

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MORNING WORSHIP ~ March 3, 2024 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *“Prelude”*
“Aria: God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

César Franck
Dan Locklair

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

Reading from Isaiah 53:5, 6: *But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

Welcome
*Hymn of Preparation: **“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art” LUYH #586:1,2,4,5**

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship
Pastor: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
the author and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy set before him endured the cross,
scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.
People: **Let us consider him who endured such opposition from sinful people,
so that we will not grow weary and lose heart.** —from Hebrews 12:2-3

*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: **“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High” LUYH #111:1,3,4,6**
(Young children are invited to Children and Worship)

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon
Song of Response: **“O Lamb of God”** (Sung to tune LAND OF REST)
God’s Will for Our Lives
*Song of Response: **“What Wondrous Love” LUYH #164:1-3**

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Reading of Scripture: Mark 15:1-15 (New Testament p. 64)
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**
Sermon: **O CHRIST THE LAMB OF GOD: THEY SHOUTED ALL THE MORE, “CRUCIFY HIM!”**
*Song of Response: **“My Song Is Love Unknown” LUYH 148:1,3,5**

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People
Offertory: *“Wondrous Love”* Daniel Pinkham

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: **“I Will Sing of My Redeemer” Grey Psalter Hymnal #479:1-3**
*Sending and Benediction
*Moment of Meditation
*Postlude: *“Wir danken dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 623”* Johann Sebastian Bach
We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, that you died for us

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe
Organist: Carrie Groenewold
Flutes: Jessi Rose, Brianna Kats
Reader: Lisa Dykstra

EVENING WORSHIP ~ March 3, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude: *“Opening Chorus from St. Matthew Passion, BWV 244”* Johann Sebastian Bach, arr. Dick Sanderman
“God So Loved the World (from The Crucifixion)” John Stainer, arr. Dick Sanderman

Welcome

*Song of Preparation: ***“Father, Long Before Creation” LUYH #687:1-4***

*Call to Worship

Pastor: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;
People: with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
Pastor: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
People: your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

—Psalm 89:1-2

*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 19
Singing the Psalm: ***“The Stars Declare His Glory” PFAS #19A:1-4***
Song of Praise: ***“In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness” LUYH #38:1-4***

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Reading of Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14 (New Testament p. 234)
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
Statement of Faith: Belgic Confession, Article 16 (*What We Believe* Vol. 2, p. 17)
Sermon: *A FIELD GUIDE TO HERESIES AND FALSE TEACHINGS: ARMINIANISM*
*Sermon Response: ***“Father, We Give You Thanks” LUYH #816:1,3,4***

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

Congregational Prayer
Offertory: *“I Am Not My Own”* Peterson, Shive, Fowler, Anderson

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| <i>The One who made the heavens, made my heart and soul Before I drew a breath, I was loved and known I am His creation, the Maker’s masterpiece And all that He designs will be done in me</i> | <i>And if He has redeemed me, I am not my own The measure of my worth is His love alone He declares my standing, and He declares my state So I will know myself by the name He gave (Refrain)</i> |
| <i>My body is a temple of the living God I’ll worship in this house that His blood has bought As I bear His image, oh, may I not profane The holiness I hold in this earthly frame (Refrain)</i> | <i>I am not my own and now my heart is free O Maker, come and make what You will of me There is nothing broken that You cannot repair So Lord, I leave my life in Your loving care (Refrain)</i> |
| <u>Refrain:</u> <i>I belong to the Lord, oh, I am not my own I belong to the Lord, I am not my own I will honor Him for this I know I belong to the Lord, I am not my own</i> | |

Offering: Hope Haven (Wheelchair Ministry)

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Dedication: ***“The Church’s One Foundation” LUYH #251:1,2,4,5***
*Sending and Benediction
*Moment of Meditation
*Postlude: *“Three Chorales from St. Matthew Passion”* J. S. Bach, arr. D. Sanderman

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Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe
Organist: Leendert van Beek
Reader: Katie Haan
Prayer Leader: Sarah deRegt
Vocalists: Rachel Byars, Lisa Dykstra, Tami Koelewyn, Sarah Sjoerdsma, Amy Vander Berg, Kailee Davelaar
Accompanist: Kim Vander Berg