

WORSHIP SERVICE

August 9, 2026

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship: Psalm 1

*Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,*

**But whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and who meditates on his law day and night.**

*That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in
season*

and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.

Not so the wicked!

They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

*Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.*

**For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

* Opening Song: "O Worship the King"

Lift Up Your Hearts # 2

O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;

it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,
whom angels delight to worship above!
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,
in true adoration shall sing to your praise!

*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 People Who Are Growing in Grace: Mark 12:28-34

Hymn of Response: "May the Mind of Christ, My Savior" *LUYH #334*

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day,
by His love and power controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph only through His power.

May the peace of God, my Father, rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea.

Him exalting, self abasing: this is victory.

May we run the race before us, strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus as we onward go.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: James 5:1-20

(p. 1120 in pew Bible)

Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. ² Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. ³ Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. ⁴ Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. ⁵ You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. ⁶ You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.

⁷ Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸ You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. ⁹ Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

¹⁰ Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

¹² Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. All you need to say is a simple "Yes" or "No." Otherwise you will be condemned.

¹³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

¹⁷ Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. ¹⁸ Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, ²⁰ remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

Message: Final Call to Walk in the Way of Truth

I. To the Wealthy: Get Back on Track (vv. 1-6)

II. To the Weary: Persevere (vv. 7-12)

III. To All: Help One Another (vv. 13-20)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" *LUYH #730*

I want to walk as a child of the light I want to follow Jesus

God set the stars to give light to the world The star of my life is Jesus

In Him there is no darkness at all The night and the day are both alike

The Lamb is the light of the city of God Shine in my heart Lord Jesus

I want to see the brightness of God I want to look at Jesus

Clear Sun of righteousness shine on my path And show me the way to the Father

In Him there is no darkness at all The night and the day are both alike

The Lamb is the light of the city of God Shine in my heart Lord Jesus

I'm looking for the coming of Christ I want to follow Jesus

When we have run with patience the race We shall know the joy of Jesus

In Him there is no darkness at all The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God Shine in my heart Lord Jesus

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "We Receive Your Blessing" *Lift Up Your Hearts #947*

We receive your blessing; we receive your grace,
as we walk in the light shining from your face.

May the peace that you give change the way that we live.

We receive your blessing as we leave this place.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above, you heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and praise the Holy Ghost.

We receive your blessing; we receive your grace,
as we walk in the light shining from your face.

May the peace that you give change the way that we live.

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Postlude

* Please stand

Children's Message: Rob Barnes

Message: Rev. Tom Niehof

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Marlies 't Hoen, Pam Voss

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes will begin on September 13, meeting weekly at 10:50 am.

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 August 30 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

As we conclude our journey through James, Rev. Tom Niehof explores chapter 5, where James encourages believers to persevere with hope, pray faithfully, and care for one another.

The special offering on August 16 will be for God's Mercy to Haiti, a teaching and mercy ministry to the impoverished Haitian village of Kilbitè. They live without electricity or running water. Their warm hearts, eager minds, and resourceful efforts make them a delight to love and serve. Learn more at godsmercytohaiti.org.

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 School (ages 12-14) and High School (ages 15-18). 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.

TCRC's Annual Welcome Lunch will be held on August 23, after worship. We will gather for food and fellowship as we look toward the start of a new school year. Brisket sandwiches, chips, vegetarian beans, and drinks will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. Please bring along something to share—last names A-I: desserts, J-S: salads, T-Z: sides.

We rejoice with Pastor SJ (Seongjun) Kim as Church Beyond Borders has led to a church plant at Crossroads Fellowship CRC in West Des Moines, where in-person worship services will be held monthly. The first service will be Sunday, August 16 at 2:00 pm. We pray that this church will continue to grow under Pastor SJ's leadership.

Save the Date for Trinity's Fall Festival on Friday, October 23, 3:30-6:30 pm. We are trading in the trunks for a new experience with games booths and prizes. We will be looking for creative game ideas and plenty of volunteers to help us welcome the community to this free family

event. Mark it on your calendar and get those creative ideas flowing. Questions? Talk to Mindy Nikkel.

The 30th Annual Senior Variety Show, “STARSTRUCK- Stage & Screen” will be presented at the Ames City Auditorium on Friday, August 14 at 7:00 pm, and Saturday, August 15 at 2:00 pm. Over 90 talented Story County seniors will showcase songs, dances, and humor as they celebrate aging in style! The net proceeds will benefit the following senior programs: American Legion, Chapter #37, Ames Ecumenical Housing, Inc., Ames Warming Place, Golden K Singers, Heart of Iowa Band, Homeless Outreach and Support Team (HOST) and Widow/Widower Group. Tickets: \$10 (or \$12 at the door) are now on sale at Worldly Goods, 223 Main St., Ames, and other county-wide locations. Information: 515-337-1713, SeniorVarietyShow.org.

