

## WORSHIP SERVICE

March 1, 2026

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship (from Isaiah 55)

*Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!*

**Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.**

*Why do you spend your money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy?*

**Listen, listen carefully to the Lord, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of food.**

\* Opening Song: "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" vs 1, 2 *Lift Up Your Hearts* #534

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wandering. Here in truth we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.

Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.

We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

\* Opening Prayer

\* Song: "Ten Thousand Reasons"

*Lift Up Your Hearts* #559

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul. Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning it's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me. Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul. Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness I will keep on singing. Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul. Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing. The end draws near and my time has come. Still my soul will sing Your praise unending. Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul. Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name. Worship Your holy name. Worship Your holy name.

## **WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Entrusting: "Taste and See" vs 1,3      *Lift Up Your Hearts #817*

Worship Teams sings verses; ALL sing refrain

Refrain:

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;  
My soul shall glory in the Lord, for God has been so good to me.

Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading: John 6:25-36, 47-58

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him,  
"Rabbi, when did you get here?"

<sup>26</sup> Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the

Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

<sup>28</sup> Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”

<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

<sup>30</sup> So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

<sup>32</sup> Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

<sup>34</sup> “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.”

<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>36</sup> But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe

<sup>47</sup> Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. <sup>50</sup> But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

<sup>52</sup> Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

<sup>53</sup> Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup> Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. <sup>55</sup> For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. <sup>56</sup> Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”

Message: I AM the Bread of Life

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

## Prayer of Application

\* Song of Response: "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts" vs 1-3 *Lift Up Your Hearts* #823

O Jesus, Joy of loving hearts, the Fount of life, The Light of all,  
From fullest bliss that earth imparts, we turn unfilled to hear your call.  
Your truth unchanged has ever stood; you save all those who on you call;  
To those who seek you, you are good, to those who find you, all in all.  
We taste you, ever living Bread, and long to feast upon you still;  
We drink of you, the Fountain-head, our thirst to quench, our souls to fill.

## **WE CELEBRATE GOD'S COVENANT WITH US**

### **The Lord's Supper**

The Invitation and Thanksgiving:

*Our Lord Jesus invites all those who trust Him and desire to live in obedience to Him to come with gladness to the feast He has prepared. He promises, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never thirst. Whoever comes to me I will never drive away." (John 6:35, 37b)*

**We have heard His voice calling us.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

The Institution:

*The prophet Isaiah foretold, "On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine---the best of meats and the finest of wines."*

**Hallelujah! Blessed are those who are invited to the feast of the Lamb!**

*On the night He was betrayed, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you." He also took the cup and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this in remembrance of me."*

**We will do as our Lord commands — now and until He comes again. Amen.**

Prayer of Consecration:

*Broken Bread of Heaven, may we believe all your good promises, not doubting that as surely as we take this bread and cup, so surely shall we be nourished and refreshed by Your body and blood. We pray "Maranatha"—come quickly Lord Jesus- we eagerly desire to eat with You at Your final feast. As You have shown*

*us the glory of Your great love, now with this meal cause us to be strengthened to love You back and to love the world You died for. In your Name, Amen.*

Preparation of the Elements:

*The bread we break, is it not sharing in the body of Christ?*

**We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.**

*The cup for which we give thanks, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?*

**The cup we drink is our fellowship in the blood of Christ.**

*The gifts of God for the people of God.*

The Communion

*The body of Christ, given for you.*

**Thanks be to God.**

During the passing of the bread, we will sing:

“Let Us Break Bread Together”                      *Lift Up Your Hearts #837*

Let us break bread together on our knees;

let us break bread together on our knees;

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the Lord of life

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;

let us drink wine together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the Lord of life

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;

let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the Lord of life

O Lord, have mercy on me.

*Take, eat! Remember and believe that the body of Christ is the bread of heaven broken for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.*

*The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

**Thanks be to God.**

Passing of the cup

*Take, drink! Remember and believe that the blood of Christ is the cup of healing poured out for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.*

\*Thanksgiving Litany

*Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!*

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.**

*Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases*

**Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.**

*Who satisfies your life with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

**Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Blessing

\*Closing Song: "Bless the Lord, O My Soul"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #516*

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

And all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

He has done great things, he has done great things,  
he has done great things: bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

And all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Postlude

\*Please stand

Children's Message: Derek Ten Pas

Message: Rev. Lora Copley

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Natalie De Bruin, Rex De Bruin, Marlies 't Hoen

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**Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates**

**Sunday School Classes** meet after fellowship time. No class on Mar 15-Spring Break.

**Children and Worship** meets during the service, after the Children's Message.

**Roots Youth Group** meets weekly on Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm

**Young Adult Ministry** meets on Fridays and Sundays throughout the year. Contact Derek Ten Pas to get connected.

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

**UFO** meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. Next meeting March 16 at 6:30pm for their annual soup swap. Contact Kelly Hobson for details.

