

WORSHIP SERVICE
September 20, 2026

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us bow before the Lord, our Maker. In His hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.

Congregation: With Him are wisdom and power; to Him belong counsel and understanding.

Leader: Look to the heavens and see the works of His hands! He spreads out the northern skies over empty space and hangs the earth upon nothing.

Congregation: He binds up the waters in His thick clouds, yet the clouds do not burst beneath the weight.

Leader: God's voice thunders in marvelous ways; He does great things beyond our understanding. He commands the snow to fall on the earth and says to the rain, "Be a mighty downpour."

Congregation: He breathes, and the ice is formed; the broad waters become frozen fast.

Leader: These are but the outer fringes of His works; how faint is the whisper we hear of Him! Who then can understand the thunder of His power?

All: The Almighty is beyond our reach, yet excellent in power and justice. Let us praise the name of the Lord!

* Opening Song: "We Sing the Mighty Power of God" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #10

We sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

We sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er we turn our eyes,
if we survey the ground we tread or gaze upon the skies.

There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
and everywhere that we can be, you, God, are present there.

* Opening Prayer

* Song: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Lift Up Your Hearts #575

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for
he is your health and salvation! Come, all who hear; brothers and sisters draw
near, join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning, sheltering you
under his wings, oh, so gently sustaining. Have you not seen all that is needful
has been sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; surely his
goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew what the Almighty can
do as with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O, let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Confession:

*Lord, we confess that we have fallen short of our calling. We have not
considered how much you love us. You see our failings more clearly than
we can ourselves. Lord, you know when we are indifferent to your Word,
how often we forget to pray; the times we come unwillingly to serve, and
yet we turn to you when we are in trouble. Lord, you know when we are
untruthful and when we think evil of others. You see our anger and
unfairness. You know how hard it is for us to forgive. Forgive us and make
us clean, we pray, so that we can obey your call, to take up your cross and
follow you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,*

Amen.

Then Job replied to the Lord: “I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.” (Job 42:1–3, 6)

Assurance of Pardon: Job 19:25-27

I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not a stranger. How my heart yearns within me!

Song of Assurance: “God Moves in a Mysterious Way” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #25

God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform.
He plants his footsteps in the sea and rides upon the storm.
Deep in unfathomable mines of never-failing skill,
he treasures up his bright designs and works his sovereign will.
You fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds you so much dread
are big with mercy and shall break in blessings on your head.
His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding every hour.
The bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flower.
Blind unbelief is sure to err and scan his work in vain.
God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain.

Children’s Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Text: Book of Job

Message: “God’s Glory in the Midst of Suffering”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: “You Are My Hiding Place” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #412

You are my hiding place. You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance.
Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you. I will trust in you. Let the weak say, “I
am strong in the strength of the Lord.”

You are my hiding place. You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance. Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you. I will trust in you. Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord, I will trust in you."

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" *Lift Up Your Hearts #772*

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;

in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;

when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,

dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

Postlude

* Please stand

Children's Message: Rob Barnes

Message: Pastor Jeff Maskevich

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Matt Haken, Amelia 't Hoen

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

By the Fire, In the Word meets on Sundays at 8:15 am in the fellowship hall for scripture reading and discussion. All are welcome! Contact Joel Copley for details.

Children and Worship (age 3–2nd grade) meets during the service, after the children's message.

Sunday School Classes for all ages meet weekly at 10:50 am.

Areopagus meets on Sundays at 6:00 pm for scripture reading and a meal in the Fellowship Hall.

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

Pub Theology meets the last Sunday of the month at The Mucky Duck; next meeting is Sep 27 at 7:00 pm.

Women's Bible Study meets monthly on Monday mornings at the Ames Sixty Forward Center; next meeting is Oct 4 at 9:00 am. See Pam Voss for details.

UFO meets on the 3rd Monday of the month. Contact Kelly Hobson for details.

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

Young Adult Ministry meets on Fridays and Sundays throughout the year. Contact Derek Ten Pas to get connected.