The Ames Christian School begins classes on August 25. As the start date approaches, the middle school teachers and staff will be at Trinity getting ready to welcome students on the 25th.

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.

Several homeless items have been collected from around the building and are now displayed on a table in the fellowship hall. It is likely that most were left by school students. Please look them over and claim any that belong to you before they are passed on to the school for sorting. Thanks!

Let's stay connected! Would you like to be included in our (printed) church directory or receive church emails? We'd love to help you stay connected with what's happening at Trinity and make it easier for others to connect with you, too. Sharing your contact information is optional, but being included in the directory and email list is a great way to stay informed about church news, events, and the occasional reminder. If you'd like to be added—or need to update your information—please contact the church office (office@amestrinity.org).

If you or your group will be using the church building for anything, please let Tina in the office know so we can keep an accurate facility calendar. Thank you!

Please submit announcements to the church office by 10:30 am on Thursdays 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 - Check out this week's kids' devotion, “Talking About Sin: Tell and Show” at www.kidscorner.net. What's the best way to apologize? Explore the two-step approach: First, tell God you're sorry and say it to the person you've hurt. Then get serious and

show your “I’m sorry” by taking action. Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at <https://kidscorner.net/app>

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - God invited his people Israel to model the kind of radical curiosity that recognized the image of God in every human being. For the most part, Israel had little success being curious about others, instead making their own lives their top priority. Their lack of curiosity blocked their ability to see their neighbors in the image of God. Still, the Lord kept his promise to make something out of them for the purpose of being a light of grace and blessing to all other peoples (Gen. 12:2-3). This week reflect on whom God has been asking you to be curious about. Reach out to those people whom God places on your heart, seeking to learn more about them and their life. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

CRC Communications

We're Hiring! Director of Communications - The successful candidate will provide leadership, strategy, planning, and oversight in the communications of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) and its ministries. The Director of Communications will ensure that communications and marketing across the denomination function within the established ecclesiastical and organizational frameworks in a way that supports and facilitates the ministry of the CRCNA and its institutions and agencies, in conformity with the denominational ministry plan. This is a full-time, hybrid position based in Burlington, Ont., or Grand Rapids, Mich. Apply at crcna.pinpointhq.com by August 29, 2026.

Resonate Global Mission

We're hiring! Leadership Developer - Middle East and West Africa - This position acts as a North American representative for the Middle East and West Africa (ME/WA) Regional Mission Team, promoting informed partnership with Resonate’s church partners and initiatives in these regions. This position will focus on North American church engagement and administrative coordination. In addition to online engagement with team members and partners, this role holds a commitment to ministry through prayer and North American travel for advocacy. This position is eligible for hire in the USA or Canada. The posting will remain open until filled. Apply at crcna.pinpointhq.com

VOLUNTEERS

Sound: Tom Whitney
Greeter: Franje
Nursery: Mary and Pam
Children's Message: Rob Barnes
Congregational Prayer: Lora Copley

Sound Tech

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

Sep 6 Tom Whitney
Sep 13 Bryan Van Belle
Sep 20 Rex De Bruin
Sep 27 Rob Barnes

Greeters

Aug 2 De Bruin
Aug 9 Franje
Aug 16 Copley
Aug 23 Hobson
Aug 30 Hubert

Sep 6 Hufford
Sep 13 Friend
Sep 20 Irvin
Sep 27 Nancy Klemme

Nursery

Aug 2 Judy and Cassie
Aug 9 Mary and Pam
Aug 16 Lyndee and Kenzie
Aug 23 Rachel and Sue
Aug 30 Melody and Elizabeth

Sep 6 Jessica and Brianna
Sep 13 Donna and Natalie
Sep 20 Sue and Kathlyn
Sep 27 Mindy and Alisabeth

Children's Message

Aug 2 Laura Hufford
Aug 9 Rob Barnes
Aug 16 Laura Hufford
Aug 23 Lora Copley
Aug 30 Christopher 't Hoen

Sep 6 Rex De Bruin
Sep 13 Derek Ten Pas
Sep 20 Rob Barnes
Sep 27 Laura Hufford

Congregational Prayer

Aug 2 Rex De Bruin
Aug 9 Lora Copley
Aug 16 Paul Kleinwolterink
Aug 23 Tom Niehof
Aug 30 Mark Voss
Sep 23 Lora Copley
Sep 24 Kristy Kopaska
Sep 26 Brian Sterenberg

Sep 6 Rex De Bruin
Sep 13 Joel Copley
Sep 20 Melody Franje
Sep 27 Lora Copley
Sep 26 McKenzie Niemeyer
Sep 27 Mary Saucedo

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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 Enfoldings – Mindy Nikkel; Search – Jeff Kopaska; Technology – Rex De Bruin; Worship – Laura Hufford