

WORSHIP SERVICE

October 12, 2025

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (1 Chronicles 29:11-13)

Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

* Opening Song: "Mighty To Save"

Lift Up Your Hearts #611

Everyone needs compassion, A love that's never failing; Let mercy fall on me.

Everyone needs forgiveness, The kindness of a Savior, The hope of nations.

Savior, He can move the mountains; My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.

Forever Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave; Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me, All my fears and failures; Fill my life again.

I give my life to follow Everything I believe in. Now I surrender.

Savior, He can move the mountains; My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.

Forever Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave; Jesus conquered the grave.

Shine your light and let the whole world see We're singing For the glory of the risen King. Jesus!

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Savior, He can move the mountains; My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.

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* Opening Prayer

* Song: "And Can It Be"

Lift Up Your Hearts #695

And can it be that I should gain An int'rest in the Savior's blood?

Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who caused his bitter death?

Amazing love! How can it be That you, my Lord, should die for me?

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He left His Father's throne above, So free, so infinite His grace;

Emptied Himself of all but love, And bled for Adam's helpless race;

What mercy this, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! How can it be That you, my Lord, should die for me?
Long my imprisoned spirit lay Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Your sunrise turned that night to day; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, your voice I knew; I rose, went out and followed you. Amazing love!
How can it be That you, my Lord, should die for me?
No condemnation now I dread; for Christ, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Amazing love! How can it be That you, my Lord, should die for me?

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD (from *Our World Belongs to God*, Articles 1-6)

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world— which some seek to control, and others view with despair— we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God!

Still, despair and rebellious pride fill the earth: some, crushed by failure or broken by pain, give up on life and hope and God.

Our world, fallen into sin, has lost its first goodness, but God has not abandoned the work of his hands: our Maker preserves this world... guiding all things to their purpose.

With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended, we expect the Day of the Lord.

We are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness will fill the earth when Christ appears.

Come, Lord Jesus. Our world belongs to you.

Prayer of Confession

Dear Jesus, help us to be that light that shines in the darkness - giving hope and bringing joy.

Help us to overcome hurt and pain by giving the compassion and forgiveness that you showed to us.

Give us the courage and grace to trust you when others seek to hurt or discredit us. Give us the strength and resolve to love our enemies, and yet, also work against injustice.

Help us to seek first your kingdom, in all things. Amen.

Words of Assurance: 1 Peter 3:13-15

“Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect”

Song of Entrusting: “Lord, I Pray”

Lift Up Your Hearts #901

Lord, I pray, if today some should wrong or trouble me,
make me kind; bring to mind, your forgiveness makes me free.

Should there be joy for me, help me thank you as I should.
Let me through all I do praise you, Lord, for all things good.
If this day I should stray, show my heart the road to take.
Should I fear, please be near, hear my prayer for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Children's Message
Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 14:9; Leviticus 6:1-7; Micah 6:8

Proverbs 14:9

Fools mock at making amends for sin, but goodwill is found among the upright.

Leviticus 6:1-7

The Lord said to Moses: ² "If anyone sins and is unfaithful to the Lord by deceiving a neighbor about something entrusted to them or left in their care or about something stolen, or if they cheat their neighbor, ³ or if they find lost property and lie about it, or if they swear falsely about any such sin that people may commit— ⁴ when they sin in any of these ways and realize their guilt, they must return what they have stolen or taken by extortion, or what was entrusted to them, or the lost property they found, ⁵ or whatever it was they swore falsely about. They must make restitution in full, add a fifth of the value to it and give it all to the owner on the day they present their guilt offering. ⁶ And as a penalty they must bring to the priest, that is, to the Lord, their guilt offering, a ram from the flock, one without defect and of the proper value. ⁷ In this way the priest will make atonement for them before the Lord, and they will be forgiven for any of the things they did that made them guilty."

Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Message: When Forgiveness and Justice Collide

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #746

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.

Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.

Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see;

give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within, may your joy be seen in all I do.

Love enough to cover every sin, in each thought and deed and attitude.

Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.

Turn my striving into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,
show your power once again on earth, cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Spirit Song"

Sing! A New Creation #212

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
O let him have the things that hold you,
And a Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole
Jesus O Jesus, come and fill your Lambs
Jesus O Jesus, come and fill your Lambs
O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with Joy
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
O give him all your tears and sadness
Give him all your years of pain
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name
Jesus O Jesus, come and fill your Lambs
Jesus O Jesus, come and fill your Lambs

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Laura Hufford

Message: Pastor Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Matt Haken, Eli Hufford

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Appreciation Day is Sunday, October 12: October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and Sunday, October 12 is a great time to thank your pastors for their dedication to the church. A simple handwritten note or a thoughtful gesture can show them how much their work is valued. Please consider showing your appreciation with a donation in the collection or a personal gift. Please mark your gift with "pastor appreciation". On behalf of the Deacons, thank you!

The special offering this week is for Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance which provides emergency rent, utility and food assistance to Story County residents in an atmosphere of

dignity, comfort, and encouragement. TCRC contributes to Good Neighbor as our way of assisting those in need in our community. To learn more, visit www.gnea.org/

Adult Sunday School will meet in Room 8/9 at 10:50 a.m. Rev. Tom Niehof will lead in a study of the Gospel of Mark, chapter 5. All are welcome.

