

## WORSHIP SERVICE

August 30, 2026

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship

*Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters  
and like loud peals of thunder and shouting:*

**Hallelujah, for our Lord God Almighty Reigns!**

*Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength be to our  
God forever and ever!*

**Hallelujah, for our Lord God Almighty Reigns!**

\* Opening Song: "How Majestic Is Your Name" *Sing! A New Creation #24*

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name, Prince of Peace,  
Mighty God, O Lord God Almighty.

[Repeat]

\* Opening Prayer

\* Song: "Lord God Almighty"

*Sing! A New Creation #9*

Lord God Almighty, Savior, Redeemer,  
only true God to be worshiped and praised:  
How can we tell you how much we love you?  
Take now our lives, Lord, and teach us to love.

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

You are mine, by name I have called you.

When you walk through the waters, I will be there with you.

You are my witnesses, created for my glory.

Tell the nations I am the Savior. Tell them I am the Lord."

Lord God Almighty, Savior, Redeemer,  
only true God to be worshiped and praised:  
How can we tell you how much we love you?  
Take now our lives, Lord, and teach us to love.  
Shout for joy, O heavens, and rejoice, O earth!  
Into joyful shouting let the mountains break forth!  
For the Lord will comfort his people, show compassion to those afflicted.  
He will not leave to shame those who trust in his Word.

Father, we praise you; Jesus, we love you;  
Spirit, we thank you for the gifts of new life.  
How can we tell you how much we love you?  
Take now our lives, Lord, and teach us to love.

## **WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

God's Will for His People in the Age to Come

*God saves the world through Jesus. Those who call on His name will have life.*

**Christ's hand reaches out beyond those who say "Lord", to the infants who live in the atmosphere of faith, even to the farthest stars and planets.**

*The boundaries of God's love are yet unknown, the Spirit works at the ends of the world, before the church has spoken a word.*

**God will renew the world through Jesus, who will put all unrighteousness out, purify the works of human hands, and perfect their fellowship in divine love.**

*Christ will wipe away every tear: death shall be no more.*

**There will be a new heaven and a new earth, and all creation will be filled with God's glory.**

Assurance of Pardon (Revelation 7:15-17)

*And he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. Never again will they hunger, never again will they thirst. The sun will not bear down on them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.*

Song of Entrusting: "His Mercy Is More"

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore.

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more  
Praise the Lord, His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness, new every morn

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam

What Father, so tender, is calling us home

He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness, new every morn

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us

His blood was the payment, His life was the cost

We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness, new every morn

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

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Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:8-9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.

Message: "First and Foremost"

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Prayer of Application

\* Song of Response: "Blessed Assurance: Jesus is Mine" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #363

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song: "God of Mercy, God of Grace" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #934

God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of your face.

Shine upon us, Savior, shine; fill your church with light divine;  
all your saving health extend unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise you, Lord; be by all that live adored.

Let the nations shout and sing glory to their gracious King;  
at your feet their tribute pay, and your holy will obey.

Let the people praise you, Lord; earth shall then its fruits afford.  
Unto us your blessing give, we to you devoted live,  
all below and all above, one in joy and light and love.

Postlude

\*Please stand

Children's Message: Rev. Neal Ooms

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Musicians: Char Verkade, Derek Ten Pas, Pam Voss

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### **Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates**

**Sunday School Classes** for all ages meet weekly at 10:50 am, beginning Sep 13.

**Children and Worship** (age 3–2<sup>nd</sup> grade) meets during the service, after the children's message, beginning Sep 13.

**Roots Youth Group** (grades 6-12) meets weekly on Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm.

They will kick off the new year with a bonfire gathering on September 16 at 7:00 pm.

**Young Adult Ministry** meets on Fridays and Sundays throughout the year.

Contact Derek Ten Pas to get connected.

**Breakfast Club** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at the Lincoln Center Hy-Vee at 8:30 am. Contact Mary Kuyper for details.

**UFO** meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. Contact Kelly Hobson for details.

**Women's Bible Study** meets monthly on Monday mornings, beginning Sep 14. See Pam Voss for details.

**Pub Theology** meets the last Sunday of the month at The Mucky Duck; next meeting is August 30 at 7:00 pm.

**Regular Council Meeting:** September 9 at 6:30 pm.

### **TCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**This week, we welcome Rev. Neal Ooms** to share a message from Ephesians 2:8–9, where Paul reminds us that we are saved by grace through faith—not by anything we have done, but through God's gift.

**The special offering this week is for the Sawyer Food Pantry.** As a church, one of the ways we serve our local community is by providing perishable items for the school's food pantry each week throughout the school year.

**Communion:** 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.

**Name Tags:** As we begin a new school year, we are encouraging TCRC attendees to stop and fill out a name tag prior to grabbing a seat in the sanctuary. This time of year is filled with new faces, and this is a way we can help welcome new visitors to church! Please see Derek Ten Pas with any questions or concerns.

**ISU students and friends...** Join us this **Sunday, August 30, 6pm** here at Trinity Church. Make new friends and gather for a time of fellowship and public reading of Scripture. (*It's not as intimidating as it sounds! We just read 6-10 chapters of the Bible and discuss what we notice. It's really great.*) Meal provided. Hope you can come!

**Adult Sunday School** will meet in Room 8/9 beginning at 10:50 a.m. We will begin on September 13 with a quick overview of Mark 1-8 and then continue through Mark over the next several weeks. This class will be led by Rev. Tom Niehof. College students and other adults are invited. New members are welcome.

