

WORSHIP SERVICE

May 24, 2026

Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship

On the day of Pentecost, the people gathered in Jerusalem to bring an offering of thanksgiving to the Lord.

Give thanks to God, for all his gifts!

The Spirit descended upon Jesus' followers, and they began to speak in tongues

We will lift up our voices and praise God's name!

The Spirit, source of the first fruits, gives life and is the promise of the life to come

Give thanks to the triune God, for the promise of new life!

* Opening Song: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" *Lift Up Your Hearts #351*

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down;

fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;

visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;

let us all in thee inherit, let us find thy promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;

suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee with thy hosts above,

pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:

let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;

changed from glory into glory, 'til in heav'n we take our place,

'til we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

* Opening Prayer

* Song: "Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #618

Spirit of God, who dwells within my heart,
wean it from sin, through all its pulses move.

Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are,
and make me love you as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no opening skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.

Did you not bid us love you, God and King,
love you with all our heart and strength and mind?

I see the cross there teach my heart to cling.

O let me seek you and O let me find!

Teach me to feel that you are always nigh;
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
teach me the patience of unceasing prayer.

Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the fullness of the heaven-descended Dove;
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Our Father, we have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit, through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Romans 8:26-27)

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless

groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

Song of Entrusting: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" *Lift Up Your Hearts #747*

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life for all eternity.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:12 (p. 1006 in pew Bible)

¹²Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Message: No Greater Gift

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: "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 DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Good to Me"

Lift Up Your Hearts #620

I cry out for your hand of mercy to heal me.

I am weak; I need your love to free me.

O Lord, my rock, my strength in weakness-

Come rescue me, O Lord.

I cry out for your hand of mercy to heal me.

I am weak; I need your love to free me.

O Lord, my rock, my strength in weakness-

Come rescue me, O Lord.

You are my hope; your promise never fails me.

And my desire is to follow you forever.

For you are good, for you are good, for you are good to me.

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Postlude

* Please stand if you are able

Children's Message: Lora Copley

Message: Rev. Neal Ooms

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Alisabeth Copley, Derek Ten Pas, Maggie VanDyk

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

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

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 is on break for the summer and will resume in the fall.

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. Contact Mary Kuyper for details.

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 is on break for the summer and will resume in the fall.

Regular Council Meeting: June 10 at 6:30 pm.

TCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week, we welcome Rev. Neal Ooms to share the message, "No Greater Gift", from Acts 4:12. May God bless the preaching of His word.

The special offering this Sunday is for Home for Awhile, a partnership of several Ames-area churches working to reduce homelessness by providing temporary subsidized housing and support for families facing housing insecurity. Through mentoring and goal setting, families are encouraged toward financial stability and permanent housing.

New Elders and Deacons beginning a two-year term. Brian Sterenberg and Mark Irvin will serve in place of outgoing elders Naomi Friend and Joel Copley. Laura Hufford and Mindy Nikkel will serve in place of outgoing deacons Donna Bergman and Christopher 't Hoen.

Updated Elder and Deacon Groups are:

Elders: A-G = Paul Kleinwolterink; H-K = Melody Franje; L-S = Mark Irvin; T-Z = Brian Sterenberg

Deacons: A-G = Derek Ten Pas; H-K = Mindy Nikkel; L-S = Mark Voss; T-Z = Laura Hufford

Special Offering Schedule: Offerings for the Benevolence Fund and Church Beyond Borders are swapping dates—Church Beyond Borders offering will be June 7 and Benevolence Fund offering will be June 21.

Christian Education Tuition Assistance Available: TCRC is thankful to support families pursuing Christ-centered education for their children. Tuition assistance is available for K–12 students attending schools that provide a scripturally based, God-centered education. Families attending TCRC are encouraged to apply in May and June for the upcoming school year. This ministry is supported through congregational giving and generous donations. For more information about applying or contributing to the fund, please contact a deacon, a member of council, or the church office via office@amestrinity.org. An application form can be emailed to you or a printed version may be requested.

