

WORSHIP SERVICE

March 22, 2026

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (Psalm 80:1, 3, 8-9)

Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,

You who lead Joseph like a flock.

Restore us, O God, make your face shine on us,

That we may be saved.

You transplanted a vine from Egypt,

You drove out the nations and planted it.

You cleared the ground for it,

And it took root and filled the land.

* Opening Song: "How Lovely Is Your Dwelling"

Lift Up Your Hearts #507

How lovely is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts, to me;

my soul is longing, fainting, the courts of God to see.

The beauty of your dwelling will bring me joy anew.

My heart and flesh are crying, O living God, for you.

Beneath your care the sparrow Finds place for peaceful rest;

To keep her young in safety The swallow finds a nest;

So, Lord, my King Almighty, Your love will shelter me;

Beneath your wings of mercy My dwelling-place will be.

Blest they who love and serve you, Whose joy and strength you are.

Forever they will praise you, your ways are in their heart.

Though tried, their tears like showers Shall fill the springs with peace,

And all the way to Zion Their strength shall still increase.

* Opening Prayer

* Song: "In Christ Alone"

Lift Up Your Hearts #770

In Christ alone my hope is found;

He is my light, my strength, my song;

This cornerstone, this solid ground,

Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all— Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on the cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid— Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no human plan,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home— Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

God's Will for His People: John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made

known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.

Hymn of Response: "Christian Hearts in Love United" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #727

Christian hearts in love united: search to know God's holy will.

Let his love, in us ignited, more and more our spirits fill.

Christ the head, and we his members- we reflect the light he is.

Christ the master, we disciples- he is ours, and we are his.

Grant, Lord, that with your direction, "Love each other," we comply.

Help us live in true affection your love to exemplify,

Let our mutual love be glowing, brightly so that all may view

that we, as on one stem growing, living branches are in you.

Come, then, living church of Jesus, covenant with Him anew;

unto Him who conquered for us, may we pledge our service true;

May our lives reflect the brightness of God's love in Jesus shown.

To the world we then bear witness: we belong to God alone.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: John 15:1-7

I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes^[a] so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

Message: Abide With Jesus

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "I Am the Holy Vine"

Lift Up Your Hearts #851

I am the holy vine which God my Father tends.
Each branch that yields no fruit my Father cuts away.
Each fruitful branch He prunes with care
To make it yield abundant fruit.
If you abide in me, I will in you abide.
Each branch to yield its fruit must with the vine be one.
So you shall fail to yield your fruit
If you are not with me one vine.
I am the fruitful vine, and you my branches are.
If you abide in me, I will in you abide.
So shall you yield much fruit,
But none if you remain apart from me.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Go Now in Peace"

Lift Up Your Hearts #950

Go now in peace, go now in peace;
may the love of God surround you everywhere,
everywhere you may go.
Go now in peace, go now in peace;
may the love of God surround you everywhere,
everywhere you may go.

Postlude

* Please stand

Children's Message: Laura Hufford

Message: Rev. Jerry Worrel

Musicians: Char Verkade, Mark Voss, Pam Voss, Elizabeth Hobson

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes meet after fellowship time. Classes will meet on March 22.

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 3rd Monday of the month. Contact Kelly Hobson for details.

Women's Bible Study meets on the first Monday of the month; next meeting is April 6 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 April 12 at 5:00 pm.

Regular Council Meeting is April 8 at 6:45 pm.

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

Worship Committee Meeting: March 24 at 6:30 pm

TCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week, we welcome Rev. Jerry Worrel. He will be sharing a message, "Abide With Jesus", from John chapter 15. May God bless the preaching of His word.

Memory verses for this week: I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit. (John 15:1,5)

The special offering on March 29 will be for Areopagus, a ministry to students at Iowa State University. Areopagus aims to reflect the relevance of the Gospel and a Reformed Christian worldview to the world of higher education. For more information, please talk with Lora Copley (director), visit <http://www.isu-areopagus.org/>, or follow on Facebook or Instagram.

