

WORSHIP ON THE THIRD SUNDAY of LENT

March 23, 2025

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship - from Psalm 24

Who may ascend the mount of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift his soul to an idol or swear by what deceives.

Such is the generation of those who seek your face, oh God of Jacob.

We lift up our souls to You, great God of glory and God of grace.

Come, help us give You the worship You deserve.

* Opening Songs: "Come Thou Fount" *Lift Up Your Hearts #521*

Come thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;

streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount – I'm fixed upon it mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come;

and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;

he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee;

prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

"Marvelous Grace"

Lift Up Your Hearts # 696

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!

Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured– There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Grace, grace, God's grace, (*Marvelous Grace, infinite grace*)

Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;

Grace, grace, God's grace, (*Marvelous Grace, infinite grace*)

Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide what can a veil to wash it away

Look! There is flowing a crimson tide whiter than snow you may be today

Grace, grace, God's grace, (*Marvelous Grace, infinite grace*)

Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;

Grace, grace, God's grace, (*Marvelous Grace, infinite grace*)
Grace that is greater than all our sin!
Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face, Will you this moment His grace
receive?
Grace, grace, God's grace, (*Marvelous Grace, infinite grace*)
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace, (*Marvelous Grace, infinite grace*)
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Call to Confession

(Heidelberg Catechism QA 88 and Canons of Dort, V, Art 7)

People of God, what is repentance?

**Repentance is these two things: it is the dying-away of the old self
and the coming-to-life of the new.**

*By his Word and Spirit, God certainly and effectively, renews believers to
repentance*

**so we have a heartfelt and godly sorrow for sins we have committed
and we seek and obtain, through faith and with a contrite heart,
forgiveness in the blood of our Mediator**

Prayer of Confession (from Psalm 51)

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according
to your great compassion, blot out all my transgressions. Wash me
thoroughly from my iniquity; and cleanse me from my sin. For I know
my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Cleanse me with
hyssop and I will be clean; wash me and I will be whiter than
snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit
within me. Do this for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Amen.**

Song of Confession: "Give Us Clean Hands" *Lift Up Your Hearts #628*

We bow our hearts, We bend our knees; O Spirit, come make us humble.

We turn our eyes from evil things; O Lord, we cast down our idols.

Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; let us not lift our souls to another.

Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; let us not lift our souls to
another.

O God, let us be a generation that seeks, that seeks your face, O God of
Jacob.

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Assurance of Pardon: *Hebrews 10:22-23*

“Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful” Friends, believe the good news of what the Lord has done:

in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Song of Entrusting: “What the Lord has Done in Me”

Lift Up Your Hearts #800

Let the weak say, "I am strong" Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Let the blind say, "I can see" It's what the Lord has done in me
Hosanna, hosanna To the lamb that was slain
Hosanna, hosanna Jesus died and rose again
Hosanna, hosanna To the lamb that was slain
Hosanna, hosanna Jesus died and rose again
Into the river I will wade There my sins are washed away
From the heavens mercy stream Of the Savior's love for me
Hosanna, hosanna To the lamb that was slain
Hosanna, hosanna Jesus died and rose again
Hosanna, hosanna To the lamb that was slain
Hosanna, hosanna Jesus died and rose again
I will rise from waters deep Into the saving arms of God
I will sing salvation songs Jesus Christ has set me free
Hosanna, hosanna To the lamb that was slain
Hosanna, hosanna Jesus died and rose again
Hosanna, hosanna To the lamb that was slain
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Children’s Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 36:16-29a

¹⁶ Again the word of the Lord came to me: ¹⁷ “Son of man, when the people of Israel were living in their own land, they defiled it by their conduct and their actions. Their conduct was like a woman’s monthly uncleanness in my sight. ¹⁸ So I poured out my wrath on them because they had shed blood in the land and because they had defiled it with their idols. ¹⁹ I dispersed them among the nations, and they were scattered through the countries; I judged them according to their conduct and their actions. ²⁰ And wherever they went among the nations they profaned my holy name, for it was said of them, ‘These are the Lord’s people, and yet they had to leave his land.’ ²¹ I had concern for my holy name, which the people of Israel profaned among the nations where they had gone.

²² “Therefore say to the Israelites, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: It is not for your sake, people of Israel, that I am going to do these things, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone. ²³ I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Sovereign Lord, when I am proved holy through you before their eyes. ²⁴ “‘For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. ²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. ²⁸ Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God. ²⁹ I will save you from all your uncleanness. I will call for the grain and make it plentiful and will not bring famine upon you.

