

WORSHIP SERVICE

April 19, 2026

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship: Psalm 24: 1-2, 7, 10

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world and all who live in it;

All: for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

Leader: Lift up your heads you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors,

All: that the king of glory may come in.

Leader: Who is he, this King of glory?

All: The LORD almighty—he is the King of glory.

* Opening Song: "We Sing the Mighty Power of God" *Lift Up Your Hearts #10*

We sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

We sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er we turn our eyes,
if we survey the ground we tread or gaze upon the skies.

There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
and everywhere that we can be, you, God, are present there.

* Opening Prayer

* Song: "Earth and All Stars" vs 1-5

Lift Up Your Hearts #271

Earth and all stars! Come, rushing planets!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Oh, victory! Order from chaos!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

He has done marvelous things.
I too will praise him a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Come, blowing snow-storms!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Flowers and trees! Soft rustling dry leaves!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things.
I too will praise him with a new song!
Trumpet and pipes! Come, clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Low humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things.
I too will praise him with a new song!
Engines and steel! Come, pounding hammers!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams! Strong building workers!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things.
I too will praise him with a new song!
Classrooms and labs! Come, boiling test tubes!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band! Loud cheering people!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things.
I too will praise him with a new song!

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

God's Will for Us and Creation: Romans 8:19-22

All: The creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

Leader: For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning. We ourselves, who have

the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

All: For in this hope we were saved.

We Confess Our Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 26, 27 Lift Up Your Hearts #24

What do you believe when you say, “I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth”?

**That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who out of nothing created heaven and earth
and everything in them,
who still upholds and rules them
by his eternal counsel and providence,
is my God and Father because of Christ the Son.
I trust God so much that I do not doubt
he will provide whatever I need
for body and soul, and will turn to my good
whatever adversity he sends upon me in this sad world.
God is able to do this because he is almighty God
and desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.**

What do you understand by the providence of God?

**The almighty and ever present power of God
by which God upholds, as with his hand,
heaven and earth and all creatures,
and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought,
fruitful and lean years, food and drink,
health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—
all things, in fact,
come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.**

Hymn of Response: “Children of the Heavenly Father” Lift Up Your Hearts #23

Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
God his own shall tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil powers he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them.
Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
for to them his grace revealing, he turns sorrow into healing.

God has given, he has taken, but his children ne'er forsaken;
his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Psalm 24:1,2

¹The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;

²for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.

Message: This Land Is Whose Land?

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "This Is My Father's World" *Lift Up Your Hearts #21*

This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas—His hand the wonders wrought.
This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.
This is my Father's world: O let me not forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" *Lift Up Your Hearts #26*

He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands

He's got the wind and the rain in his hands
He's got the wind and the rain in his hands
He's got the wind and the rain in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the little tiny baby in his hands
He's got the little tiny baby in his hands
He's got the little tiny baby in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got you and me, brother, in his hands
He's got you and me, brother, in his hands
He's got you and me, brother, in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got you and me, sister, in his hands
He's got you and me, sister, in his hands
He's got you and me, sister, in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got everybody here in his hands
He's got everybody here in his hands
He's got everybody here in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands

Postlude

*Please stand

Children's Message: Jeff Kopaska

Message: Rev. Jerry Worrel

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Naomi Friend, Matt Haken, Elizabeth Hobson

Sunday School Classes meet after fellowship time. Last day for this school year is May 3.

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 the last Sunday of the month at The Mucky Duck. Next meeting is April 27 at 7:00 pm.

Hymn Sing meets monthly on a Sunday. Next meeting is May 3 at 5:00 pm.

Congregational Meeting to appoint new council members on May 3, after service.

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

Search Committee Meeting: April 30 at 6:30 pm

TCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week, we welcome Rev. Jerry Worrel to worship with us and share a message from Psalm 24:1-2. We look forward to Rev. Kevin Vryhof joining us next week.

The special offering on April 26 will be for Mid-Iowa Community Action (MICA). MICA is a private, non-profit organization serving children and families affected by poverty in central Iowa. To learn more, visit micaonline.org.

At this time each year, we give thanks for those who have faithfully served on Council and look ahead to selecting new leaders. We are grateful for the service of our outgoing elders, Joel Copley and Naomi Friend, and our outgoing deacons, Donna Bergman and Christopher 't Hoen. We thank them for their dedication and faithful work in serving our congregation. At its most recent meeting, Council approved nominees for new elders and deacons: elder – Brian Sterenberg and Mark Irvin; deacon – Ben Marcus, Laura Hufford, and Mindy Nikkel.

