

WORSHIP SERVICE

May 10, 2026

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (from Psalm 86:8-10)

There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you,

All shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things;

You alone are God.

* Opening Song: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #521

Come thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;

streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount - I'm fixed upon it - mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come;

and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;

he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee;

prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

* Opening Prayer

* Song: "I Love You, Lord"

I love you, Lord and I lift my voice

to worship you; O my soul, rejoice

Take joy, my King, in what you hear;

may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, through water and the Spirit, you claimed us as your own. Your Word calms the storm, but we timidly cower in fear. You bid us bathe and be healed, but we limp and struggle in pain. Deliver us, O God, from the way of sin and death. Cleanse us from sin and give us new life. Open our hearts to grace and truth and bind us to your service.

Assurance of Pardon (from Titus 3:3-8)

“When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior.”

Hosanna! Look what the Lord has done! “Now having been justified by his grace, we are heirs of the hope of eternal life.”

Song of Response: “What the Lord Has Done in Me” *Lift Up Your Hearts #800*

Let the weak say I am strong Let the poor say I am rich

Let the blind say I can see It's what the Lord has done in me

Hosanna, hosanna To the lamb that was slain

Hosanna, hosanna Jesus died and rose again

Hosanna, hosanna To the lamb that was slain

Hosanna, hosanna Jesus died and rose again

Into the river I will wade There my sins are washed away

From the heaven's mercy stream Of the Savior's love for me

Hosanna, hosanna To the lamb that was slain

Hosanna, hosanna Jesus died and rose again

Hosanna, hosanna To the lamb that was slain

Hosanna, hosanna Jesus died and rose again

I will rise from waters deep Into the saving arms of God

I will sing salvation songs Jesus Christ has set me free

Hosanna, hosanna To the lamb that was slain

Hosanna, hosanna Jesus died and rose again

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Profession of Faith

Meaning of Profession of Faith (*Psalter Hymnal* p. 964)

The Vows and Responses of Alisabeth Joy Copley

*The Reception and Blessing

Thanks be to God! We promise you our love, encouragement and prayers.

*Affirmation of Faith: Lord's Day 1

What is our only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Song of Illumination: "Speak, O Lord"

Lift Up Your Hearts #755

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy Word.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness – that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.

Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.

Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.

Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk

with us.

Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.

Scripture Reading: John 10:1-10

"The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy.

My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life." (John 10:10, NLT)

"I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! ² But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't know his voice."

⁶ Those who heard Jesus use this illustration didn't understand what he meant, ⁷ so he explained it to them: "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. ¹⁰ The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

Message: Living a 10:10 Challenge

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: "Here Is Love, Vast as the Ocean"

Here is Love vast as the ocean lovingkindness as the flood
When the Prince of Life our ransom shed for us his precious blood
Who his love will not remember? Who can cease to sing his praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days
On the mount of crucifixion fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love like mighty rivers poured incessant from above
Heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love

On the morn of resurrection mercy filled the thirsty grave
Where the stone of death burst open springs of life flowed unrestrained
Love no heart could ever measure joy no sorrows will outrun
Rush upon the soul believing in the risen reigning Son
Oh this love vast love of Jesus bids us come and drink and live
To this weary world of longing what more could our Savior give
Now to Christ who fully loved us and who freed us from our sin
Be all glory and dominion everlasting praise to him

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #938

My friends, may you grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

My friends, may you grow in grace, and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

My friends, may you grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

My friends, may you grow in grace, and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able

Children's Message: Derek Ten Pas

Message: Rev. John A. Byker

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Laura Hufford, Derek Ten Pas

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes are on break for the summer and will resume in September.

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

May 31 will be the last meeting before summer break.

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

May 20 will be the last meeting before summer break.

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

Jun 1 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 May 31 at 7:00 pm.

Hymn Sing meets monthly on a Sunday. Next event is May 17 at 5:00 pm; this is the last meeting before summer break.

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

TCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday, we welcome Rev. John Byker to share a message from John 10. During the service, we will witness the public **Profession of Faith of Alisabeth Joy Copley**.

After the service, everyone is invited to the fellowship hall for cake and punch as we celebrate this joyful milestone.

The special offering this week is for Tyler and Christina Helfers. Tyler and Christina are in Stellenbosch, South Africa, where Tyler serves as pastor to Stellenbosch International Fellowship (SIF), an international church that exists to be a global family in Christ, serving students, migrant workers, and refugees from around the world. Please consider a gift in support of Tyler and Christina's work to reach out to non-Christians with the Gospel, and to disciple Christians to be witnesses to Christ and the Kingdom in all areas of life

Mother's Day – We give thanks to God for the gift of mothers and all women who nurture faith and life in our congregation and community. We recognize and celebrate not only biological mothers, but also grandmothers, adoptive mothers, spiritual mentors, and all who reflect Christ's love through care and guidance. We honor the strength, wisdom, and faith that shape generations. Mothers play a vital role in the life of the church; teaching, encouraging, serving, and helping to pass on a living faith. Join us as we offer a prayer of thanksgiving for mothers, reflect on God's faithfulness across generations, and encourage and support one another in our shared calling. We also acknowledge that this day can be difficult for some. We hold in prayer those who grieve, those who long to be mothers, and those with complicated family relationships.

As we worship together, let us give thanks for God's enduring love shown through the lives of faithful women.