Ames Christian School is back at Trinity for the 2025-2026 school year. The school is here every day. They use the fellowship hall, kitchen, and class rooms. If you or your group use the church for anything, please remember to clean up everything after using the space.

Trunk or Treat will be Friday, Oct 24, 4:00-6:30pm. We need your help! Volunteers are needed inside, outside, and trunk-side. **Grab your volunteer spot** on the signup sheet on the table outside the office.

The church will be host to 2 weddings this month: Niemeyer wedding on Oct. 18 and De Penning wedding on Oct 25.

If your group or committee has an announcement, please be sure to get an update to the church office by 10:30 am on Thursdays in order to be included in the announcements for the week. Thank you!

There is a 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 meet after fellowship time

Children and Worship meets after the Children's message.

Young Adult Ministry: This group will be meeting on Fridays and Sundays throughout the year. Get added to the GroupMe for details on events! See Derek Ten Pas with questions.

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

UFO meets on the 3rd Monday of the Month.

Women's Bible Study meets on the first Monday of the month.

Pub Theology meets the last Sunday of the month at Mucky Duck; next meeting will be **October 26 at 7 pm.**

Hymn Sing will be on October 12 at 5 pm this month (instead of the usual first Sunday).

Next Council meeting is November 12 at 6:30pm

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CRC Heritage Fund

Increase Your Impact - You may be able to increase your potential impact — and experience significant tax savings — by giving stock, real estate, or other non-cash assets to your church or favorite CRCNA Ministry. Learn more at crcna.org/heritagefund or call Josh Remer, CRCNA Planned Giving Advisor at 616-223-5885.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Sharing God's Story - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Sharing God's Story" at www.kidscorner.net. You're never too young to make a big difference for God! Discover how your talents, passions, and actions can inspire others and be part of God's amazing plan. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like our video Bible study "God's Big Story".

Groundwork: God's Faithfulness from Generation to Generation - Celebrate Groundwork's 15th anniversary and study God's Word together! Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 15, Matthew 26:26-29, Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Deuteronomy 8:10-18, Joshua 4:1-9, and John 3:3-8 to explore the biblical foundation for legacies of faith and reflect on how God has remained faithful from generation to generation. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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 First Presbyterian Church in Sibley, 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 November 21-23, 2025. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit www.TriStateTEC.org or email TriStateTEC@gmail.com. The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Clergy Appreciation Sunday - Ask your family or friends to name one way in which God has deepened your faith through a pastor or ministry leader. Then write a short note or draw a picture for that pastor as a way to say thank-you for their role in your life. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Global Coffee Break

You're Invited: Women's Retreat with Global Coffee Break. - Join us for a time to retreat, refresh, and connect with sisters in Christ. We'll explore the theme "Live at Peace" using the Discover Philemon & Titus Bible study. Come be encouraged and renewed in God's Word!

(November 14-16, 2025 ~ Saturday only option available ~ Hosted at Gull Lake Ministries:
1800 Burlington Dr, Hickory Corners, MI 49060) resonateglobalmission.org/live-peace

VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Saldaña
Nursery: Sue and Pam N
Sound: Brian Sterenberg
Children's message: Laura Hufford
Congregational Prayer: Randy Raak

Greeters

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| Oct 12 | Saldaña | Dec 7 | Yoder |
| Oct 19 | Sanders/Bassham | Dec 14 | Bakker |
| Oct 26 | Sterenberg | Dec 21 | Bergman |
| Nov 2 | 't Hoen | Dec 28 | De Bruin |
| Nov 9 | VanDyk | Jan 4 | Franje |
| Nov 16 | Verkade | Jan 11 | Copley |
| Nov 23 | Niemeyer | Jan 18 | Hobson |
| Nov 30 | Voss | Jan 25 | Voss |

Nursery

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| Oct 12 | Sue and Pam N | Dec 7 | Donna and Sue |
| Oct 19 | Megan and Kenzie | Dec 14 | Lyndee and Kristy |
| Oct 26 | Judy and Sue | Dec 21 | Mindy and Cassie |
| Nov 2 | Mary and Elizabeth | Dec 28 | Megan and Pam N |
| Nov 9 | Sue and Clayton | Jan 4 | Judy and Kenzie |
| Nov 16 | Rachel and Brianna | Jan 11 | Mary and Sue |
| Nov 23 | Melody and Alisabeth | Jan 18 | Lyndee and Elizabeth |
| Nov 30 | Jessica and Kathlyn | Jan 25 | Rachel and Clayton |

Children's Message

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| Oct 12 | Laura Hufford | Dec 7 | Jeff Kopaska |
| Oct 19 | Randy Raak | Dec 14 | Stacy Hertz |
| Oct 26 | Jeff Kopaska | Dec 21 | Rex De Bruin |
| Nov 2 | Stacy Hertz | Dec 28 | Randy Raak |
| Nov 9 | Rex De Bruin | Jan 4 | Laura Hufford |
| Nov 16 | Randy Raak | Jan 11 | Lora Copley |
| Nov 23 | Laura Hufford | Jan 18 | Jeff Kopaska |
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Congregational Prayer

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| Nov 30 | Mark Voss | Jan 18 | Tom Niehof |
| Dec 7 | Paul Kleinwolterink | Jan 25 | Randy Raak |

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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 – Randy Raak