

WORSHIP SERVICE

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship: Psalm 24:9

Lift up your heads, oh you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors,

That the King of glory may come in.

Who is He, this King of glory?

The Lord Almighty—He is the King of glory.

* Opening Song: "The King of Glory Comes" vs 1,3,4

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

Who is the King of glory? What shall we call him?

He is Immanuel, the promised of ages.

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation;

he took upon himself the sin of the nations.

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen.

And he will share with us his heavenly kingdom.

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

* Palm Sunday Reading: John 12:12-15

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. ¹³ They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!"

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: ¹⁵ “Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt.

*Song of Praise: “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” vs 1,3 *Lift Up Your Hearts #145*

Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Call to Confession: “*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*” vs 1 *LUYH #175*

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Prayer of Confession

Once again, O Lord, we pour contempt on all our pride. Once again, we confess the vain things that charm us most. Enter the city of our hearts and save us. Hosanna!

Overturn all that is more important than you. Be King, not only over this universe, but over our loves and our wallets, over our decisions, our life, our all.

Conclude with: “*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*” vs 2-4 *LUYH #175*

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through his blood.
See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did ever such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Entrusting: “*I Surrender All*” vs 1,3 *Lift Up Your Hearts #739*

All to Jesus I surrender All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him In His presence daily live

I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior I surrender all
All to Jesus I surrender Lord I give myself to Thee
Fill me with Thy love and power Let Thy blessing fall on me

I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior I surrender all

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: John 12:23-26 (Mark 12:41-44)

²³ Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

⁴¹ Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

Message: Poured Out for the King

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "Take My Life and Let It Be" vs 1,4-6 *Lift Up Your Hearts* #863

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "That's Why We Praise Him"

Lift Up Your Hearts #868

He came to live, live a perfect life; he came to be the living Word, our light
He came to die so we'd be reconciled; he came to rise to show his power and
might

That's why we praise him, that's why we sing.

That's why we offer him our everything.

That's why we bow down and worship this king

'Cause He gave His everything 'Cause He gave His everything

He came to live, live again in us He came to be, our conquering King and friend
He came to heal, and show the lost ones His love He came to go, prepare a
place for us

That's why we praise Him, that's why we sing

That's why we offer Him our everything

That's why we bow down and worship this King

'Cause He gave His everything 'Cause He gave His everything

Halle, Hallelujah

Halle, Hallelujah

Halle (hallelujah), Hallelujah

Halle (hallelujah), Hallelujah

That's why we praise Him, that's why we sing

That's why we offer Him our everything

That's why we bow down and worship this King

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'Cause He gave His everything

Postlude

* Please stand

Children's Message: Lora Copley

Message: Rev. Lora Copley

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

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes meet after fellowship time. No classes on Apr 5-Easter Sunday.

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: April 8 at 6:45 pm.

TCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday, Rev. Lora Copley brings us to John 12:23-26 and Mark 12:41-44 with a message, "Poured Out for the King".

Memory verses for this week

Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt. (John 12:15)

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, It is finished. With that he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (John 19:30)

Good Friday Service – On Friday, April 3 at 6:30 pm, Rev. Tom Niehof will lead us in reflection on John chapter 19, where Jesus gives His life on the cross for our salvation.

The special offering this week is 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.

Communion – We will share in the Lord's Supper as part of the Good Friday Service on April 3. All who are baptized into Christ and have made a public stand for him are welcome to the Lord's Table, to receive the nourishment and refreshment of the bread and cup of the Lord "as sure signs" in remembrance of Christ's body and blood poured out for us in his once-for-all sacrifice on the cross.

Adult Sunday School – This Sunday, we continue 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. Join us at 10:50 am for a time of learning and reflection.

No Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 5. Classes will resume on April 12th.

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 following 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 at 515-708-2676.

Come out and support Areopagus as it co-hosts a special discussion, *A Distinctively Christian Approach to Engineering*, with Drs. Paul Griffioen and Justin VanderWerff (Dordt University), Memorial Union 2630, Monday March 30, 6pm. What does a Christian worldview contribute to the practice of engineering, and how might faith shape both the meaning and the foundations of the profession? With this event, Areopagus also seeks to encourage interest in the launch of a *Christian Engineering Society* chapter at ISU. Invite your engineering friends and keep us in prayer. For more information, contact Matt Haken or Lora Copley.

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.

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.

Note from the Deacons – The budgeted amounts listed for denominational ministry shares and classical ministry shares on the approved 2026 budget were inadvertently switched; the mix-up has been corrected.

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.

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: Courageous Twists and Turns - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Courageous Twists and Turns," at www.kidscorner.net. Feeling scared is okay, and being brave means trying even when your heart feels nervous. With God's help, you can face hard things and do what's right, just like Jesus did. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

Groundwork: Jesus on the Cross - Jesus' journey to the cross was done. But even as he hung dying on the cross, he showed compassion and mercy when he offered words of salvation to a crucified thief and established a new kind of family. Join Groundwork as we study Luke 23:39-43 and John 19:25-27 to experience the eleventh and twelfth Stations of the Cross and discuss how God continues to offer us that same mercy and belonging today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Today is Palm Sunday, which marks the beginning of Holy Week, a time when we remember the final days of Jesus' life and we reflect on the events that led to his crucifixion. Download God's Big Easter Story: A Holy Week Journey for Families (DwellCurriculum.org/Home) for a meaningful way to walk with Jesus in the last moments of his life and to experience the miracle of his resurrection. This simple devotional guide helps people of all ages grow in faith as they reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross—and beyond. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Resonate

Resonate Global Mission has a great opportunity for your giving to God's mission through the Christian Reformed Church! Now through April 30, any amount you give for our special campaign will be matched, dollar for dollar, by a group of generous donors! Learn more at www.resonateglobalmission.org/Double

Calvin University

Wisdom in the Age of AI Conference - Calvin University will host Wisdom in the Age of AI, October 8–10, 2026, a conference exploring how Christian faith can guide the wise and faithful use of artificial intelligence. With dynamic keynote speakers and a dedicated AI and Church track, the conference offers thoughtful conversation for pastors and lay leaders alike. The conference will be held in person at the Prince Conference Center on Calvin University's campus, with livestream available for people unable to attend in person. Learn more at calvin.edu/faith-and-technology

VOLUNTEERS

Greeter: Kuyper
Nursery: Lyndee and Sue
Sound: Brian Sterenberg
Children's Message: Lora Copley
Congregational Prayer: Mark Voss

Greeters

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

Nursery

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

Sound Tech

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
Apr 26	Tom Whitney		

Children's Message

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

Congregational Prayer

Mar 29 Mark Voss

Apr 5 Rex De Bruin

Apr 12 Joel Copley

Apr 19 Jeff Kopaska

Apr 26 Tom Niehof

May 3 Tom Kuyper

May 10 Paul Kleinwolterink

May 17 Mark Voss

May 24 Rex De Bruin

May 31 Joel Copley

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Deacons: A-G = Derek Ten Pas; H-K = Christopher 't Hoen; L-S = Mark Voss; T-Z = Donna Bergman

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Endowment – Paul Kleinwolterink; Fellowship – Sue Fee; Search – Jeff Kopaska;
Technology – Rex De Bruin; Outreach and Enfolding – Mark Voss; Worship – Laura Hufford