

WORSHIP SERVICE
March 30, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Lent

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (From Psalm 63: 1-4)

You, God, are my God; earnestly I seek you;

I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.

Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

* Opening Song: "O God You Are My God"

Lift Up Your Hearts #743

Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways.

And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days (Repeat)

* Opening Prayer

* Song: "I Stand Amazed"

Lift Up Your Hearts #174

I stand amazed in the presence Of Jesus the Nazarene,

And wonder how he could love me, A sinner, condemned, unclean.

Refrain:

How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be;

How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me!

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them his very own;

He bore the burden to Calv'ry, And suffered and died alone. **[Refrain]**

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see,

'Twill be my joy through the ages To sing of his love for me. **[Refrain]**

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession (*from Psalm 51*)

Have mercy on us, O God, in your faithful love, in your great tenderness wipe away my offenses;

Wash me thoroughly from my guilt, purify me from my sin. For I am well aware of my offences, my sin is constantly on my mind. Against you, you alone, I have sinned.

Remember I was born guilty, a sinner from the moment of conception. But you delight in sincerity of heart and in secret you teach me wisdom.

Sacrifice gives you no pleasure and burnt offerings you do not desire. But to you God, a compliant spirit, a broken and contrite heart are the offerings you never turn away.

Assurance of Pardon (*From Jeremiah 31*)

“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel” declares the Lord. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.... For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

Song of Entrusting: “Come to the Savior Now”(vs 1&4) *Lift Up Your Hearts #613*

Come to the Savior now, he gently calls to you;
in true repentance bow, let him your heart renew.
Christ came that you may know, salvation, peace and love,
true joy on earth below, a home in heaven above.
Come to the Savior, all, whate'er your burdens be;
hear now his loving call, "Cast all your cares on me."
Come, and for every grief, in Jesus you will find
a sure and safe relief, a loving friend and kind.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:26-27, Psalm 37:7-9, Matthew 5:23-24, and more
Matthew 5:23-24

²³ “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift

Ephesians 4:26-27

²⁶ “In your anger do not sin”^[a]: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold.

Psalm 37:7-9

⁷ Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;
do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

⁸ Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.

⁹ For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.

Message: A Look in the Mirror - Justice vs Anger

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: “Breathe On Me, Breath Of God” *Lift Up Your Hearts #747*

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.
Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life for all eternity.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Salvation Belongs To Our God"

Lift Up Your Hearts #608

Salvation belongs to our God Who sits upon the throne,
and unto the Lamb Praise and Glory,

Wisdom and thanks, Honor and power and strength.

Be to our God forever and ever, Be to our God forever and ever,

Be to our God forever and ever, amen.

And we, the redeemed shall be strong In purpose and unity

Declaring aloud Praise and Glory,

Wisdom and thanks, Honor and power and strength.

Be to our God forever and ever, Be to our God forever and ever,

Be to our God forever and ever, amen

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Jeff Kopaska

Message: Pastor Randy Raak

Musicians: Char Verkade

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Communion: Next week we will have the opportunity to celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is the family table at which we eat together and are nourished with Christ's sacrifice for us. Here (as in Baptism) we celebrate who we are - children of God – and are reminded of God's promises to be our God, to care for us, love us, and be faithful to us. All who are baptized into Christ and have made a public stand for him are welcome to the Lord's Table.

The special offering this 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/>

The Trinity Family would like to thank Laura Hufford for all the work she did as our Worship Coordinator. We are very grateful for the thoughtful consideration to making sure that our songs were reflective of each scripture passage and lesson. We recognize the effort that you put into so many aspects of worship, such as coordinating the singers,

musicians, and sound technicians for each week - all requiring a lot of dedication, time, and attention to detail. Again, THANK YOU for all you have done.

Our local sister church, the Ames Korean CRC is inviting us to celebrate their 40th anniversary with them. This will be part of their **11:30 a.m. service on Sunday, April 6**, held at **Northminster Presbyterian Church** here in Ames, (1416 20th St). They also have plans to share Korean food on Saturday, April 5 from 12:00 - 2:30 p.m. for fundraising. Prices will vary depending on the food.

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

Many Ukrainian families sought refuge in Ames after Russian troops invaded their home in 2022. Humanitarian Parole provided a legal way for them to live, work, and learn in central Iowa. Recent executive actions have made life much more difficult for new comers, as legal pathways are paused or canceled. The stress of navigating the unknown in the United States while worrying about friends and family in the Ukraine is unimaginable. We invite you to join us as we hold our Ukrainian friends in prayer: 1. For lasting peace, 2 they will find a warm welcome in Iowa, 3 children will flourish, 4. Continue to contact family and friends far away, and 5. Difficult decisions in the days ahead.

Easter Sunday, we'll have our Sunrise Service at **(4/20 at 6:30 am** by the fire pit on the church lawn, and then our regular Easter service at **9:30**.

Good Neighbor thanks us for our support and invites us to a picnic on Sunday May 8th at 600 Clark Avenue. There will be free food live band (Cherry Pickers) and activities for all ages.