Regular Council Meeting: October 14 at 6:30 pm.

TCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday, we welcome Pastor Jeff Maskevich, Co-Director of God's Mercy to Haiti. Pastor Jeff will explore the book of Job in a message title "God's Mercy in the Midst of Suffering."

The special offering on September 27 is for Areopagus, a Christian campus ministry at Iowa State University that helps students grow in their relationship with Christ, build meaningful community, and live out their faith in the university setting. As a ministry of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, Areopagus brings a distinctly Reformed perspective while seeking to serve and bless the ISU and Ames communities. For more information, visit: isu-areopagus.org/

Adult Sunday School will not meet this week (Sep 20) due to the Haiti report. We will not meet next week, Sep 27, due to Intergenerational Sunday School. We plan to meet on October 4 to discuss Mark chapter 9. This class is led by Rev. Tom Niehof. New members are welcome.

The First Intergenerational Sunday School this Fall–September 27: Sunday School for all ages will gather in the Fellowship Hall on Sep 27, for our first intergenerational session. Together, we'll explore Luke 15: 11-31 and reflect on the message from the worship service. Instead of regular Sunday school classes, everyone is invited to join this engaging, table-style discussion in the fellowship area. The Education Committee is excited and thankful that our youth will be leading us in this session. With several helpful hands-on activities designed to encourage connection and participation, there will be something for all ages to enjoy. We look forward to sharing another meaningful time as we continue reflecting on God's Word together! Stay for lunch afterward.

Potluck Lunch–September 27: Join us for a potluck lunch, immediately following Sunday School time. Those with last names starting with A-I, please bring sides and salads; J-P bring desserts; and Q-Z bring along a main dish to share.

Women’s Bible Study will meet next on Monday, October 4 at 9:00 am at the Ames Sixty Forward Center. Melody Franje will lead a study on the Spiritual Discipline of Celebration. Materials will be available on the table outside the church office. New group members welcome! Questions? Talk to Pam Voss.

Areopagus Welcomes New Director: We’re excited to announce that Daniel (Dan) Gregory has accepted the position of Director of Areopagus Campus Ministry! Dan will begin full-time on September 29. As he transitions from Iowa City, he plans to stay in Ames 2–4 nights each week and attend Trinity on Sundays. His wife and two kids hope to move to Ames later this year.

Housing needed: Dan is looking for a room, apartment, or other place to stay in Ames beginning September 29 (2-4 nights / week). If you have a possible housing option or know of one, please contact Andrew Friend. Please keep Dan, his family, and Areopagus in your prayers during this transition.

August Financial Report: General Fund income total was \$17,423, including general offerings—\$14,658, bank interest—\$765, Ames Christian School rent—\$2,000. YTD: 62% of the budgeted income received; 63% of the budgeted expenses spent. Special Offerings: World Renew—\$2,225; God’s Mercy to Haiti—\$3,053; The Banner—\$1,432; Sawyer Food Pantry—\$1,690.

Building Fund Note: The church has had some significant expenditures this summer. Several trees damaged by severe summer storms had to be removed or trimmed, at a cost of \$18,050. In addition, the 30-year-old AC unit serving the west classrooms and front of the building could no longer hold coolant and needed replacing. Council approved the replacement last week at a cost of \$12,146. These necessary expenses have put the Building and Grounds budget over budget for the year. Please keep these needs in mind as we have our special offering for the Building Fund in October.

Worship Volunteers Needed! If are willing to play an instrument, lead singing, run the sound system, and/or give a children’s message during worship service please see Laura Hufford. We need more volunteers.

Meals from the Heartland Annual Event: The outreach committee has signed up to participate in the 19th annual food packaging event on October 10, 2026 at 9:45 am-11:45 am. The event takes place at the packaging center in West Des Moines. Anyone ages 8 years old and up are encouraged to participate. If you wish to carpool, we will leave Trinity at 8:45 am. If you are interested in participating, add your name to the sign-up sheet on the entryway table. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mark Voss.