Message: “Sin’s Sewage, Christ’s Cleansing & Our Only Hope”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: “Here is Love” vs 1-3

Here is Love, vast as the ocean, Loving kindness as the flood
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, Shed for us His precious blood
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise
He can never be forgotten, Throughout Heav’n’s eternal days
On the mount of crucifixion, Fountains opened deep and wide
Through the flood gates of God’s mercy Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, Poured incessant from above
And heav’n’s peace and perfect justice Kissed a guilty world in love
Let me all Thy love accepting, Love Thee, ever all my days
Let me seek Thy kingdom only And my life be to Thy praise
Thou alone shalt be my glory, Nothing in the world I see.
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me, Thou Thyself hast set me free.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: “To God Be the Glory”

Lift Up Your Hearts 956

To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things he has done! With his blood he has saved me, with his power he has raised me – to God be the glory for the things he has done!

Postlude

*** Please stand if you are able.**

Children's Message: Lora Copley

Message: Rev. Lora Copley

Musicians: Elijah Goosen, Maggie VanDyk, Elizabeth Hobson, Nate VanDyk

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The council received, with joy, Brianna and Cassandra Kopaska's profession of faith at our last meeting. We look forward to their public profession of faith soon in one of our worship services.

The special offering next week is for **Areopagus**, a ministry to Iowa State University. Areopagus aims to reflect the relevance of the Gospel and a Reformed Christian worldview to the world of higher education, and in the lives of students and faculty. For more information, please talk with Lora Copley (Areopagus director), or visit <http://www.isu-areopagus.org/>

Maundy Thursday service (4/17 at 6:30pm). We'll gather to remember Jesus' final evening with his disciples and his suffering that led to the cross. We'll be celebrating the Lord's Supper during this service

Please sign up for a flowering plant(s) for our Easter service on April 20. You may take your plant home after the Easter Sunday service. The plants are \$10.25 each. Please put a check in the collection plate made out to TCRC with "Easter Plant" on the memo line. The due date for the order and payment is Sunday April 6. Contact : Pam Voss

Jane Vogelzang would like to thank my beloved church family: I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone for all the thoughtful kindnesses shown to me during my surgery and recovery last season. Your thoughts, prayers, emails, texts, cards, flowers, gifts, meals, errands, visits, phone calls, helping hands and encouragement in all sorts of ways meant so much and were very appreciated. I am so thankful for each one of you. God's blessings to you all!

We have upgraded our YouTube interface at church using OBS software. Saturday March 22 @ 10:00AM we will be providing training on the new system. Anyone interested in learning the new system or interested in becoming involved in this ministry is invited to attend.

Young Adult Ministry will not meet this week.

Adult Sunday School (Room 7): Melody Franje and Rex De Bruin will continue to lead a discussion on different faith practices and how to

incorporate these spiritual disciplines into our personal and communal lives. Last fall we discussed disciplines such as the sabbath, hospitality, gratitude, and generosity. We'd love to have you join us this spring!

The Family 2 Family sale will happen again this spring, Saturday, April 5th, 2025, 9:00am - 1:00pm.

Please share with you family and friends, visit the webpage below for more details.

<https://www.amestrinity.org/church-events/family2family-spring-sale/>

The United States, it may be important to note that there is also a National Day of Prayer on **Thursday, May 1, 2025**. U.S. Councils, if you feel that participating in an Annual Day of Prayer can be done more meaningfully in conjunction with this National Day of Prayer (U.S.), please do so.

If your group or committee has an announcement, please be sure to get me an update by 10:30 am on Thursday so I have time to get it into the announcements for the week. Thanks Pam

There is printout of Birthdays, Greeters, Congregational Prayer, Nursery, and Children's message on the table outside the office. This has been updated into early 2025. The directory with the newest updates. is on the table outside the office. Please review your changes if you made any. If you have changes or need to add info, please do it on this sheet.

Children and Worship - During our morning worship service, immediately following the children's message, ages 3 through 3rd grade are invited to attend, meeting in room 3, located to the south of the sanctuary. Children experience worship in the same order as in the sanctuary: we approach God in reverence, hear His Word proclaimed, respond in praise, and go forth in peace and love to serve in God's name. Visitors are welcome to attend. Please pick up your child(ren) at the end of the service



Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes Happening at 10.50, after fellowship

Children and Worship – Happening after the children's message

Young Adult Ministry – Meets Sunday after Sunday School

Breakfast Club meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the Lincoln Center Hy-Vee at 8:30 AM.

UFO meets the 3rd Monday of the month

Women's Bible Study Will meet the first Monday of the month

Pub Theology meets the last Sunday of the month, March 30th 7 pm Mucky Duck.

