

SEASON OF LENT
MORNING WORSHIP ~ March 17, 2019 ~ 9:30 a.m.

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LUYH = "Lift Up Your Hearts" Red Hymnal · PFAS = "Psalms for All Seasons" Blue Hymnal

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

*Opening Lenten Prayer:

**God of deliverance and freedom,
you taught the people of Israel to acknowledge that all things come from your bountiful hand.
Deepen our faith so that we may resist temptation and, in the midst of trial,
proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, now and forever. Amen.**

*Hymn of Preparation: **LUYH #10:1-3 "We Sing the Mighty Power of God"** (use alternate tune, LUYH #145)

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship and Salutation

Pastor: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion blot out our transgressions.

**People: Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.
Cleanse us with hyssop, and we will be clean; wash us, and we will be whiter than snow.**

Pastor: Create in us pure hearts, O God, and renew steadfast spirits within us.

People: O Lord, open our lips, and our mouths will declare your praise. Psalm 51

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you.

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen!

*Hymn of Praise: **"Dawning Light of Our Salvation" vs. 1-3**
(Young Children are invited to Children and Worship)

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession:

**God of wilderness and water, your Son was baptized and tempted as we are.
Guide us through this season, that we may not avoid struggle,
but open ourselves to blessing, through the cleansing depths of repentance
and the heaven-rending words of the Spirit. Amen.**

Psalm of Assurance: Psalm 27

Hymn of Assurance: **LUYH #431:1-3 "The Lord Is My Light"** (Vocalists: v.1, refrain, v.2; All: v.3, refrain)

God's Will for Our Lives

*Hymn of Dedication: **LUYH #347 "The Steadfast Love of the Lord"**

WE CELEBRATE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Form for Profession of Faith

The Profession of Faith of Cheney Vander Berg

Vocal Response: **"His Grace Still Amazes Me"**

Phillips, Craig and Dean

*My faithful Father, enduring Friend
Your tender mercy's like a river with no end
It overwhelms me, covers my sin
Each time I come into your presence
I stand in wonder once again.*

*Chorus: Your grace still amazes me
Your love is still a mystery
Each day I fall on my knees
'cause your grace still amazes me.
Your grace still amazes me.*

*Oh, patient Savior, You make me whole
You are the Author and the Healer of my soul
What can I give You? What can I say?
I know there's no way to repay You
Only to offer You my praise. Chorus*

*It's deeper, it's wider
It's stronger, it's higher
It's deeper, it's wider
It's stronger, it's higher
than anything my eyes can see. Chorus*

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Luke 13:31-35 (New Testament p.93)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **ON THE WAY WITH JESUS**

*Hymn of Response: **Sing! A New Creation #135:1-4 "Friends in Faith"**

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: **"All of Me"**

Jon Schmidt

Offerings: (1) Church General Fund; (2) Christian Education Fund

*Hymn of Dedication: **LUYH #328:1-3 "Lead On, O King Eternal"**

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude

Worship Leader: Dr. Jason Lief • Organist: Rachel Louwerse • Vocalists: Liz Van Maanen, Janna Wesselius •
Readers: Brian & Cheney Vander Berg • Vocalists: Cheney & Shannon Vander Berg • Accompanist: Kim Vander Berg •
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~ Profession of Faith ~

Cheney Jess Vander Berg

Born on August 5, 2000

Baptized on September 17, 2000, at First CRC of Sioux Center by Rev. John L. Witvliet

EVENING WORSHIP ~ March 17, 2019 ~ 6:00 p.m.

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: "As the Deer" (with "My Faith Looks Up to Thee")

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: **LUYH #503 "As the Deer"**

*Call to Worship and Salutation

Pastor: Lift up your souls to the Lord.

People: To you, O Lord, we lift them up.

Pastor: Put your trust in God.

People: O God, in you alone do we trust.

Pastor: Let us worship God.

People: For you, O God, are our Savior. In you do we hope all the day long.

Based on Psalm 25

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you.

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen!

*Hymn of Praise: **LUYH #370:1-3 "My Soul Finds Rest"**

Old Testament Lent Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Hymn of Response: **Celebration Hymnal #410:1,3,5 "Standing on the Promises"**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12 (New Testament p.211)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *TRUE CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY*

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Response: **LUYH #754:1,4,5 "Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak"**

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH THE SACRAMENT

Reading the Form

Distribution of Elements* - Instrumental Meditation: "Jesus, Name Above All Names" /

"More Precious than Silver" (with "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross")

*While Dr. Lief and the elders serve those who come forward, there will also be elders serving those who choose to remain seated.
Once served, you may partake of the elements immediately.

*Hymn of Response: **LUYH #684:1,2,4,6 "There in God's Garden"**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Offertory: "Give Thanks" (with "Now Thank We All Our God")

Offering: Benevolent Fund

Gospel Lent Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

*Statement of Faith: **Psalter Hymnal #519 "Apostles' Creed"**

RECEIVING GOD'S BLESSING

*Benediction

*Doxology: **LUYH #965 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

*Postlude: "Rigaudon"

Campra / Callahan

Worship Leader: Dr. Jason Lief • Organist: Emily Sybesma •

Readers: Derick & Arnola Roos • Prayer Leader: Carl Fictorie •

Unity Christian Instruments of Praise: Joshua Beltman, Kirsten Buiter, Hannah Landman, Emily Meyer, Karli Vanden Brink,
Kayla Vande Zande, Kaylee Van Donge, Sam Walhof, directed by Carla Van Beek •

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