

WORSHIP SERVICE

April 12, 2026

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship: Colossians 1:15-17

The son is the image of the invisible God,

The firstborn over all creation.

For in him all things were created,

Things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.

He is before all things,

And in him all things hold together.

* Opening Song: "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #526

Come, now is the time to worship;

Come now is the time to give your heart.

Come just as you are to worship;

Come just as you are before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God.

One day every knee will bow,

Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now.

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Come. Come.

* Opening Prayer

* Song: "Jesus the Lord Said, 'I Am the Bread'"

Lift Up Your Hearts #125

Jesus the Lord said I am the bread The bread of life for the world am I
The bread of life for the world am I The bread of life for the world am I
Jesus the Lord said I am the bread The bread of life for the world am I
Jesus the Lord said I am the light
The one true light of the world am I
The one true light of the world am I
The one true light of the world am I
Jesus the Lord said I am the light
The one true light of the world am I
Jesus the Lord said I am the door
The way and the door for the sheep am I
The way and the door for the sheep am I
The way and the door for the sheep am I
Jesus the Lord said I am the door
The way and the door for the sheep am I
Jesus the Lord said I am the shepherd
The one good shepherd of the sheep am I
The one good shepherd of the sheep am I
The one good shepherd of the sheep am I
Jesus the Lord said I am the shepherd
The one good shepherd of the sheep am I
Jesus the Lord said I am the life
The resurrection and the life am I
The resurrection and the life am I
The resurrection and the life am I
Jesus the Lord said I am the life
The resurrection and the life am I
Jesus the Lord said, I am the way
the way of truth and the life am I
the way of truth and the life am I
the way of truth and the life am I
Jesus the Lord said, I am the way
the way of truth and the life am I
Jesus the Lord said I am the vine
the vine that feeds every branch am I

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WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

God's Will For Us: John 17:20-26

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

"Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

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 Reading: John 21:1-21

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

⁵ He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

⁶ He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

¹⁶ Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

¹⁷ The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

²⁰ Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is going to betray you?") ²¹ When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?"

Message: You Follow Me!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #121

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his voice is sounding, saying "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying "Christian, love me more."

Long ago apostles heard it by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and work and family, leaving all for his dear sake.

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By your mercy, Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #116

You have come down to the lakeshore,
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow.

Refrain:

O Lord, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.

On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you, I will seek other seas.

You know full well what I have, Lord:
neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
just these my fishnets and will for working.

[Refrain]

You need my hands, my exhaustion,
working love for the rest of the weary,
a love that's willing to go on loving.

[Refrain]

You who have fished other waters,
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:
O loving Friend, you have come to call me.

[Refrain]

Postlude

*Please stand

Children's Message: Christopher 't Hoen

Message: Rev. Tom Niehof

Musicians: Char Verkade, Rex De Bruin, Natalie De Bruin, Marlies 't Hoen

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes meet after fellowship time.

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 May 4 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 April 30 at 7:00 pm.

Hymn Sing meets monthly on a Sunday. Next meeting is April 12 at 5:00 pm.

Regular Council Meeting: May 13 at 6:45 pm.

Search Committee Meeting: April 30 at 6:30 pm

TCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday, Rev. Tom Niehof leads us in a reflection on John chapter 21 where the risen Jesus appears to his disciples and calls Peter to follow him in love and faithfulness.

Memory verse for this week: What is that to you? You follow Me! (John 21:22)

The special offering this week is for the TCRC Building Fund which enables us to keep our facility in good repair and make updates as needed.

Intergenerational Sunday School – This Sunday, April 12: Sunday School for all ages will gather in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday, for our next intergenerational session. Together, we'll explore John 21 and reflect on Pastor Tom's 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 another meaningful time as we continue reflecting on God's Word together!

Adult Sunday School Classes: On May 3rd, we look forward to continuing this semester's God's World - The Wonders of Science series with Derek ten Pas. Derek is a water and wastewater treatment design engineer. He uses God's intelligent design of chemical, biological, and physical properties of water to help make dirty water clean! Derek will present on the basics of water and wastewater treatment, his career experiences, and how engineering and his faith intersect.

