

WORSHIP SERVICE

May 31, 2026

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship

Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O 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: "Not What My Hands Have Done" *Lift Up Your Hearts #624*

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;
not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.
Your voice alone, O Lord, can speak to me of grace;
your power alone, O Son of God, can all my sin erase.
No other work but yours, no other blood will do;
no strength but that which is divine can bear me safely through.
I praise the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;
and with unfaltering lip and heart I call this Savior mine.
My Lord has saved my life and freely pardon gives;
I love because he first loved me, I live because he lives.

* Opening Prayer

* Song: "Baptized in Water"

Lift Up Your Hearts #790

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;

heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
born of one Father, we are his children,
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have given us the law of Moses and the teachings of Jesus to direct us in the way of life. You offer us your Holy Spirit so that we can be born to new life as your children. Yet, O God, we confess that the ways of death have a strong attraction and that we often succumb to their lure. Give us the vision and courage to choose and nurture life, that we may receive your blessing.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

Song of Entrusting: "Give Me a Clean Heart"

Lift Up Your Hearts #621

Give me a clean heart So I may serve Thee
Lord fix my heart So that I may be used by Thee
For I'm not worthy Of all these blessings
Give me a clean heart And I'll follow Thee
I'm not asking For the riches of the land
I'm not asking For high men to know my name
Please give me Lord a clean heart That I may follow Thee
Give me a clean heart a clean heart And I will follow Thee

Give me a clean heart So I may serve Thee
Lord fix my heart So that I may be used by Thee
For I'm not worthy Of all these blessings
Give me a clean heart And I'll follow Thee
Sometimes I am up And sometimes I am down
Sometimes I am almost Level to the ground
Please give me Lord a clean heart That I may follow Thee
Give me a clean heart a clean heart And I will follow Thee
Give me a clean heart So I may serve Thee
Lord fix my heart So that I may be used by Thee
For I'm not worthy Of all these blessings
Give me a clean heart And I'll follow Thee

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Titus 3:1-11 (p. 1105 in pew Bible)

Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, ² to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone.

³ At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. ⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ 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, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. ⁸ This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

⁹ But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless. ¹⁰ Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second time. After that, have

nothing to do with them. ¹¹ You may be sure that such people are warped and sinful; they are self-condemned.

Message: The Cause and The Cure

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "To God Be the Glory"

Lift Up Your Hearts #604

To God be the glory, great things he has done;
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory; great things he has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory; great things he has done.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder,
our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory; great things he has done.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

Lift Up Your Hearts #946

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing; you are my own.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Children's Message: Christopher 't Hoen

Message: Rev. Sheldon Starkenburg

Musicians: Char Verkade, Elijah Hufford, Pam Voss

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. Sheldon Starkenburg with a message from Titus 3:1-11, a passage that reminds us to live with humility, kindness, and grace toward others.

The special offering on June 7 will be for Church Beyond Borders. This is a cutting edge hybrid church with a combination of online worship in Korean and English, small groups, and 1-to-1 discipleship and pastoral care. The church ministers to 2nd-generation Korean Americans who have disconnected from their parents' Korean-speaking churches.

Communion-June 7: Next week we will gather at the Lord's Table. Come, all who are sorry for their sins, who believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, have confessed his name, and desire to live in obedience to him. Come, for Christ our risen Lord invites you to fellowship with him at his table.

Warm congratulations to Dylan Kleinwolterink and Dalen Mueller who were united in Christian marriage on May 23. May God bless their partnership.

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.

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.

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:

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

Groundwork: God Makes All Things New - The fourth major theme of the Bible is that of consummation, the time when God will complete his redemptive plan and make all creation new. Join Groundwork as we study Revelation 21:1-5, Matthew 19:28, Romans 8:18-21, and Ephesians 2:19-22 to see a future where God's presence eradicates suffering and evil, and brings justice and eternal joy and to discuss what it means for us now. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Kids Corner Devotions: Paul: God Changes Everything - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Paul: God Changes Everything" at www.kidscorner.net. What if your life suddenly made a huge U-turn and turned you into a God-helper on an exciting new mission? Discover how you can help others, serve God, and be part of an amazing adventure starting today! Check out the KC Summertime Collection with lots of puzzles, games, and fun activities. Good for road trips or quiet time at home.

We're Hiring! US Donor Relations Manager ReFrame Ministries - The successful candidate will develop relationships and implement a strategy with existing and potential donors that will increase financial support and resources, engage current constituents, and cultivate potential donors in support of the ministry. This is a full-time , hybrid position based in Grand Rapids, Mich., or Chicago, Ill. Apply at crcna.pinpointhq.com

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Today we celebrate Trinity Sunday. One week after Pentecost, we turn our attention to the continuing work of the triune God in our world: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This week spend some time reading the story of Jesus' baptism in Matthew 3:13-17, observing how Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are portrayed in that passage. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

World Renew

Help Communities Affected by the Ebola Outbreak - An Ebola outbreak is creating urgent health risks in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and neighboring countries. In Uganda, World Renew is preparing a response with local partners to share prevention messaging, provide handwashing stations, and equip local volunteers to help stop transmission. Join us in praying for healing and a swift end to the outbreak, and please give to support community health efforts at worldrenew.net/ebola-crisis, by calling 1-800-552-7972, or by mailing a check made out to World Renew, with "Ebola Outbreak 2026" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr SW, Byron Center, MI, 49315.

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: Tom Whitney
Greeter: Barnes
Nursery: Mary and Pam
Children's Message: Christopher 't Hoen
Congregational Prayer: Joel Copley

Sound Tech

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| 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

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| May 31 | Barnes | Jul 5 | Yoder |
| Jun 7 | VanDyk | Jul 12 | Bakker |
| Jun 14 | Verkade | Jul 19 | Ten Pas |
| Jun 21 | Whitney | Jul 26 | Bergman |
| Jun 28 | Voss | | |

Nursery

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| 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 |
| Jun 28 | Jessica and Brianna | | |

Children's Message

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Congregational Prayer

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

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