**Women's Bible Study** will conduct their first meeting of this year on September 14 at 9:00 am at the Ames Sixty Forward Center. The plan is to meet, pray, and discuss study topics. Questions? Talk to Pam Voss.

**Another year of Roots is right around the corner!** If you have a child in 6th-12th grade, they're welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings at 7pm at church throughout the school year. On Wednesday, **September 16**, we will kick off the year with a bonfire and snacks! We hope you can join us!

**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. The volunteer signup sheet is now on the front table. Questions? Talk to Mindy Nikkel.

**We'd love to see our church family shining out in the community!** The Outreach Committee is putting together an order for free church t-shirts, and we hope you'll wear yours whenever you're volunteering, serving, or hanging out at church events.

Want one? Just head over to the front table and put a tally mark next to your preferred size(s) on the sign-up sheet by **Sunday, September 20th**. Don't worry if you miss the deadline—we'll be sure to order extra in the most popular sizes so no one misses out!

**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.

**The Annual Fall Retreat for the Bible League in Central Iowa** will be held on Thursday, September 17, 9:30am-2:00pm at Calvary Church in Pella, IA. This year's theme is *Hope and Forgiveness in the Midst of Evil*, with featured speaker Gayle Haas, who brings to life the testimony of Corrie ten Boom. Deadline for registration is September 10. Find more details at <https://www.bibleleague.org/events/> or see the flyers on the table outside the sanctuary.

Questions? Talk to Melody Franje.

**The Ames Christian School is back in the building.** The middle school staff and students occupy the church building 8 am-4 pm on school days. They have rearranged some of their classroom spaces to accommodate increased student numbers. As we work out the best system for sharing space, there may be a few logistics to sort out. Please let Tina ([office@amestrinity.org](mailto:office@amestrinity.org)) know if you have questions or concerns.

**The keypad and lock** on the inner security door have been enabled for the school year. The door can be opened with a front door key or code.

**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!

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## DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner Devotions: Get Into the Habit** - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Get Into the Habit" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). What are your spiritual daily habits that help grow closer to God? They're things like prayer, Bible reading, and worship. They're habits we do because we love God and have his spirit in our hearts. Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at <https://kidscorner.net/app>

**Kids Corner Bible Devotions App** - Help your child build a healthy habit of personal devotions and prayer. The Kids Corner Bible Devotions App features short Bible readings, memory verses, thoughtful reflections, simple guided prayers, and fun puzzles. It's free with no in-app purchases. Download at [kidscorner.net/app](http://kidscorner.net/app)

**Groundwork: Jesus' Sacrifice is Complete and Makes Us Holy** - Guilt has weight; it becomes a burden to one who carries it. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Hebrews 8:1-10:18 to see how the author of Hebrews offers reassurance to weary believers by showing how Israel's covenant, tabernacle, and sacrificial system all dealt with guilt, but ultimately point to and find their fulfillment in Christ. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### Thrive

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - The late United States congressman John Lewis believed in the nonviolent resistance techniques he learned from Martin Luther King, Jr., and others. He grew up with the gospel teaching that everyone is made in the image of God. To honor that image, we just need to slow down and see others through the lenses of grace and forgiveness. Humanizing people—even one's enemy (Matt. 5:44-45)—according to Lewis, is the first step toward reconciliation and social change. Whom might God be asking you to forgive this week?

How can you recognize and honor the image of God in everyone you encounter this week?  
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## **VOLUNTEERS**

Sound: Rob Barnes  
Greeter: Hubert  
Nursery: Melody and Elizabeth  
Children's Message: Rev. Neal Ooms  
Congregational Prayer: Mark Voss

### **Sound Tech**

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|--------|-----------------|--------|------------------|
| Aug 30 | Rob Barnes      | Oct 4  | Tom Whitney      |
| Sep 6  | Tom Whitney     | Oct 11 | Brian Sterenberg |
| Sep 13 | Bryan Van Belle | Oct 18 | Bryan Van Belle  |
| Sep 20 | Rex De Bruin    | Oct 25 | Rex De Bruin     |
| Sep 27 | Rob Barnes      |        |                  |

### **Greeters**

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|--------|--------------|--------|----------------|
| Aug 30 | Hubert       | Oct 4  | Kleinwolterink |
| Sep 6  | Hufford      | Oct 11 | Kopaska        |
| Sep 13 | Friend       | Oct 18 | Kuyper         |
| Sep 20 | Irvin        | Oct 25 | Niehof         |
| Sep 27 | Nancy Klemme |        |                |

### **Nursery**

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|--------|----------------------|--------|-------------------|
| Aug 30 | Melody and Elizabeth | Oct 4  | Megan and Kristy  |
| Sep 6  | Jessica and Brianna  | Oct 11 | Judy and Cassie   |
| Sep 13 | Donna and Natalie    | Oct 18 | Mary and Rachel   |
| Sep 20 | Sue and Kathlyn      | Oct 25 | Lyndee and Kenzie |
| Sep 27 | Mindy and Alisabeth  |        |                   |

### **Children's Message**

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| Aug 30 | Rev. Ooms     | Oct 4  | Lora Copley         |
| Sep 6  | Rex De Bruin  | Oct 11 | Christopher 't Hoen |
| Sep 13 | Derek Ten Pas | Oct 18 | Rex De Bruin        |
| Sep 20 | Rob Barnes    | Oct 25 | Derek Ten Pas       |
| Sep 27 | Laura Hufford |        |                     |

### **Congregational Prayer**

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Oct 18 Mark Voss

Oct 25 Rex De Bruin

### **Contact Information**

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