The Search Committee has been in contact with a variety of pastor candidates, and has identified a suite of them that we will be conducting virtual interviews with in the coming weeks.

Resonate's March/April Gift Matching Opportunity: Don't miss out on an opportunity to double your gift to God's mission! Resonate Global Mission is working to help your church spread the gospel. You can help provide hope and transform lives—and double your gift—by giving to our special campaign at www.resonateglobalmission.org/Double. Any amount you give will be matched dollar for dollar!

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.

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 you or your group will be using the church building for anything, please let Tina (office@amestrinity.org) know so we can keep an accurate facility calendar. 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: Go Outside and Learn About God - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Go Outside and Learn About God," at www.kidscorner.net. Come explore God's amazing world like Job did and discover how animals, plants, and stars can teach us about how wise and powerful God is! Grab a friend or family member and go on a fun outdoor adventure with snacks, games, and even a backyard campout to thank God and learn more about Him. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Earth Day collection.

Groundwork: Salvation Through Jesus Christ Alone - As the Christian faith spread, the Apostle Paul often wrote letters to churches he planted to help clarify and solidify his teachings. Join Groundwork as we begin a study of his letter to the church in Galatia by studying Galatians 1. Together, we'll study Paul's teaching about salvation and let it continue to encourage our faith and strengthen our commitment to Christ today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes. [Thrive](#)

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - The practice of gratitude, rooted in recognizing and responding to God's constant goodness, moves us to respond fully to God's generosity. Each day this week take some time to write down one thing for which you are grateful. At the end of the week share your list with your family or friends in celebration of God's goodness and provision in your life. For more ways to practice gratitude, see crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject/gratitude. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Calvin University

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Turkey and the Seven Churches of Revelation - October 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

VOLUNTEERS

Greeter: Niemeyer
Nursery: Melody and Sue
Sound: Rob Barnes
Children's Message: Christopher 't Hoen
Congregational Prayer: Joel Copley

Greeters

Apr 12 Niemeyer	May 24 't Hoen
Apr 19 Hufford	May 31 Ten Pas
Apr 26 Oltman	Jun 7 VanDyk
May 3 Saldaña	Jun 14 Verkade
May 10 Sander/Bassham	Jun 21 Voss
May 17 Sterenberg	Jun 28 Whitney

Nursery

Apr 12 Melody and Clayton
Apr 19 Jessica and Brianna
Apr 26 Donna and Alisabeth
May 3 Sue and Kathlyn
May 10 Mindy and Natalie
May 17 Megan and Kristy

May 24 Judy and Cassie
May 31 Mary and Pam
Jun 7 Lyndee and Kenzie
Jun 14 Rachel and Sue
Jun 21 Melody and Elizabeth
Jun 28 Jessica and Brianna

Sound Tech

Apr 12 Rob Barnes
Apr 19 Brian Sterenberg
Apr 26 Tom Whitney
May 3 Rex De Bruin
May 10 Bryan Van Belle
May 17 Rob Barnes

May 24 Brian Sterenberg
May 31 Tom Whitney
Jun 7 Rex De Bruin
Jun 14 Bryan Van Belle
Jun 21 Brian Sterenberg
Jun 28 Rob Barnes

Children's Message

Apr 12 Christopher 't Hoen
Apr 19 Jeff Kopaska
Apr 26 Rex De Bruin
May 3 Rob Barnes
May 10 Derek Ten Pas
May 17 Laura Hufford

May 24 Lora Copley
May 31 Christopher 't Hoen
Jun 7 Jeff Kopaska
Jun 14 Rex De Bruin
Jun 21 Rob Barnes
Jun 28 Laura Hufford

Congregational Prayer

Apr 12 Joel Copley
Apr 19 Jeff Kopaska
Apr 26 Tom Niehof
May 3 Tom Kuyper
May 10 Paul Kleinwolterink
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Jun 28 Tom Niehof

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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