Hymn Sing held the first Sunday of the Month at 5 pm at the Church. April 6th is the next one.

Next Council meeting is April 9th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Lent: Jesus Prays for All Believers - Check out this week's kids' devotion "Lent: Jesus Prays for All Believers" at www.kidscorner.net. Did you know that Jesus prayed specifically for you? This week's devotional invites you to explore John 17, where Jesus prayed for his disciples and for everyone who would believe in him—including your family. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and **Easter Collection**.

Groundwork: Paul's Journey to Rome: Proclaiming Jesus Everywhere - The apostle Paul endured a long series of trials that led him to Rome. At every opportunity he shared his testimony and preached the gospel. Join Groundwork as we study the apostle Paul's journey to Rome in Acts 21:27-28:31 and let his experience give us confidence and readiness to also share the good news of Jesus everywhere we go. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Tom Niehof

Sound: Brian Sterenberg

Nursery Megan and Caraline/Stacy

Children's message: Lora Copley

Greeters: Sanders/Bassham

Greeters

March 23	Sanders/Bassham	June 29	Hubert
March 30	Schweingruber/Berns	July 6	Hufford
April 6	Sterenberg	July 13	Friend
April 13	t' Hoen	July 20	Hallihan
April 20	VanDyk	July 27	Hertz
April 27	Verkade	August 3	Irvin
May 4	Kopaska	August 10	Nancy Klemme
May 11	Bakker	August 17	Kleinwolterink
May 18	Bergman	August 24	Kopaska
May 25	De Bruin	August 31	Kuyper
June 1	Franje	September 7	Niehof
June 8	Copley	September 14	Niemeyer
June 15	Hobson	September 21	Nikkel
June 22	Voss		

Nursery

March 23 Megan and
 Caraline/Stacy
 March 30 Judy and Brianna
 April 6 Lyndee and Alisabeth
 April 13 Mary and Kathlyn
 April 20 Rachel and Sue F
 April 27 Melody and Kristy
 May 4 Jessica and Cassie
 May 11 Donna and Pam
 May 18 Sue F and Kenzie
 May 25 Mindy and Sue F
 June 1 Megan and Elizabeth
 June 8 Judy and
 Caraline/Stacy
 June 15 Mary and Brianna
 June 22 Lyndee and Alisabeth

June 29 Rachel and Kathlyn
 July 6 Melody and Sue F
 July 13 Jessica and Kristy
 July 20 Donna and Cassie
 July 27 Elaine and Pam
 August 3 Mindy and Kenzie
 August 10 Megan and Sue F
 August 17 Judy and Elizabeth H
 August 24 Mary and Caraline
 August 31 Lyndee and Brianna
 September 7 Rachel and
 Alisabeth
 September 14 Melody and Kathlyn
 September 21 Jessica and Sue F
 September 28 Donna and Kristy

Children's Message

March 23 Lora Copley
 March 30 Jeff Kopaska
 April 6 Stacy Hertz
 April 13 Rex De Bruin
 April 20 Randy Raak
 April 27 Laura Hufford
 May 4 Lora Copley
 May 11 Jeff Kopaska
 May 18 Stacy Hertz
 May 25 Rex De Bruin
 June 1 Randy Raak
 June 8 Laura Hufford
 June 15 Lora Copley
 June 22 Jeff Kopaska

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Congregational Prayer

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 April 20 Tom Niehof
 April 27 Randy Raak
 May 4 Mark Voss
 May 11 Paul Kleinwolterink
 May 18 Randy Raak

May 25 Jeff Kopaska
 June 1 Tom Niehof
 June 8 Randy Raak
 June 15 Lora Copley
 June 22 Tom Kuyper
 June 29 Randy Raak
 July 6 Rex De Bruin
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August 17 Rex De Bruin
August 24 Randy Raak

August 31 Laura Hufford
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September 14 Jeff Kopaska
September 21 Stacy Hertz
September 28 Rex De Bruin

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Pam Whitney Office Administrator: office@amestrinity.org

Elders: A-G = Tom Kuyper; H-K = Rex De Bruin; L-S = Joel Copley; T-Z = Naomi Friend

Deacons: A-G = Joseph Yoder; H-K = Christopher 't Hoen; L-S = Tom Whitney; T-Z = Donna Bergman

Committee Chairs: Building & Grounds – Jim Bergman; Education – Andrew Friend; Endowment – Paul Kleinwolterink; Fellowship – Sue Fee; Technology – Tom Kuyper; Outreach and Enfolding – Mark Voss; Worship – Randy Raak