**Women's Bible Study** meets on the first Monday of the month. Next meeting is March 2 at 9:00 am at the Ames Sixty Forward Center. Contact Pam Voss for details.

**Pub Theology** meets monthly on a Sunday at The Mucky Duck. Next meeting is March 29 at 7:00 pm.

**Hymn Sing** meets monthly on a Sunday. Next meeting is March 1 at 5:00 pm.

**Next Regular Council Meeting** is March 11 at 6:30 pm.

**Next Search Committee Meeting** is March 26 at 6:30 pm.

#### TCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This week, Pastor Lora Copley** leads us in worship with a reflection on John chapter 6, where Jesus reveals himself to be the true bread of heaven given for the life of the world.

**Memory verses for this week:** Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” (John 6:35)

**Communion:** Today we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. Congregation of Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for believers. If you are sorry for your sins and follow Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, you are invited to come to his table. Through this celebration, we remember that:

- a. The Lord’s Supper is a thanksgiving to God.
- b. The Lord’s Supper is a memorial of Christ.
- c. The Lord’s Supper is a participation in the body and the blood of Christ.
- d. The Lord’s Supper signifies the work of the Spirit.
- e. The Lord’s Supper seals the present and coming kingdom of God.

**The special offering on March 1 will support The Bridge Home**, a local nonprofit organization addressing homelessness by providing emergency shelter, supportive services, and pathways to stable housing for those experiencing or on the verge of homelessness. Your gifts help individuals and families in our community move from crisis to stability and renewed independence.

**During our pastor vacancy**, if you or your family have a situation that requires prayer and/or pastoral care, please contact one of the elders. The elders will help in directing you to the appropriate care needed.

#### **Upcoming Council meetings:**

Elders Meeting: Saturday, March 7 at 9:00 am

Regular Council Meeting: Wednesday, March 11 at 6:45 pm

**Council is requesting** your prayerful consideration and nomination of TCRC members to serve in the offices of elder and deacon. The form, including instructions, for nominations is on the table in the entryway. Please put your completed nomination form in the box there labeled, “Nominations Elder & Deacon” **by March 8.**

**Next Intergenerational Sunday School – March 8:** Sunday School for all ages will gather in the Fellowship Hall on March 8<sup>th</sup>, for our third intergenerational session. Together, we’ll explore John 11 and reflect on the message from the worship service. Instead of regular Sunday school classes, everyone is invited to join this engaging, table-style discussion led by the Education Committee. With several helpful hands-on activities designed to encourage

connection and participation, there will be something for all ages to enjoy. We look forward to sharing this meaningful time as we continue reflecting on God's Word together!

**Congregational Meal – March 8:** Let us fellowship together over a potluck meal after the intergenerational Sunday School time on March 8. Please bring something to share – categories based on your last name: A-G bring a dessert, H-Q bring a main dish, and R-Z bring a salad or side. Hope to see you there!

**Women's Bible Study** will meet next on Monday, March 2 at 9:00 am at the Ames Sixty Forward Center. We will study Essential #4: "We Will Invest in the generation Following Us" as part of the Seven Essentials for Finishing Well Bible Study. Questions? Contact Pam Voss.

**UFO will meet** on Monday, March 16th at 6:30pm for our annual Soup Swap. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kelly Hobson.

**Ames Christian School will be using the building** for an open house at 5:00pm Thursday, March 5. They will be showing prospective students around the spaces used for school, including classrooms, the library, and the fellowship hall.

**Trinity CRC's Annual Family2Family Sale** will be on Saturday, March 28, 2026. Time to clean out those closets and cupboards, reserve your sale space, and invite our community to participate! Find all the details and the space rental link on Trinity's website ([amestrinity.org](http://amestrinity.org)). Grab some flyers to share and look for opportunities to promote on socials. Church proceeds support God's Mercy to Haiti. Let's make this the best sale yet!

**Caring for the Roomba:** Please be sure to pick up any dropped papers, etc. as you leave the sanctuary. The Roomba gets stuck when it attempts to vacuum larger items. If there is a need to send the Roomba back to its home base, hit the home button on the unit rather than picking it up and moving it.

**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!

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## DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner Devotions: Self-Control: Say Yes to God** - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Self-Control: Say Yes to God," at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Discover how practicing self-control can help you be kind, helpful, and filled with joy every day! You'll discover fun ways to put others first and show big love in small moments. Prepare for Easter with all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like Kids Corner's Lent Devotional.

