

WORSHIP SERVICE

July 12, 2026

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship: Psalm 119: 30-32, 45

I have chosen the way of faithfulness;

I have set my heart on your laws.

I hold fast to your statutes, Lord;

do not let me be put to shame.

I run in the path of your commands,

for you have broadened my understanding.

I will walk about in freedom,

for I have sought out your precepts.

* Opening Song: "When Morning Gilds the Sky"

Lift Up Your Hearts #372

When morning gilds the sky, our hearts awaking cry:

May Jesus Christ be praised! in all our work and prayer

we ask his loving care: May Jesus Christ be praised!

To God, the Word on high, the hosts of angels cry:

May Jesus Christ be praised! Let mortals too upraise

their voice in hymns of praise: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:

May Jesus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky

from depth to height reply: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, when day is past, of all our thoughts the last:

May Jesus Christ be praised! The night becomes as day

when from the heart we say: May Jesus Christ be praised!

* Opening Prayer

* Song: "The Heavens Declare Your Glory"

Lift Up Your Hearts # 3

The heavens declare your glory, The firmament your power;
Day unto day the story Repeats from hour to hour.
Night unto night replying, Proclaims in every land,
O LORD, with voice undying, The wonders of your hand.
The sun with royal splendor Goes forth to chant your praise,
And moonbeams soft and tender Their gentler anthem raise.
O'er every tribe and nation The music is outpoured,
The song of all creation To you, creation's Lord.
All heaven on high rejoices To do its Maker's will;
The stars with solemn voices Resound your praises still.
So let my whole behavior, Each thought, each deed I do,
Be, Lord, my strength, my Savior, A ceaseless song to you.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

God's Will for His Redeemed People: Exodus 20:1-17

Song of Response: "Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Way of Truth"

Teach me, O Lord, Thy way of truth, and from it I will not depart;
that I may steadfastly obey, give me an understanding heart.

In Thy commandments make me walk, for in Thy law my joy shall be;
give me a heart that loves Thy will, from discontent and envy free.

Turn now my eyes from vanity, and cause me in Thy ways to tread;
O let Thy servant prove Thy word and thus to godly fear be led.

Turn Thou away reproach and fear; Thy righteous judgments I confess;
to know Thy precepts I desire, revive me in Thy righteousness.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: James 1:22-2:13

(p. 1118 in pew Bible)

²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But whoever looks intently

into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

²⁶ Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

2 My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. ² Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³ If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, “Here’s a good seat for you,” but say to the poor man, “You stand there” or “Sit on the floor by my feet,” ⁴ have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵ Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

⁸ If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right. ⁹ But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. ¹¹ For he who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

¹² Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, ¹³ because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Message: Living Out the King’s Powerful Word of Grace

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: “In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #861

In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In our lives,
Lord, be glorified today.

In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In our homes,
Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In your church,
Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In your world,
Lord, be glorified today.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "He Is Lord"

Lift Up Your Hearts #227

He is Lord, he is Lord, he is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is King, he is King, he will draw all nations to him; he is King!

And the time shall be when the world shall sing that Jesus Christ is King.

He is Love, he is Love, he has shown us by his life that he is Love!

All his people sing with one voice of joy that Jesus Christ is Love.

He is Life, he is Life, he has died to set us free, and he is Life!

And he calls us all to live evermore, for Jesus Christ is Life.

Postlude

* Please stand

Children's Message: Christopher 't Hoen

Message: Rev. Tom Niehof

Musicians: Elijah Goossen, Matt Haken, Marlies 't Hoen, Derek Ten Pas

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

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

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

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

Pub Theology meets the last Sunday of the month at The Mucky Duck; next meeting is July 26 at 7:00 pm.

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

Regular Council Meeting: August 12 at 6:30 pm.

TCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Continuing with our series of messages from James, this week Pastor Tom Niehof brings us to James 1:22-2:13 with a message about living out God's word.

The special offering on July 19 will be for Wings of Refuge, a Christ-centered organization serving survivors of sex trafficking by providing a safe home and aftercare where women can have the opportunity to heal and find new life. For more info: www.wingsofrefuge.net.

Visit with the Helpers Family-Monday, July 13, 4:00-6:00 PM: Everyone is invited to meet up with the Helpers Family at Inis Grove Park's Red Oak Shelter (northernmost shelter). Bring along your own picnic supper, if you'd like. The TCRC Fellowship Committee will provide ice cream treats. The Helpers plan to be in Ames July 8-14.

