

WORSHIP SERVICE

July 19, 2026

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship: Psalm 122:1, 2, 6

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

"May those who love you be secure."

* Opening Song: "Be Still, for the Presence"

Lift Up Your Hearts #532

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.

In him no sin is found; we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

He burns with holy fire; with splendor he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.

No work too hard for him; in faith receive from him.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

* Opening Prayer

* Song: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Lift Up Your Hearts #579

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

God's Will for His Redeemed People: Galatians 5:13-16, 22, 23

Song of Response: "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" *Lift Up Your Hearts #238*

Refrain:

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness.
Wind, Wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep,
and over the eons you called to each thing,
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on our wings."

[Refrain]

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you gifted your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes

[Refrain]

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.
And down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind

[Refrain]

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.

[Refrain]

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE COMMISSION OUR NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS

The Service of Installation

Prayer for God's Blessing

Song of Dedication: "Here I Am, Lord"

Lift Up Your Hearts #869

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.
I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.
I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: James 2:14-26

(p. 1119 in pew Bible)

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. ¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds."

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. ¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

²⁰ You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless^[a]? ²¹ Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. ²³ And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,"^[b] and he was called God's friend. ²⁴ You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

²⁵ In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? ²⁶ As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

Message: Your Actions Make Your Faith Come Alive

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #325

O Master, let me walk with thee In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me thy secret, help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.
Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, And guide them in the homeward way.
Teach me thy patience; still with thee In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong.
In hope that sends a shining ray Far down the future's broadening way,
In peace that only thou canst give, With thee, O Master, let me live.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "God, the Father of Your People" *Lift Up Your Hearts #927*

God, the Father of your people, you have called us to be one
Grant us grace to walk together in the joy of Christ, your son
Challenged by your Word and Spirit, blest with gifts from heaven above,
As one body we will serve you and bear witness to your love
May the grace of Christ, our savior, and the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon us from above
May we now remain in union with each other and the Lord
And possess in sweet communion, joys that earth cannot afford.

Postlude

* Please stand

Children's Message: Jeff Kopaska

Message: Rev. Tom Niehof

Musicians: Elijah Goossen, Natalie De Bruin, Rex De Bruin, Marlies 't Hoen

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

This week, Rev. Tom Niehof brings us to James 2:14-26, where James reminds us that genuine faith is revealed by the way we live.

The commissioning of new elders and deacons will take place this Sunday during the worship service.

The special offering this week is 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.

On August 23, there will be a special offering taken for The Banner. As a print and online publication of the Christian Reformed Church, The Banner provides denominational news, biblical reflection, and stories of God's work in the church and the world. TCRC member Rev. Lora Copley serves as its editor-in-chief.

June Financial Report: The total General Fund income was \$17,572 with a breakdown of \$16,846 in general offerings and \$726 in bank interest. As of the end of June, 49% of the budgeted income has been received, and 46.5% of the budgeted expenses have been spent. Special offering for Church Beyond Borders totaled \$5,005 and the Benevolence Fund totaled \$2,983.60.

Education Committee: Sunday School Teachers Needed The Sunday School program is seeking caring volunteers to help with upcoming semesters. We're looking for teachers and assistant teachers for: Middle Schoolers (ages 12-14), High Schoolers (ages 15-18), and Adult groups

Curriculum, training, and support can be provided. Do you have a willingness to share God's Word with our youth and adults? If you feel called to serve in this ministry, please speak with Christopher 't Hoen after the service or contact the church office at office@amestrinity.org. Many hands make light work, prayerfully consider how you might help shape the next generation of believers.

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. The application deadline for Story County and Polk County is August 20.

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 are on 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: Prayer: God Hears It All - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Prayer: God Hears It All" at www.kidscorner.net. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." One way that can happen is through prayer. God loves your prayers. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like Family Practices for Family Collection.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - This season of the church calendar is often called "ordinary time" and is represented by the color green. Spend some time this week looking for the color green as you go about your daily life. When you see green, use that as a prompt to thank God for the ways God sustains you during your day-to-day activities. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

We're Hiring! Ministry Consultant - Chaplaincy - The Ministry Consultant for chaplaincy is responsible for enlisting, endorsing, advocating, training, and supporting the Chaplains of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA). This ministry consultant will also

participate in the general consulting work of Thrive. This is a full-time, remote position based in Canada or the U.S. Learn more and apply by July 19, 2026, at crcna.pinpointhq.com

VOLUNTEERS

Sound: Bryan Van Belle
Greeter: Ten Pas
Nursery: Mindy and Alisabeth
Children's Message: Jeff Kopaska
Congregational Prayer: Jeff Kopaska

Sound Tech

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
Aug 9	Tom Whitney		

Greeters

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

Nursery

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
Aug 9	Mary and Pam		

Children's Message

Jul 19	Jeff Kopaska	Aug 16	Laura Hufford
Jul 26	Rex De Bruin	Aug 23	Lora Copley
Aug 2	Laura Hufford	Aug 30	Christopher 't Hoen
Aug 9	Rob Barnes		

Congregational Prayer

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

Contact Information

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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

Committee Chairs: Building & Grounds – Jim Bergman; Education – Christopher ‘t Hoen;

Endowment – Paul Kleinwolterink; Fellowship – Sue Fee; Outreach and Enfolding – Mindy Nikkel; Search – Jeff Kopaska; Technology – Rex De Bruin; Worship – Laura Hufford