Learn more about Meals from the Heartland at: mealsfromtheheartland.org/

Sawyer Cold Weather Clothing Drive: Please support our neighborhood youth by donating **NEW** winter coats, snow pants, and snow/waterproof gloves for the students at

Sawyer Elementary School. (This year they will not need boots or hats.) We will collect clothing through October 11th. Please leave donations in the donation box in the Fellowship Hall.

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 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!

Bethesda Food Pantry Concert Fundraiser: Bethesda Lutheran Church will host the Lake Wobegon Brass Band in a FREE concert at 2:00 pm on Sunday, October 11, 2026. This concert will serve as a fundraiser for the Bethesda Food Pantry and feature an Americana-based theme to continue the celebration of America's 250th! A free will donation will be collected.

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!

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

Groundwork: A Wise Perspective on Work - Much of our adult life revolves around work: work for our jobs, work on our houses and for our families, and work for the Lord. Join Groundwork as we study Ecclesiastes 4:4-8, 5:10-15, 9:7-10 to listen to the Teacher's wisdom on what makes our work meaningful. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip -What faith practices shape your life and the lives of the people who share your home? "It's easy for us to think that we create our habits, but our habits also create us. The faith-forming things that we do together deeply affect the way we think and act. Because of this, consistently committing to your faith practices as a family has a significant impact." —from Dear Parent: A Guide for Family Faith Formation, by Laura Keeley and Robert J. Keeley, available at FaithAliveResources.org. This week ask your family or friends what faith

practices have the most impact on their lives and engage in one of the practices shared.

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Lifelong Discipleship: A Conversation with Author Cameron Shaffer - Join Thrive faith formation consultant Rick Zomer for a webinar featuring Cameron Shaffer, author of Keeping Kids Christian. As a parent and pastor, Shaffer focuses on intergenerational, lifelong discipleship strategies that foster deep connections to the local church, helping young people stay involved well beyond their youth group years. The webinar will take place on Tuesday, October 13, at 4:00 PM EDT. Register by October 9 at tinyurl.com/ye2ju9xy or email thrive@crcna.org for more information.

Resonate Global Mission

We're Hiring! Senior Manager of Advancement - The Senior Manager of Advancement leads Resonate Global Mission's donor relations team and initiatives and serves as a binational major donor representative. This position will ensure the donor relations team members are effectively connecting with Resonate constituents and staff to effectively generate revenue and support Resonate's mission. This is a full-time, hybrid position based in Burlington, Ont., or Grand Rapids, Mich. Learn more and apply by September 27 at <https://crcna.pinpointhq.com/>

VOLUNTEERS

Sound: Rex De Bruin
Greeter: Irvin
Nursery: Sue and Kathlyn
Children's Message: Rob Barnes
Congregational Prayer: Melody Franje

Sound Tech

Sep 20	Rex De Bruin	Oct 11	Brian Sterenberg
Sep 27	Rob Barnes	Oct 18	Bryan Van Belle
Oct 4	Tom Whitney	Oct 25	Rex De Bruin

Greeters

Sep 20	Irvin	Nov 1	Niemeyer
Sep 27	Nancy Klemme	Nov 8	Nikkel
Oct 4	Kleinwolterink	Nov 15	Oltman
Oct 11	Kopaska	Nov 22	Saldaña
Oct 18	Kuyper	Nov 29	Sanders/Bassham
Oct 25	Niehof		

Nursery

Sep 20	Sue and Kathlyn	Oct 11	Judy and Cassie
Sep 27	Mindy and Alisabeth	Oct 18	Mary and Rachel
Oct 4	Megan and Kristy	Oct 25	Lyndee and Kenzie

Nov 1 Rachel and Sue
Nov 8 Melody and Elizabeth
Nov 15 Jessica and Brianna

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Nov 22 Lora Copley
Nov 29 Paul Kleinwolterink

Contact Information

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Office Hours: Tue & Thu, 9:00 am–3:00 pm

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