

WORSHIP SERVICE

October 18, 2026

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (1 Chronicles 29: 10-13)

Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power, the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

We give you thanks and praise your glorious name.

* 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: "Beautiful Savior"

Lift Up Your Hearts #17

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be thine!

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Colossians 1:15-17

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have rebelled against your good design. You are the King of kings, yet we try to rule our lives. We allow division, pride, and apathy to fracture our fellowship. We fail to care for your creation. We chose a path of hostility rather than your path of peace. Forgive us, Lord, for seeking our own glory over yours.

Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 1:18-20

He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Song of Entrusting: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" LUYH #175

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through his blood.
See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did ever such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: 1 John 1:5-10

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet

walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

Message: "From Justice to Light"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "In Christ Alone"

Lift Up Your Hearts #770

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My comforter, my all in all—Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!

This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.

Till on the cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;

For every sin on Him was laid—Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;

Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;

For I am His and He is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—This is the power of Christ in me;

From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no human plan, Can ever pluck me from His hand;

Till He returns or calls me home—Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

Lift Up Your Hearts #667

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true and only Light,
Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shade of night;
Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear.
Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiance divine, scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

Postlude

*Please stand

Children's Message: Rex De Bruin

Message: Nathan Schelhaas

Musicians: Laura Hufford, Alisabeth Copley, Kathlyn Copley, Matt Haken,
Elizabeth Hobson

SUNDAY SCHOOL, SMALL GROUP, AND COMMITTEE 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 Oct 25 at 7:00 pm.
- > **Women's Bible Study** meets monthly on Monday mornings at the Ames Sixty Forward Center; next meeting is Nov 2 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 15 at 6:30 pm.

- > **Fall Festival:** October 23, 3:30-6:30 pm.
- > **Worship Committee Meeting:** October 26 at 6:30 pm.

TCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week, we welcome Nathan Schelhaas with a message from 1 John 1:5–10, where John reminds us that God calls us to live in His light, honestly acknowledge our sins, and receive the forgiveness and cleansing offered through Jesus.

Adult Sunday School will meet this week (Oct. 18) to discuss the Gospel of Mark, chapter 11. We meet in Room 8 and 9 at 10:50 am. Rev. Tom Niehof will lead this class. All are welcome.

Fall Festival is almost here, and we need you! Join us Sunday, Oct. 18th right after church in the Fellowship Hall to stuff welcome bags for the event. Many hands make light work! We also have a few spots open to run the inflatables on the big day. Help us make it a great one! Questions? Talk to Mindy Nikkel.

The special offering on October 25 will be for the TCRC Building Fund, which helps cover facility needs, repairs, and improvements. Summer storm damage and the recent replacement of an aging AC unit have resulted in over \$30,000 in unplanned expenses, putting our Building and Grounds budget far over budget for the year. As we care for the space that serves our church family and ministry, we invite you to prayerfully consider a gift to the Building Fund.

Committee Chairs: budget request forms are due October 18. Please remember to fill out your 2027 budget request forms and return to the deacons by October 18. The forms have been emailed to the chair of each committee. There are hard copies available in the office. Questions? Contact Derek Ten Pas.

Intergenerational Sunday School—October 25. Sunday School for all ages will meet in the Fellowship Hall on October 25 for an engaging, table-style discussion with hands-on activities for everyone. Come connect with one another as we continue exploring God's Word together and stay for the potluck lunch afterward!

Potluck Lunch on October 25. Following our Sunday School time, we will continue to fellowship together over a potluck lunch. Please bring something to share, based on your last name: A-H bring a main dish; I-S bring salad/side; T-Z bring dessert.

Women's Bible Study will meet next on Monday, November 2 at 9:00 am at the Ames Sixty Forward Center. The group will be discussing the spiritual discipline of Silence. Study guide materials are on the table outside the church office. New group members welcome! Questions? Talk to Pam Voss.