We extend our sympathy to Pastor Tom and Deb in the passing of Tom's father, Philip Niehof, age 96, in Grand Rapids on Monday. The funeral service was Saturday, March 21. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Adult Sunday School Classes Join us for adult Sunday school at 10:50 am for a time of learning and reflection.

This week, Joel Copley will share his explorations in Special Education, its guiding philosophies, and experiences from Michigan, New Mexico, and Iowa. The adult Sunday school class will reflect on how Inclusive Learning connects with our Christian faith, calling us to honor each person's gifts. Together, we'll consider how these values enrich our worship and strengthen our fellowship. Join us for adult Sunday school at 10:50 am for a time of learning and reflection.

On March 29, we look forward to continuing this semester's God's World - The Wonders of Science series with Dr. Laura Hufford, pediatric hospital physician. She will offer a commentary on God's awesome creation, the human body, and describe her journey as a physician and instrument of God's mercy.

Holy Week Schedule

- Palm Sunday Service: March 29 at 9:30 am
- Good Friday Service: April 3 at 6:30 pm with celebration of Communion
- Easter Sunrise Service: April 5 at 6:30 am outside by the fire pit with a light breakfast following
- Resurrection Sunday Service of Worship & Celebration: April 5 at 9:30 am

There will be an Easter egg hunt during fellowship time after the 9:30 am service.

Flowers for Easter Sunday - Sign up by March 29 to sponsor an Easter flower to adorn the sanctuary for our Easter Service on April 5. Find the signup sheet on the table in the church entryway. Plants are \$11 each. You may leave cash in an envelope or a check to Trinity CRC in the offering basket, noting "Easter Flowers". (Please do not pay for flowers with an online contribution.) Flowers may be taken home after Easter. Questions? Contact Pam Voss.

Trinity CRC's Annual Family2Family Sale is Saturday, March 28, 2026! There is still 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). Grab some flyers to share and look for opportunities to promote on socials. Church proceeds support God's Mercy to Haiti.

Women's Bible Study will next meet on Monday, April 6 at 9:00 am at the Ames Sixty Forward Center. We continue our study of *Seven Essentials for Finishing Well* with "Essential #5: We will Be Available – as God calls us to serve". Questions? Contact Pam Voss.

From the TCRC Council 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. At the February classis meeting, Wendell Davelaar volunteered to be TCRC's classis councilor during the pastor vacancy.

The membership of Alexa (Kopaska) Rynders has been transferred to One Ancient Hope (PCA) in Iowa City. We pray for God's continued blessings on her there.

February Finance Report The total income for the General Fund was \$21,570. Breakdown: General Offerings \$18,896, School income \$2000 and Bank Interest \$674. This reflects: 16.8% of budgeted income and 15% of budgeted expenses. Special offerings: World Renew \$2620 and Christian Education Tuition Assistance \$2195.

Resonate's March/April Gift Matching Opportunity. The Deacons are excited to share a special giving opportunity with Resonate Global Mission! From March 13 through April 30, every gift to Resonate's *Where Most Needed* fund will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous group of donors—up to \$275,000. This is a wonderful chance to double the impact of your support. If you would like to give directly, please visit: www.resonateglobalmission.org/double

Building Use: The Ames Christian School will be holding parent-teacher conferences in the building on March 30 & 31, 2:00pm-7:30pm.

Please keep food and drinks contained to the fellowship hall. This helps to keep our space neat and free of unwanted pests. Thank you!

If your group or committee has an announcement, please submit 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 include your name in case a follow-up is necessary. Thank you!

