

*SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME*  
**MORNING WORSHIP ~ September 3, 2023 ~ 9:30 AM**  
**First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude: "Jesus, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"  
"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"  
"O How I Love Jesus"  
"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Carter  
Townend, Kim  
Larson  
Hayes

Welcome

\*Hymn of Preparation: "**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty**" LUYH #538:1-4

**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

\*Call to Worship

Pastor: Praise the LORD, my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**People: Praise the LORD, my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.**

Pastor: Praise the LORD, you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

**People: Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts,  
you his servants who do his will.**

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

**People: Praise the LORD, my soul.**

—from Psalm 103:1-2, 20-22

\*God's Greeting

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Grace, mercy, and peace are yours, from God the Father Almighty,  
from the Lord Jesus, and from the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen!**

\*Hymn of Praise: "**O God, Beyond All Praising**" LUYH #557:1-3

**GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF**

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God's Will for Our Lives

\*Song of Response: "**God Be in My Head**" LUYH #858:1-2

**GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Mark 12:28-34 (New Testament p. 60)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: **NO OTHER COMMANDMENT GREATER THAN THESE**

\*Song of Response: "**You Shall Love the Lord**" LUYH #724:1-3

**WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING**

Prayers of the People

Offertory: "**Holy, Holy, Holy**"

Offerings: (1) First CRC Ministry Fund; (2) Christian Education Fund

Holcombe

**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**

\*Hymn of Dedication: "**May the Mind of Christ, My Savior**" LUYH #334:1-5

\*Sending and Benediction

\*Moment of Meditation

\*Postlude: "**Trumpet Tune**"

Greene/Wolff

*\*indicates that those who are able are invited to stand*

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe  
Organist: Leah Zuidema  
Flute: Jessi Rose

**EVENING WORSHIP ~ September 3, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM**  
**First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa**

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: *"Psalm 105: Trumpet the Name! Praise Be to Our LORD!"*

Christiaan Ingelse

Welcome

\*Song of Preparation: ***"Praise the Lord, the Day Is Won"*** LUYH #200:1,3,5 (to the tune of LUYH #199)

\*Call to Worship

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**People: Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!**

Pastor: Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

**People: Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!  
Praise the LORD!**

–Psalm 105:1-4, 45b

\*God's Greeting

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Grace, mercy and peace are yours, from God the Father Almighty,  
from the Lord Jesus, and from the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen!**

**WE SING GOD'S PRAISE**

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

Singing the Psalm: ***"The Steadfast Love of the Lord"*** LUYH #347

Song of Praise: ***"Be Thou My Vision"*** LUYH #859:1,2,4

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Proverbs 2:1-11 (Old Testament p. 719)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: *INCLINE YOUR EAR TOWARD WISDOM*

\*Sermon Response: ***"O God, Who Gives to Humankind"*** LUYH #274:1-4

**WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Reading the Form

Receiving the Elements

Organ Meditation: *"Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"*

Jamie de Goei

*Come and seek the ways of Wisdom, she who danced when earth was new.  
Follow closely what she teaches, for her words are right and true.*

*"Abide with Me"*

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry

\*Hymn of Response: ***"Lift Up Your Hearts unto the Lord"*** LUYH #844:1,2,4,5

**WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD**

Congregational Prayer

Offertory

Offering: Tuition Aid

**WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD**

\*Hymn of Dedication: ***"Friends in Faith"*** SANC #135:1-4

\*Sending and Benediction

\*Moment of Meditation

\*Postlude: *Áutumn (from: The Four Seasons)"*

Antonio Vivaldi, arr. Nicholas Hare

*I. Theme from Allegro (First Movement)*

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*Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe*

*Organist: Leendert van Beek*

*Reader: Daniel Finley*

*Prayer Leader: Onsby Rose*

*Offertory Pianists: Millie Brommer, Abby Finley*