A congregational meeting will be held on May 3, immediately following the service, to appoint two elders and two deacons for two-year terms. We expect the meeting to conclude in time for Sunday School.

Adult Sunday School Classes: On May 3rd, we look forward to finishing 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.

May 3rd is our last day of Sunday School for this school year. Thank you to all the teachers who made it happen: thank you Rachel and Megan for leading the K-5th graders, thank you Melody for leading the middle-schoolers, and thank you Rob B. for taking a leadership role in the high school group after Randy retired in January. We look forward to celebrating the end of the school year and the graduates in our church family on May 17.

At its April 8 meeting, Council heard and approved the profession of faith of Alisabeth Copley. We are pleased to welcome her into the membership of Trinity CRC and look forward to celebrating Alisabeth's public Profession of Faith on May 10.

The Search Committee has been in contact with a variety of pastor candidates and has identified a suite of them to conduct virtual interviews with.

Celebrate Earth Week, April 20-24: The Climate Witness Project invites you to celebrate Earth Week, April 20th-24th, by using some of the resources they have created. Whether it's reading

a blog, watching a video, advocating to the government, or getting outside to reflect on God's good creation, choose a way to mark Earth Week this year! <https://network.crcna.org/topic/justice-inclusion/biblical-justice/creation-matters/earth-week-2026>

Resonate's 2026 Match Campaign: There's still time to double your gift! You can help join God's mission and spread the gospel by supporting Resonate Global Mission. There's still time to double your gift by visiting www.resonateglobalmission.org/Double before April 30! Any amount you give to this special campaign will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous donor! Don't wait—give today while your gift will go twice as far.

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 you have an announcement to share, please submit it to the church office by 10:30 am on Thursdays in order 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 On a Microadventure - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Go on a Microadventure," at www.kidscorner.net. Big adventures don't have to be far away—exciting discoveries are waiting right outside your door! Grab your family, explore nearby paths and places, and see how much fun a little adventure can be. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Earth Day collection.

Groundwork: The Cross of Jesus is the Only Way - As Galatians continues, Paul continues to emphasize that the cross of Jesus is the only way to salvation and he confronts Peter's hypocritical behavior. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Galatians 2 to explore the struggle the apostles faced as the Christian faith spread, and along the way find the courage to embody the truth of salvation in your relationships and daily life. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Groundwork 15th Anniversary - Groundwork is celebrating its 15th anniversary! For more than 15 years now, this radio show and podcast has been digging into the richness of God's Word as the foundation for our lives. Come celebrate God's faithfulness with us! Register online at reframeministries.org/events

Thrive

Upcoming Webinar: Reimagining Youth Ministry - Join Thrive Faith Formation Consultant Rick Zomer for a webinar and conversation using Andrew Root's book *The End of Youth Ministry?*

as a guide. Together, we will consider why churches might be struggling in youth ministry efforts and explore strategies for moving forward in intergenerational discipleship. Register for the May 5th, 4pm EDT webinar here: tinyurl.com/y6m8crje or the May 14th, 7pm EDT webinar here: tinyurl.com/ds2mrdx7 or by emailing thrive@crcna.org

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - As you continue to celebrate Eastertide—50 days of practicing resurrection living—pick one area of your life in which you want to live more fully into resurrection hope. Perhaps it's in how you handle conflict, care for your body, or serve your community. Invite Jesus into that space, recognizing his risen presence. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

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 keynote speakers and a dedicated AI and Church track, the conference offers thoughtful conversation for pastors and lay leaders alike. It will be held in person at the Prince Conference Center. All keynote sessions will also be livestreamed for participants unable to attend onsite. Learn more at calvin.edu/faith-and-technology

CRC Communications

Pray for Synod 2026 - Starting May 3, and for 40 days leading up to Synod 2026, pray with CRC members, leaders, and friends for God's presence and guidance for the CRC and this year's synod gathering. Learn more and find prayer resources at network.crcna.org/topic/spiritual-formation/prayer/40-days-prayer-synod-2026, including a link to sign up to receive daily emails throughout the 40 days with prayers written by people from across the denomination.

VOLUNTEERS

Greeter: Hufford
Nursery: Jessica and Brianna
Sound: Brian Sterenberg
Children's Message: Jeff Kopaska
Congregational Prayer: Jeff Kopaska

Greeters

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 Whitney
May 17 Sterenberg	Jun 28 Voss
May 24 't Hoen	

Nursery

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

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Apr 26 Tom Niehof
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May 10 Paul Kleinwolterink
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May 24 Rex De Bruin

May 31 Joel Copley
Jun 7 Melody Franje
Jun 14 Jeff Kopaska
Jun 21 Lora Copley
Jun 28 Tom Niehof

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