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: The Not-So-Triumphal Entry - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "The Not-So-Triumphal Entry," at www.kidscorner.net. Ever wonder why Jesus chose to ride a donkey? By selecting a donkey, he declared that he was there to get to work—God's work—and he wasn't threatening anyone. Donkeys aren't flashy. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

Groundwork: The Daughters of Jerusalem and Jesus' Crucifixion - At the ninth Station of the Cross, Jesus gave a warning to women he called "Daughters of Jerusalem." Then comes the tenth Station of the Cross: Jesus' crucifixion. Join Groundwork as we study Jesus' words in Luke 23:26-38 and Matthew 27:39-43 and discuss his meaning, what he accomplished on the cross, and what it all means for our lives today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

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

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - This is the final week of Lent. Next week is Holy Week, during which Christians will mark the end of Jesus' journey to the cross. Those final hours of Jesus' life were extremely lonely, as Jesus was abandoned by family, friends, and even his heavenly Father. As Jesus' disciples today, we share in this suffering—but we are never alone. Colossians 3 describes the diverse community of believers, exhorting us to "bear with each other" as we support one another in faith. This week read and reflect on Colossians 3:11-14, and make time to connect with and encourage members of your church community. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

World Renew

Position Opening: Director of Communications - We're pleased to announce that the Director of Communications position at World Renew is now live! This full time, hybrid role—based in Burlington, ON or Byron Center, MI—leads World Renew's voice, narrative, and public presence. The Director oversees brand storytelling, media relations, editorial direction, and a binational communications team, ensuring mission aligned, faith rooted, and ethical content. If you or someone you know is committed to mission driven communications, we encourage you to apply at <https://world-renew.breezy.hr/>

Calvin University

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Turkey & the Seven Churches of Revelation - (Oct 9-19, 2026) Visit ancient sites connected with Paul's First, Second, and Third Missionary Journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu

The Banner

The Annual Banner Appeal - The 2026 funding drive for The Banner, the CRC's award-winning magazine, has started. The Banner is delivered free in print and online, and your giving to this annual donation appeal makes it possible. To help keep this community conversation going please give online now at: TheBanner.org/Give

VOLUNTEERS

Greeter: Kopaska
Nursery: Mary and Kenzie
Sound: Bryan Van Belle
Children's Message: Laura Hufford
Congregational Prayer: Paul Kleinwolterink

Greeters

Mar 22	Kopaska	May 3	Saldaña
Mar 29	Kuyper	May 10	Sander/Bassham
Apr 5	Niehof	May 17	Sterenberg
Apr 12	Niemeyer	May 24	't Hoen
Apr 19	Hufford	May 31	Ten Pas
Apr 26	Oltman		

Nursery

Mar 22	Mary and Kenzie	May 3	Sue and Kathlyn
Mar 29	Lyndee and Sue	May 10	Mindy and Natalie
Apr 5	Rachel and Elizabeth	May 17	Megan and Kristy
Apr 12	Melody and	May 24	Judy and Cassie
Apr 19	Jessica and Brianna	May 31	Mary and Pam
Apr 26	Donna and Alisabeth		

Sound Tech

Mar 22	Bryan Van Belle	Apr 26	Tom Whitney
Mar 29	Brian Sterenberg	May 3	Rex De Bruin
Apr 3	Tom Whitney	May 10	Bryan Van Belle
Apr 5	Bryan Van Belle	May 17	Rob Barnes
Apr 12	Rob Barnes	May 24	Brian Sterenberg
Apr 19	Brian Sterenberg	May 31	Tom Whitney

Children's Message

Mar 22	Laura Hufford	May 3	Rob Barnes
Mar 29	Lora Copley	May 10	
Apr 5	Laura Hufford	May 17	Laura Hufford
Apr 12	Christopher 't Hoen	May 24	Lora Copley
Apr 19	Jeff Kopaska	May 31	Christopher 't Hoen
Apr 26	Rex De Bruin		

Congregational Prayer

Mar 22 Paul Kleinwolterink
Mar 29 Mark Voss
Apr 5 Rex De Bruin
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May 17 Mark Voss
May 24 Rex De Bruin
May 31 Joel Copley

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Office Hours: Tue & Thu, 9:00 am–3:00 pm

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; Search – Jeff Kopaska; Technology – Rex De Bruin; Outreach and Enfolding – Mark Voss; Worship – Laura Hufford