

WORSHIP SERVICE
November 16, 2025

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (from Isaiah 51)

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; they may vanish like smoke but my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.

Hear me, you people who have taken my instruction to heart: Do not fear the reproach of mere mortals or be terrified by their insults.

Those the Lord has rescued will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow will flee away.

I have put my words in your mouth and covered you with the shadow of my hand— I who set the heavens in place, who laid the foundations of the earth, and who say to Zion, 'You are my people.'

* Opening Song: "For the Beauty of the Earth" vs 1, 2, 4, 5 *Lift Up Your Hearts* #19

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For yourself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given,
agent of God's grand design: peace on earth and joy in heaven.
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

* Opening Prayer

* Song: "The Servant Song" vs 1, 2, 4

Lift Up Your Hearts #309

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we are travelers on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Our Father, we can so quickly exalt our own opinions and perspectives, and so quickly dismiss or marginalize the perspectives of others.

Please forgive us for the division and isolation we cause by our pride and self-centeredness.

In our loneliness, draw our attention to your love and the presence of our brothers and sisters in your family.

Build us into a community of faith, overcoming barriers, and willing to grow and learn from each other. Knit us together, in Christ, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Ephesians 2:19-22)

"You are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit."

Song of Entrusting: "You Are My Hiding Place"

Lift Up Your Hearts #412

You are my hiding place.

You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance.

Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you. I will trust in you.

Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord."

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You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance.

Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you. I will trust in you.

Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord,

I will trust in you."

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 18:1-4, 20:1-35

1 Samuel 18:1-4 –Saul’s Growing Fear of David

18 After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. ² From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return home to his family. ³ And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. ⁴ Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.

1 Samuel 20:1-35 – David and Jonathan

20 Then David fled from Natioth at Ramah and went to Jonathan and asked, “What have I done? What is my crime? How have I wronged your father, that he is trying to kill me?”

² “Never!” Jonathan replied. “You are not going to die! Look, my father doesn’t do anything, great or small, without letting me know. Why would he hide this from me? It isn’t so!”

³ But David took an oath and said, “Your father knows very well that I have found favor in your eyes, and he has said to himself, ‘Jonathan must not know this or he will be grieved.’ Yet as surely as the Lord lives and as you live, there is only a step between me and death.”

⁴ Jonathan said to David, “Whatever you want me to do, I’ll do for you.”

⁵ So David said, “Look, tomorrow is the New Moon feast, and I am supposed to dine with the king; but let me go and hide in the field until the evening of the day after tomorrow. ⁶ If your father misses me at all, tell him, ‘David earnestly asked my permission to hurry to Bethlehem, his hometown, because an annual sacrifice is being made there for his whole clan.’ ⁷ If he says, ‘Very well,’ then your servant is safe. But if he loses his temper, you can be sure that he is determined to harm me. ⁸ As for you, show kindness to your servant, for you have brought him into a covenant with you before the Lord. If I am guilty, then kill me yourself! Why hand me over to your father?”

⁹ “Never!” Jonathan said. “If I had the least inkling that my father was determined to harm you, wouldn’t I tell you?”

¹⁰ David asked, “Who will tell me if your father answers you harshly?”

¹¹ “Come,” Jonathan said, “let’s go out into the field.” So they went there together.

¹² Then Jonathan said to David, “I swear by the Lord, the God of Israel, that I will surely sound out my father by this time the day after tomorrow! If he is favorably disposed toward you, will I not send you word and let you

know? ¹³ But if my father intends to harm you, may the Lord deal with Jonathan, be it ever so severely, if I do not let you know and send you away in peace. May the Lord be with you as he has been with my father. ¹⁴ But show me unfailing kindness like the Lord's kindness as long as I live, so that I may not be killed, ¹⁵ and do not ever cut off your kindness from my family—not even when the Lord has cut off every one of David's enemies from the face of the earth.”

¹⁶ So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, “May the Lord call David's enemies to account.” ¹⁷ And Jonathan had David reaffirm his oath out of love for him, because he loved him as he loved himself.

¹⁸ Then Jonathan said to David, “Tomorrow is the New Moon feast. You will be missed, because your seat will be empty. ¹⁹ The day after tomorrow, toward evening, go to the place where you hid when this trouble began, and wait by the stone Ezel. ²⁰ I will shoot three arrows to the side of it, as though I were shooting at a target. ²¹ Then I will send a boy and say, ‘Go, find the arrows.’ If I say to him, ‘Look, the arrows are on this side of you; bring them here,’ then come, because, as surely as the Lord lives, you are safe; there is no danger. ²² But if I say to the boy, ‘Look, the arrows are beyond you,’ then you must go, because the Lord has sent you away. ²³ And about the matter you and I discussed—remember, the Lord is witness between you and me forever.”

