and members are also invited to join a virtual prayer vigil on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 7:00 p.m. EST at youtube.com/crcna

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Paul Kleinwolterink

Sound: Rex De Bruin

Nursery Sue F and Caraline H

Children's message: Randy Raak

Greeters: Nancy Klemme

Greeters

August 24 Nancy Klemme
 August 31 Kuyper
 Sept 7 Niehof
 Sept 14 Niemeyer
 Sept 21 Nikkel
 Sept 28 Oltman
 Oct 5 Raak
 Oct 12 Saldana
 Oct 19 Sanders/Bassham
 Oct 26 Sterneberg
 Nov 2 t' Hoen

Nov 9 VanDyk
 Nov 16 Verkade
 Nov 23 Whitney
 Nov 30 Voss
 Dec 7 Yoder
 Dec 14 Bakker
 Dec 21 Bergman
 Dec 28 De Bruin
 Jan 4 Franje
 Jan 11 Copley

Nursery

August 24 Sue F and Caraline
 August 31 Sue F and Brianna
 Sept 7 Sue F and Alisabeth
 Sept 14 Mindy and Kathlyn
 Sept 21 Jessica and Donna
 Sept 28 Sue and Kristy
 Oct 5 Sue and Cassie
 Oct 12 Sue 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
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 Dec 21 Mindy and Cassie
 Dec 28 Megan and Pam
 Jan 4 Judy and Kenzie
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Children's Message

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 August 31 Laura Hufford
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Nov 23	Randy Raak	Jan 11	Lora Copley
Nov 30	Mark Voss		

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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