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

Adult Sunday School (Room 7): This year, 2025 AD, is the 1700 anniversary of the Council of Nicea. This is a good time to do a quick (five week) survey of Church History. We will meet in Room 7 at 10:50 a.m. beginning this Sunday, March 30. The schedule for the semester is posted on the door. Hope you can join us, Pastor Tom.

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 will be 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

CRC Communications

Forty Days of Prayer for Synod - Join people from across the denomination and around the world for 40 days of prayer leading up to Synod 2025. Writers of different ages, abilities, backgrounds, and places, from CRC congregations and ministries have shared prayers on the theme, Journey With Jesus. Find resources and sign up at

crcna.org/synod/prayer

Calvin University

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece - (October 13 - 24, 2025) Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (4 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.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Lent: Jesus' Sacrifice for Us - Check out this week's kids' devotion "Lent: Jesus' Sacrifice for Us" at www.kidscorner.net. Have you ever wondered why Jesus had to die? Discover the answer in this kids' devotional that shows how much Jesus loves you, why He made the ultimate sacrifice, and how His amazing victory gives us hope! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

Groundwork: Jesus Predicts His Death - During the season of Lent, we reflect and prepare our hearts for Easter. Similarly, Jesus tried to prepare his disciples for his death. Join Groundwork as we study Mark 8:31-36 and Luke 18:31-34 to study Jesus' words and see how Jesus' journey to the cross invites us to follow Him in faith, sacrifice, and hope. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

CRC Heritage Fund

Resources for Giving in a Will - Did you know cash isn't always the best way to give to CRC Ministries? You may be able to increase your potential impact—and experience significant tax benefits—by giving stock, real estate, or other non-cash assets.

Email: plannedgiving@crcna.org or call Josh Remer, CRCNA Planned Giving Advisor at 616-223-5885. Learn more at crcna.org/heritagefund

Resonate Global Mission

Double Your Gift to Resonate Global Mission - Resonate Global Mission has a great opportunity for your giving to God's mission through the Christian Reformed Church! Now through April 30, any amount you give for our special campaign will be matched, dollar for dollar, by a generous donor! Learn more at www.resonateglobalmission.org/Double

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In Acts 2:42-47, we read how the early church lived and worshiped in community, "praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people" (v. 47, NIV). Think of your own church community this week. How can you make everyone feel welcome? Look at things in your church like the raised platform (pulpit area) and the seating. Is everyone in your congregation able to access these areas? Is the building welcoming to visitors? Do you have a way for individuals who may be sensitive to noise to participate in worship? Spend some time this week talking with others about how you can welcome everyone to your church community. Brought to you by Thrive:

crcna.org/Thrive

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Randy Raak
 Sound: Tom Whitney
 Nursery: Judy and Brianna
 Children's message: Jeff Kopaska
 Greeters: Schweingruber/Berns

Greeters

March 30	Schweingruber/Berns	July 6	Hufford
April 6	Bergman	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	Nikkel	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	September 28	Oftedal
June 29	Hubert		

Nursery

March 30	Judy and Brianna	July 6	Melody and Sue F
April 6	Lyndee and Alisabeth	July 13	Jessica and Kristy
April 13	Mary and Kathlyn	July 20	Donna and Cassie
April 20	Rachel and Sue F	July 27	Elaine and Pam
April 27	Melody and Kristy	August 3	Mindy and Kenzie
May 4	Jessica and Cassie	August 10	Megan and Sue F
May 11	Donna and Pam	August 17	Kopaska and Elizabeth H
May 18	Sue F and Kenzie	August 24	Mary and Caraline
May 25	Mindy and Sue F	August 31	Lyndee and Brianna
June 1	Megan and Elizabeth	September 7	Rachel and Alisabeth
June 8	Sue and Caraline/Stacy	September 14	Melody and Kathlyn
June 15	Mary and Brianna	September 21	Jessica and Sue F
June 22	Lyndee and Alisabeth	September 28	Donna and Kristy
June 29	Rachel and Kathlyn		

Children's Message

March 30	Jeff Kopaska	April 27	Laura Hufford
April 6	Stacy Hertz	May 4	Lora Copley
April 13	Rex De Bruin	May 11	Jeff Kopaska
April 20	Randy Raak	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
June 29 Stacy Hertz
July 6 Rex De Bruin
July 13 Randy Raak

July 20 Laura Hufford
July 27 Lora Copley
August 3 Jeff Kopaska
August 10 Stacy Hertz
August 17 Rex De Bruin
August 24 Randy Raak
August 31 Laura Hufford

Congregational Prayer

March 30 Randy Raak
April 6 Rex De Bruin
April 13 Randy Raak
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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July 20 Laura Hufford
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August 10 Stacy Hertz
August 17 Rex De Bruin
August 24 Randy Raak
August 31 Laura Hufford
September 7 Lora Copley
September 14 Jeff Kopaska
September 21 Stacy Hertz
September 28 Rex De Bruin

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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