**Groundwork: Jesus: Condemned by Religious Leaders and Denied by Peter** - Moving through the Stations of the Cross brings us to witness Jesus before the Sanhedrin, where he is condemned, and to the courtyard when Peter denies him. Join Groundwork as we study Luke 22:66-71 and Matthew 26:69-75 to follow our Savior this Lent, discover comfort for our own

fears and failures, and reflect on the profound meaning of Jesus experience. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Beyond the Headlines: Faith, Community, and the Stories that Shape Us** - Join a new justice education series from Thrive, World Renew, and the Christian Reformed Centre for Public Dialogue. This four-part series explores immigration, food justice, climate justice, and gender justice through a biblical lens—equipping participants to recognize harmful narratives, understand root causes, and take meaningful, faith-informed action. Learn more and register today: [tinyurl.com/yrhe9a6b](http://tinyurl.com/yrhe9a6b)

### Thrive

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Right before his forty days in the wilderness, Jesus presented himself for baptism. When John objected, Jesus said, “It is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness” (Matt. 3:15). We administer baptism—a sign of dying and rising—to mark the beginning of every new life in Christ. Sometime this week, dip your finger in water and reflect on these words often declared during baptisms: “You are sealed with the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ’s own.” Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

**Hiring! Director of Thrive** - The Thrive Director will provide overall direction and leadership for Thrive, ensuring that strategic planning, fiscal management, programming, resource development, staff care and development, achievement of goals, and administrative functions are effectively carried out. The Director will ensure the overall implementation, assessment, and success of Thrive’s mandate serving churches in both Canada and the United States. This is a full-time, hybrid position based in Burlington, Ont., or Grand Rapids, Mich. Learn more and apply by March 23 at [crcna.pinpointhq.com](http://crcna.pinpointhq.com)

### World Renew

**2026 Cambodia Discovery Tour** - World Renew invites you on a learning journey to explore Cambodia! Grow in your understanding of World Renew’s work from communities already leading change, while experiencing the history, traditions, and culture of Cambodia. Join us from November 6-16, 2026 and come discover what God is doing in Cambodia. Registration is limited. For more information and to register, visit: <https://bit.ly/cambodia2026info>

### Resonate Global Mission

**Prepare your Heart for Easter** - with the Discover Your Bible: Easter study. This 6-lesson series traces Jesus’ journey, connecting Old Testament promises with New Testament eyewitness accounts. Great for families, small groups, or personal study. Try it free: visit our website to download a sample of Lesson One and experience again the power of Christ’s sacrifice. [resonateglobalmission.org/globalcoffeebreak](http://resonateglobalmission.org/globalcoffeebreak)

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### VOLUNTEERS

Greeters:	Irvin
Nursery:	Sue and Kristy
Sound:	Bryan Van Belle
Children's Message:	Derek Ten Pas

Congregational Prayer: Tom Niehof

### **Greeters**

Mar 1	Irvin	Apr 5	Niehof
Mar 8	Nancy Klemme	Apr 12	Niemeyer
Mar 15	Kleinwolterink	Apr 19	Hufford
Mar 22	Kopaska	Apr 26	Oltman
Mar 29	Kuyper		

### **Nursery**

Mar 1	Sue and Kristy	Apr 5	Rachel and Elizabeth
Mar 8	Megan and Cassie	Apr 12	Melody and Clayton
Mar 15	Judy and Pam N	Apr 19	Jessica and Brianna
Mar 22	Mary and Kenzie	Apr 26	Donna and Alisabeth
Mar 29	Lyndee and Sue		

### **Sound Tech**

Mar 1	Bryan Van Belle	Apr 3	Tom Whitney
Mar 8	Rob Barnes	Apr 5	Bryan Van Belle
Mar 15	Rex De Bruin	Apr 12	Rob Barnes
Mar 22	Bryan Van Belle	Apr 19	Brian Sterenberg
Mar 29	Brian Sterenberg	Apr 26	Tom Whitney

### **Children's Message**

Mar 1	Derek Ten Pas	Apr 5	Laura Hufford
Mar 8	Rex De Bruin	Apr 12	Christopher 't Hoen
Mar 15	Rob Barnes	Apr 19	Jeff Kopaska
Mar 22	Stacy Hertz	Apr 26	Rex De Bruin
Mar 29	Lora Copley		

### **Congregational Prayer**

Mar 1	Tom Niehof	Apr 5	Rex De Bruin
Mar 8	Tom Niehof	Apr 12	Joel Copley
Mar 15	Tom Kuyper	Apr 19	Jeff Kopaska
Mar 22	Paul Kleinwolterink	Apr 26	Tom Niehof
Mar 29	Mark Voss		

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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 – Rex De Bruin; Outreach and Enfolding – Mark Voss; Worship – Laura Hufford