Our Seven Essentials for Finishing Well Women's Bible Study will conclude Monday June 1 with the seventh essential "We Will Anticipate Heaven". We will meet @ 9:00 am at Ames Sixty Forward Center. After that, we will take a summer break and meet again in early Fall. Questions? Contact Pam Voss.

Tina will be out of town June 4-9. Please submit any announcements, bulletin materials, etc. for the week leading up to June 7 by June 2. Thank you!

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.

Church League Softball: Please contact Derek Ten Pas if you are interested in playing or have questions. Feel free to come and cheer on the team! Games take place at South River Valley Park: 1200 E 13th St in Ames. Upcoming games are the following:

5/26@ 6:10p Field 6 | 6/2 @ 8:10p Field 6 and @ 9:10p Field 5 | 6/9 @ 8:10p Field 6 and @ 9:10p Field 5 | 6/16 @ 6:10p Field 5 and @ 7:10p Field 5 | 6/23 @ 8:10p Field 6 | 6/30 @ 7:10p Field 6 and @ 8:10p Field 6 | 7/7 Tournament Begins–Time and Fields TBD.

Building Use on June 2: The Fellowship Hall will be used a polling location for the Primary Election on Tuesday, June 2. Equipment will be delivered on Monday and picked up on Wednesday. Workers and voters will be in the building all day on Tuesday.

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!

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Groundwork: God Redeems - The biblical theme of redemption is unique to Christian theology and sets Christianity apart from other religions. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 12:1-5, Ephesians 1:3-11, Galatians 2:20-21, and Ephesians 2:1-5 to trace God's story of redemption from Genesis to the ultimate sacrifice of our Savior Jesus Christ and talk about living redeemed lives as we go about our daily lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Kids Corner Devotions: Stephen: Things Get Tough - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Stephen: Things Get Tough" at www.kidscorner.net. Learn how to be brave and keep trusting Jesus even when others are unkind. Discover that Jesus is always with you, giving you strength and reminding you that you are never alone. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story coloring pages available on the KC activities page.

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.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Today we celebrate Pentecost, the festival when Jesus' promise to send his Spirit to all believers was fulfilled (Acts 2:1-41). This is a great time to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church. For ways in which you can celebrate as a family or with friends, download God's Big Pentecost Story: A Celebration for Families (DwellCurriculum.org/Home). Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

VOLUNTEERS

Sound: Brian Sterenberg
Greeter: 't Hoen
Nursery: Judy and Cassie
Children's Message: Lora Copley
Congregational Prayer: Rex De Bruin

Sound Tech

May 24	Brian Sterenberg	Jun 21	Brian Sterenberg
May 31	Tom Whitney	Jun 28	Rob Barnes
Jun 7	Rex De Bruin	Jul 5	Tom Whitney
Jun 14	Bryan Van Belle		

Greeters

May 24	't Hoen	Jun 28	Voss
May 31	Ten Pas	Jul 5	Yoder
Jun 7	VanDyk	Jul 12	Bakker
Jun 14	Verkade	Jul 19	Barnes
Jun 21	Whitney	Jul 26	Bergman

Nursery

May 24	Judy and Cassie	Jun 28	Jessica and Brianna
May 31	Mary and Pam	Jul 5	Donna and Natalie
Jun 7	Mindy and Kenzie	Jul 12	Sue and Kathlyn
Jun 14	Rachel and Sue	Jul 19	Mindy and Alisabeth
Jun 21	Melody and Elizabeth	Jul 26	Megan and Kristy

Children's Message

May 24	Lora Copley	Jun 28	Laura Hufford
May 31	Christopher 't Hoen	Jul 5	Lora Copley
Jun 7	Jeff Kopaska	Jul 12	Christopher 't Hoen
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Jun 21	Rob Barnes	Jul 26	Rex De Bruin

Congregational Prayer

May 24 Rex De Bruin

May 31 Joel Copley

Jun 7 Melody Franje

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Jun 28 Tom Niehof

Jul 5 Paul Kleinwolterink

Jul 12 Mark Voss

Jul 19 Rex De Bruin

Jul 26 Joel Copley

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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