²⁴ So David hid in the field, and when the New Moon feast came, the king sat down to eat. ²⁵ He sat in his customary place by the wall, opposite Jonathan, and Abner sat next to Saul, but David's place was empty. ²⁶ Saul said nothing that day, for he thought, “Something must have happened to David to make him ceremonially unclean—surely he is unclean.” ²⁷ But the next day, the second day of the month, David's place was empty again. Then Saul said to his son Jonathan, “Why hasn't the son of Jesse come to the meal, either yesterday or today?”

²⁸ Jonathan answered, “David earnestly asked me for permission to go to Bethlehem. ²⁹ He said, ‘Let me go, because our family is observing a sacrifice in the town and my brother has ordered me to be there. If I have found favor in your eyes, let me get away to see my brothers.’ That is why he has not come to the king's table.”

³⁰ Saul's anger flared up at Jonathan and he said to him, “You son of a perverse and rebellious woman! Don't I know that you have sided with the

son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of the mother who bore you? ³¹ As long as the son of Jesse lives on this earth, neither you nor your kingdom will be established. Now send someone to bring him to me, for he must die!”

³² “Why should he be put to death? What has he done?” Jonathan asked his father. ³³ But Saul hurled his spear at him to kill him. Then Jonathan knew that his father intended to kill David.

³⁴ Jonathan got up from the table in fierce anger; on that second day of the feast he did not eat, because he was grieved at his father’s shameful treatment of David.

³⁵ In the morning Jonathan went out to the field for his meeting with David. He had a small boy with him, ...

Message: Friendship – Jonathan and David

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response:

“They’ll Know We Are Christians” vs 1-3

Lift Up Your Hearts #256

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land.

And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
and we’ll guard each one’s dignity and save each one’s pride.

And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

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: Char Verkade, Natalie De Bruin, Rex De Bruin, Maggie VanDyk

TCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

The special offering next week will be for Tyler and Christina Helfers at Stellenbosch International Fellowship-SIF). Tyler and Christina are in Stellenbosch, South Africa, where Tyler serves as pastor to an international church. The church exists to be a "global family in Christ", serving students, migrant workers, and refugees from around the world. Please consider a gift in support of Tyler and Christina's work to reach out to non-Christians with the Gospel, and to disciple Christians to be witnesses to Christ and the Kingdom in all areas of life. Tyler recently shared an inspiring video about their ministry at SIF:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hqhq1SX3K25SYbYMtHeEk4y4vOOjliHq/view>

Please join us after the service on Sunday morning to reflect on the results of our first congregation discussions from 2 months ago, and to share ideas for going forward.

Following the discussion, there will be a lunch in the fellowship hall: baked potatoes with all the fixings—broccoli, cheese, chili, sour cream, bacon bits. Please bring along something to share: last names beginning with A-L bring a salad and M-Z bring a dessert.

Adult Sunday School will not meet Nov 16 or 23. See you again on November 30 to discuss Mark chapter 8.

There will be Sunday School for grades K-5 only this week. High school and middle will not meet for class, but are encouraged to join in the congregational gathering discussion during Sunday School time.

There will be no Sunday School on November 23 for Thanksgiving break. Adult and youth classes will resume on November 30.

UFO will meet on Monday November 17th at 6:30pm at the home of Sue Fee. Please reach out to Kelly Hobson for more information.

Sponsor a poinsettia to enhance our sanctuary during Advent. This year's poinsettia theme will be white in 6.5" gold-foiled pots. The cost is \$11/plant. If you would like to sponsor one, please add your name to the signup sheet on the table by the office, and drop your payment—**designated for "poinsettia"**—in the offering basket. The deadline to order and pay is Sunday **November 23**. Please direct any questions to Pam Voss

Committee Chairs – endowment request forms will be sent out this week. Please have them completed by the end of the year if possible. Thanks.

The council has put together a Search Committee to start looking for our next pastor. The members of the committee are Jeff Kopaska (chair), Melody Franje (council liaison), Rex DeBruin, Laura Hufford, Mindy Nikkel, Lyndee Ten Pas, and Rob Barnes. Please pray that God gives them guidance as they search and interview for our next pastor.

Church Family, you are invited to our **Christmas Program on Sunday, December 14** at 11 AM, with a potluck lunch to follow. Please invite your relative and friends.

Parents, we will **practice at the church on Saturday, December 13**, 10:00 am to noon, with a lunch of pizza provided. Please reach out to Kelly Hobson with any questions or for more information.

Our new Roomba is busily toiling away on a mission to clean the sanctuary floor. Please help keep it on the right path by leaving the sanctuary doors closed.

There is a printout of Birthdays, Greeters, Congregational Prayer, Nursery, and Children's message on the table outside the office. The latest church directory is on the table as well. If you have changes or need to add info, please make notes on this sheet or send an email to office@amestrinity.org.