On May 3, a brief congregational meeting was held to appoint new elders and deacons. Brian Sterenberg and Mark Irvin will serve in place of outgoing elders Naomi Friend and Joel Copley. Laura Hufford and Mindy Nikkel serve in place of outgoing deacons Donna Bergman and Christopher 't Hoen.

Year-end Celebration on May 17: We will gather together after the morning service to celebrate the graduates in our church family and the close of our school year with a BBQ-Potluck Lunch. Burgers, hot dogs, baked beans, chips, cake, and punch will be provided (with vegetarian options available). Those with the last name beginning with A-N, please bring salads; last names beginning with O-Z, please bring sides. Everyone is welcome!

Congratulations to the graduates in our church family! David Copley – Dordt University; Beth VanDyk – Coe College; Maggie VanDyk – Gilbert High School; Eli Hufford – Ames High School. May the Lord bless your next endeavors!

The May Hymn Sing will be held on May 17 at 5:00 pm and will feature hymns celebrating Ascension Day. We hope you will join us! After the May event, hymns sings will be taking a break for the summer, resuming in Fall 2026.

The VanDyk Family invites everyone to join us for an open house celebration in recognition of Maggie's graduation from Gilbert High School: May 23, 1:30-4:00 PM, TCRC Fellowship Hall.

From Areopagus Director Lora Copley:

Dear Trinity Church, After much prayer and a year of deliberation, Joel and I believe the Lord is leading me to step down as director of Areopagus Campus Ministry. We are deeply grateful to the Lord for these past four years; for what we've shared with the students (now friends) and the Iowa State community.

This is a natural time for transition, and we trust our Good Shepherd will provide the right next leader. The board has updated the job description and will begin the search process this coming week. My final day in the role will be July 12. Thank you, dear church, for your steady support and encouragement—and especially for your care for our students over the years. We look forward to what God will continue to do through the Areopagus ministry.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Yours gratefully in Christ, Lora A. Copley

Building use on May 19 – The Ames Christian School will be holding their annual spring program on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:00 pm here at TCRC.

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: The Letter of Acts - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "The Letter of Acts" at www.kidscorner.net. The book of Acts tells an exciting story that shows God's good news is for you—Jesus loves you, forgives you, and gives you his Spirit no matter who you are or where you're from. It reminds us that God wants everyone to know his love and share it with the world! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story coloring pages available on the KC activities page.

Groundwork: God Creates - The theme of creation echoes throughout the Bible. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Genesis 1, Revelation 21:22-24, Psalm 139:13-14, Hebrews 1:1-3, and Colossians 1:15-17 to discuss what this theme reveals to us about God's character, love, and intentions. Then we'll consider our call to reflect God's creativity with our own as bearers of his image. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Mother's Day - Women were the first to witness the resurrected Jesus, and they told others the good news of the living God. When you think about your faith journey, who are the women who have told you about God? This week take some time to journal, draw, or share with a friend or family member stories about the women who have had an impact on your faith. Consider writing a note to one of them or, if possible, visiting them and thanking them in person. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

World Renew

Happy Mother's Day! Help Support Moms and Babies - Today we celebrate the love and devotion of mothers around the world. Your gifts to World Renew today will help equip moms to give their babies the best possible start in the first 1,000 days of life and help ensure

healthy futures. Please give generously today—with your support, we can share God’s love and change countless lives for generations. To learn more or give online, visit worldrenew.net/first1000days

The Banner

Writers Wanted - The Banner is looking to expand its network of news correspondents - freelance writers paid per story to report on assignments from every corner of the Christian Reformed denomination. If you love stories, are curious to ask church leaders about how and why they do things, and are willing to train and learn, our news editor would love to hear from you: news@thebanner.org. (If you are an experienced writer, all the better! Just mention that in your email.)

Other

Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) - Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at the First Reformed Church in Rock Valley, Iowa. TEC is an interdenominational three-day Christian retreat designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community. The next TEC is June 19-21, 2026. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit www.TriStateTEC.org or email TriStateTEC@gmail.com. The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request.

VOLUNTEERS

Sound: Bryan Van Belle
Greeter: Sanders/Bassham
Nursery: Lyndee and Natalie
Children's Message: Derek Ten Pas
Congregational Prayer: Lora Copley

Sound Tech

May 10	Bryan Van Belle	Jun 7	Rex De Bruin
May 17	Rob Barnes	Jun 14	Bryan Van Belle
May 24	Brian Sterenberg	Jun 21	Brian Sterenberg
May 31	Tom Whitney	Jun 28	Rob Barnes

Greeters

May 10	Sander/Bassham	Jun 7	VanDyk
May 17	Sterenberg	Jun 14	Verkade
May 24	't Hoen	Jun 21	Whitney
May 31	Ten Pas	Jun 28	Voss

Nursery

May 10	Lyndee and Natalie	May 24	Judy and Cassie
May 17	Megan and Kristy	May 31	Mary and Pam

Jun 7 Mindy and Kenzie

Jun 14 Rachel and Sue

Children's Message

May 10 Derek Ten Pas

May 17 Laura Hufford

May 24 Lora Copley

May 31 Christopher 't Hoen

Congregational Prayer

May 10 Lora Copley

May 17 Mark Voss

May 24 Rex De Bruin

May 31 Joel Copley

Jun 21 Melody and Elizabeth

Jun 28 Jessica and Brianna

Jun 7 Jeff Kopaska

Jun 14 Rex De Bruin

Jun 21 Rob Barnes

Jun 28 Laura Hufford

Jun 7 Melody Franje

Jun 14 Jeff Kopaska

Jun 21 Lora Copley

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