Last call to adopt a flower bed! The three flower beds along the church driveway are needing a new caretaker. We are looking for volunteers willing to adopt 1, 2, or all 3 beds and help keep them looking nice with some weeding and seasonal maintenance. Let us know this week if you'd like to help keep a little color blooming along our driveway!

Upcoming Building Use: The Ames Christian Middle School will be conducting Parent-Teacher Conferences in the building on Oct 27 and 29, 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm. On Nov 2 the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall will be used for a piano recital at 5:00 pm. On Nov 3 TCRC will serve as a polling location for the general election. Please be mindful of these events if you are in the building during these times.

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: The Pain and Struggle of Unanswered Prayer - A listener wrote to us about childlessness and asked us to talk more about unanswered prayer. Join our Groundwork conversation as we honor his request and study Galatians 6:2, Isaiah 55:8-9, Hebrews 2:17-18, and Hebrews 4:15 to bring compassion, awareness, and biblical insight to the tender, often painful experiences and unanswered prayers in our lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Disability Awareness Sunday - Today is Disability Awareness Sunday. Did you know that for many people with disabilities, church is one of the least accessible places they go? Thrive provides resources and partners with churches to help make them more welcoming and accessible. Please support Thrive and their work for disability access in CRC congregations with a financial gift to them today.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - From Psalm 65:8: "The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy." Make this passage your morning and evening prayer this week. During the day, look for God's "wonders" and point them out to the people you share life with. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

CRC Planned Giving

It's Estate Planning Week! - Many people think they have to be wealthy to need an estate plan. Truth is, everyone should plan ahead regardless of financial status. October 19-25 is National Estate Planning Awareness Week. It's a time to focus on protecting assets, providing for loved ones, and creating a legacy. If you already have a plan, take this week to review and make sure it's up to date. Or to learn more about estate planning and planned giving visit: crcna.org/planned-giving

Calvin Theological Seminary

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (April 2 - 12, 2027) - Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu

World Renew

Help Families Affected by Hurricane Isaias - On October 9, Hurricane Isaias made landfall along the Florida panhandle, causing strong winds, flooding, power outages, and widespread damage in multiple states. World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is preparing to respond and walk alongside communities as they recover and rebuild in the months ahead. You can share Christ's hope with vulnerable families by giving to this response at worldrenew.org/fallhurricanes or by calling 1-800-552-7972.

VOLUNTEERS

Sound: Bryan Van Belle
Greeter: Kuyper
Nursery: Mary and Rachel
Children's Message: Rex De Bruin
Congregational Prayer: Mark Voss

Sound Tech

Oct 18 Bryan Van Belle
Oct 25 Rex De Bruin
Nov 1 Tom Whitney
Nov 8 Brian Sterenberg
Nov 15 Bryan Van Belle
Nov 22 Tom Whitney

Nov 29 Rex De Bruin
Dec 6 Brian Sterenberg
Dec 13 Bryan Van Belle
Dec 20 Rex De Bruin
Dec 24* Tom Whitney
Dec 27 Brian Sterenberg

Greeters

Oct 18 Kuyper
Oct 25 Niehof
Nov 1 Niemeyer
Nov 8 Nikkel
Nov 15 Oltman
Nov 22 Saldaña

Nov 29 Sanders/Bassham
Dec 6 Sterenberg
Dec 13 't Hoen
Dec 20 Ten Pas
Dec 27 VanDyk

Nursery

Oct 18 Mary and Rachel
Oct 25 Lyndee and Kenzie

Nov 1 Rachel and Sue
Nov 8 Melody and Elizabeth

Nov 15 Jessica and Brianna
Nov 22 Donna and Natalie
Nov 29 Sue and Kathlyn
Dec 6 Mindy and Alisabeth

Dec 13 Megan and Kristy
Dec 20 Lyndee and Cassie
Dec 27 Sue and Mary

Children's Message

Oct 18 Rex De Bruin
Oct 25 Derek Ten Pas
Nov 1 Lora Copley
Nov 8 Laura Hufford
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Congregational Prayer

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Dec 27 Joel Copley

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