Disaster relief funds are available through the state for those who were affected by the recent flooding. Find details, guidelines, and the application at:

<https://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/disasters/individual-disaster-assistance-programs> or see the flyer attached to this email.

Ames Ecumenical Housing board member needed. Trinity CRC was one of the founding churches for Ames Ecumenical Housing, a nonprofit organization that provides affordable housing and supportive services for low-income older adults and people with mobility impairment. This church tries to maintain a member on the board of directors, and we are looking for a volunteer to serve for a period of time. Please talk to Christopher 't Hoen if you are interested or have any questions.

Midwest BASIC Bible Camp 2026: August 2-6 at Pine Lake Camps in Eldora, IA. This fun and engaging youth camp is for those who have completed grades 6 through 12. Registration is open-[grab your spot here](#)! Questions? Talk to Rob Barnes or Pam Whitney (or email the church office).

Church League Softball: The playoffs have begun and will continue through the end of July. Come on out and cheer on the team. Contact Derek Ten Pas for game times and details. Games take place at South River Valley Park: 1200 E 13th St in Ames.

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!

There is a printout of the volunteer schedule and upcoming birthdays/anniversaries on the table outside the office. The latest church directory is on the table as well. If you have changes or need to add info, please make notes on the sheet or send an email to office@amestrinity.org.

Please submit announcements 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: Who Taught You About Jesus? - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Who Taught You About Jesus?" at www.kidscorner.net. Everyone learns about Jesus from someone special—just like Timothy, who heard amazing stories about God from his mom and grandma. Who is someone in your life you can learn from—and what awesome God story will you explore together next? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like Family Practices for Family Collection.

Groundwork: Saul and David: Envy, Conflict, and Broken Shalom - As we follow the ups and downs in the life of Saul, we witness firsthand the conflict and broken shalom that results when the deadly sin of envy grips our hearts. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study 1 Samuel 18-24 to witness God's sovereignty and see how he continues to work in the lives of his people even through difficult and fraught circumstances. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In the Northern Hemisphere this time of year is filled with longer days and sunnier weather, allowing many of us to spend more time outdoors. In Psalm 19, David speaks of the many ways creation displays the glory of God and his creative work. Take some intentional time this week to notice something specific in God's creation and to give God thanks for it. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

World Renew

Volunteer with World Renew Disaster Response Services this fall! - Local communities in Florida are still helping homeowners recover from Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Could you make a difference in their recovery? Consider repairing hurricane-impacted homes with World Renew Disaster Response Services! With on-site leadership, tools, and materials, we're ready for you. Find fall team dates and site locations at worldrenew.org/get-involved/volunteer to

sign up or contact us today.

VOLUNTEERS

Sound: Rex De Bruin
Greeter: Franje
Nursery: Sue and Kathlyn
Children's Message: Christopher 't Hoen
Congregational Prayer: Mark Voss

Sound Tech

Jul 12	Rex De Bruin	Aug 9	Tom Whitney
Jul 19	Bryan Van Belle	Aug 16	Bryan Van Belle
Jul 26	Rob Barnes	Aug 23	Rex De Bruin
Aug 2	Brian Sterenberg	Aug 30	Rob Barnes

Greeters

Jul 12	Franje	Aug 9	Franje
Jul 19	Ten Pas	Aug 16	Copley
Jul 26	Bergman	Aug 23	Hobson
Aug 2	De Bruin	Aug 30	Hubert

Nursery

Jul 12	Sue and Kathlyn	Aug 9	Mary and Pam
Jul 19	Mindy and Alisabeth	Aug 16	Lyndee and Kenzie
Jul 26	Megan and Kristy	Aug 23	Rachel and Sue
Aug 2	Judy and Cassie	Aug 30	Melody and Elizabeth

Children's Message

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Jul 19	Jeff Kopaska	Aug 16	Laura Hufford
Jul 26	Rex De Bruin	Aug 23	Lora Copley
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Congregational Prayer

Jul 12	Mark Voss	Aug 9	Lora Copley
Jul 19	Rex De Bruin	Aug 16	Paul Kleinwolterink
Jul 26	Joel Copley	Aug 23	Tom Niehof
Aug 2	Jeff Kopaska	Aug 30	Mark Voss

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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; Outreach and Enfoldng – Mindy Nikkel; Search – Jeff Kopaska; Technology – Rex De Bruin; Worship – Laura Hufford