

*SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT*  
**MORNING WORSHIP ~ February 25, 2024 ~ 9:30 AM**  
**First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude: “O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig, BWV 1095”  
“Rhosymedre”  
“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

Johann Sebastian Bach  
Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Kristina Langlois

Opening Song: **“Trisagion”** (sing two times)

Reading from Isaiah 53:3, 4: *He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces, he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.*

Welcome  
\*Hymn of Preparation: **“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” LUYH #146:1,2,4,5**

**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

\*Call to Worship  
Pastor: We give thanks to you, O Lord, with our whole heart;  
we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.  
**People: We will be glad and exult in you;**  
**we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.** —from Psalm 9:1-2

\*God’s Greeting  
Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Pastor: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,  
who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age,  
according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever.  
**People: Amen!**

\*Hymn of Praise: **“My Song Is Love Unknown” LUYH #148:1,4,6**  
(Young children are invited to Children and Worship)

**GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF**

Prayer of Confession  
Song or Response: **“O Christ, the Lamb of God” LUYH #630**  
Assurance of Pardon  
God’s Will for Our Lives  
\*Song of Response: **“Out of the Depths I Cry to You on High” LUYH #655:1-3 (PFAS 130C)**

**GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD**

Prayer for Illumination  
Reading of Scripture: Mark 14:53-72 (New Testament p. 64)  
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**  
Sermon: O CHRIST THE LAMB OF GOD: JESUS SAID, “I AM”  
\*Song of Response: **“Depth of Mercy” LUYH #702:1-2**

**WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING**

Prayers of the People  
Offertory: “Vocalise, op. 34, no. 14”  
Offerings: (1) First CRC Ministry Fund; (2) Christian Education Fund

Sergei Rachmaninoff

**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**

\*Hymn of Dedication: **“Eternal Spirit, God of Truth” LUYH #641:1-2**  
\*Sending and Benediction  
Moment for Missions: Will & Joyce Maas - Hope Haven Wheelchair Ministry in Costa Rica (Please be seated)  
\*Postlude: “Partita on St. Flavian (Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days)”  
Healey Willan

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe  
Organist: Carrie Groenewold  
String Ensemble: Annalise Busch, Emily and Kellan Meyer, Emily Zuidema  
Reader: Barb Hoekstra

**EVENING WORSHIP ~ February 25, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM**  
**First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa**

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: *“Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt, BWV 637 & 705 (All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall)”* J. S. Bach  
*“Alle Menschen müssen sterben, BWV 643 (All Men Living Are But Mortal)”* J. S. Bach  
*“Psalm 51: Be Merciful, Be Merciful, O God”* Sietze de Vries

Welcome

\*Song of Preparation: **“O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God” LUYH #672:1-3 (PFAS 103B)**

\*Call to Worship

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
**People: and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**  
Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
**People: and forget not all his benefits.**  
Pastor: Bless the LORD, O you his angels,  
**People: you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!**  
Pastor: Bless the LORD, all his hosts,  
**People: his ministers, who do his will!**  
Pastor: Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion.  
**People: Bless the LORD, O my soul!** —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!**

**WE SING GOD’S PRAISE**

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 22:23-31  
Singing the Psalm: **“The Ends of All the Earth” PFAS #22G:1-4 (LUYH 594)**  
Song of Praise: **“How Vast the Benefits Divine” LUYH #688:1-3**

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination  
Reading of Scripture: Romans 5:18-21 (New Testament p. 189)  
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**  
Statement of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 7 and 8 (*What We Believe* Vol. 1, p. 17)  
Sermon: *A FIELD GUIDE TO HERESIES AND FALSE TEACHINGS: ATTACKS ON THE DOCTRINES OF ORIGINAL SIN AND TOTAL DEPRAVITY (PELAGIANISM)*  
\*Sermon Response: **“What Adam’s Disobedience Cost” LUYH #34:1,2,5**

**WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD**

Congregational Prayer  
Offertory: *“The Love of God”* Dale Grotenhuis  
*The love of God is greater far  
than tongue or pen can ever tell;  
it goes beyond the highest star,  
and reaches to the lowest hell.  
The guilty pair, bowed down with care  
God gave his Son to win  
His erring child he reconciled  
and pardoned from his sin.*  
*Refrain: O love of God, how rich and pure!  
How measureless and strong!  
It shall forevermore endure—  
the saints’ and angels’ song.*  
*When years of time shall pass away,  
and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall;  
when those who here refuse to pray  
on rocks and hills and mountains call;  
God’s love so sure, shall still endure,  
all measureless and strong;  
redeeming grace to Adam’s race  
the saints’ and angels’ song. (Refrain)*  
*Could we with ink the ocean fill,  
and were the skies of parchment made;  
were ev’ry stalk on earth a quill,  
and ev’ryone a scribe by trade;  
to write the love of God above  
would drain the ocean dry;  
nor could the scroll contain the whole,  
though stretched from sky to sky.*

Offering: Building and Mission Funds

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

\*Hymn of Dedication: **“Marvelous Grace” LUYH #696:1,2**  
\*Sending and Benediction  
\*Sung Benediction: *“The Lord Bless You” (LUYH 948)*  
\*Moment of Meditation  
\*Postlude: *“My Song Is Love Unknown (tune LOVE UNKNOWN)”* Dick Sanderman

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Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe

Organist: Leendert van Beek | Reader: Barb Eekhoff | Prayer Leader: Sam Fopma  
Men’s Choir Director: Vern Haagsma | Accompanist: Jennifer Monroe