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 to be included in the announcements for the week. If you leave a written message in the office, please be sure to include your name in case a follow-up is necessary. Thank you!

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes meet after fellowship time. No classes Nov 23–
Thanksgiving break

Children and Worship meets after the Children's Message.

Young Adult Ministry: This group will be meeting on Fridays and Sundays throughout the year. Join 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; next meeting is Nov 17 at 6:30 PM.

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 Nov 30 at 7 PM.

Hymn Sing meets on the first Sunday of the month; next meeting is Sunday, Dec 7 at 5:00 PM

Next Council meeting is Dec 10 at 6:30 PM.

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CRC Heritage Fund

Give to Your Church with a Donor Advised Fund - You can give cash and other non-cash assets into a single fund and then choose when and how to recommend grants to your church, CRC Ministries, and other causes you support with a Donor Advised Fund set up by your financial advisor or bank. Learn more at crcna.org/heritagefund or call Josh Remer, CRCNA Planned Giving Advisor at 616-223-5885.

World Renew

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Launch - You are invited to join World Renew for the launch of this year's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

campaign. This global virtual gathering will take place on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM EST. World Renew's 2025 theme, "Advocates of Dignity and Hope" calls us to remember, reflect, pray, and share stories of dignity and hope. Together, we will commit to ending gender-based violence for all people to flourish. Please register to attend this event: worldrenew.net/events

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Courage to Face the Giants - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Courage to Face the Giants" at www.kidscorner.net. Ever felt scared to try something new or face something big? You're not alone—and just like David faced Goliath, you can be brave because God is with you! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the KC video series, "Kids in Action", telling stories of kids who serve God right now!

Groundwork: Blessed are....the Poor in Spirit, those Who Mourn, the Meek, and those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness - The Beatitudes have provided generations of Christians comfort, guidance, and strength for their faith. Join Groundwork as we study the first four of Jesus' Beatitudes in Matthew 5:3-6 to gain a deeper understanding of each condition and discover how they exemplify ideal discipleship. GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Chaplaincy Sunday - Chaplains bring the presence of Christ into places where people are hurting, searching, or far from home—like hospitals, prisons, schools, and military bases. This week pray for chaplains who walk alongside others in difficult moments. Talk with your family or friends about how you can be a caring presence in your own daily spaces—just as a chaplain reflects God's love wherever they are. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: VanDyk
Nursery: Rachel and Brianna
Sound: Tom Whitney
Children's Message: Randy Raak
Congregational Prayer: Tom Niehof

Greeters

Nov 16 VanDyk	Jan 11 Copley
Nov 23 Niemeyer	Jan 18 Hobson
Nov 30 Voss	Jan 25 Voss
Dec 7 Yoder	Feb 1 Hubert
Dec 14 Bakker	Feb 8 Hufford
Dec 21 Bergman	Feb 15 Friend
Dec 28 De Bruin	Feb 22 Hallihan
Jan 4 Franje	

Nursery

Nov 16 Rachel and Brianna
Nov 23 Melody and Alisabeth
Nov 30 Jessica and Kathlyn
Dec 7 Donna and Sue
Dec 14 Lyndee and Kristy
Dec 21 Mindy and Cassie
Dec 28 Megan and Pam N
Jan 4 Judy and Kenzie

Jan 11 Mary and Sue
Jan 18 Lyndee and Elizabeth
Jan 25 Rachel and Clayton
Feb 1 Melody and Brianna
Feb 8 Jessica and Alisabeth
Feb 15 Donna and Kathlyn
Feb 22 Sue and Natalie

Children's Message

Nov 16 Randy Raak
Nov 23 Laura Hufford
Nov 30 Lora Copley
Dec 7 Jeff Kopaska
Dec 14 Stacy Hertz
Dec 21 Rex De Bruin
Dec 28 Randy Raak
Jan 4 Laura Hufford

Jan 11 Lora Copley
Jan 18 Jeff Kopaska
Jan 25 Stacy Hertz
Feb 1 Rex De Bruin
Feb 8 Laura Hufford
Feb 15 Lora Copley
Feb 22 Jeff Kopaska

Congregational Prayer

Nov 9 Rex De Bruin
Nov 16 Tom Niehof
Nov 23 Randy Raak
Nov 30 Mark Voss
Dec 7 Paul Kleinwolterink
Dec 14 Randy Raak
Dec 21 Jeff Kopaska

Dec 28 Tom Niehof
Jan 4 Randy Raak
Jan 11 Lora Copley
Jan 18 Tom Niehof
Jan 25 Randy Raak
Feb 1 Tom Niehof
Feb 8 Rex De Bruin

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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 – Christopher 't Hoen; Endowment – Paul Kleinwolterink; Fellowship – Sue Fee; Technology – Tom Kuyper; Outreach and Enfoldng – Mark Voss; Worship – Randy Raak