

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MORNING WORSHIP ~ March 10, 2024 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”
“Lift High the Cross (Meditation)”
“O God Beyond All Praising”

Everett Amos, J.S. Bach, Michael Burkhardt
Janet Linker
David Cherwien, Anna Laura Page

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

Reading from Isaiah 53:7, 8: *He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.*

Welcome
*Hymn of Preparation: **“O God Beyond All Praising” LUYH #557:1-3**

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship
Pastor: Let us worship God,
who reconciled us to himself through Christ.
**People: We are new creations;
the old has gone, the new has come!**
Pastor: Let us worship God as Christ’s ambassadors.
**People: Through us and through our worship
may we announce the good news to all.**
Pastor: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.
People: Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!
—based on John 4:24; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

*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 Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart’s Desire” LUYH #828:1-4**
(Young children are invited to Children and Worship)

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession
Song of Response: **“O Lamb of God”** (Sung to tune LAND OF REST)
Assurance of Pardon
God’s Will for Our Lives
*Song of Response: **“My Worth Is Not in What I Own” 5 vs.**

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Reading of Scripture: Mark 15:16-32 (New Testament p. 65)
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
Sermon: O CHRIST THE LAMB OF GOD: THEY CRUCIFIED HIM
*Song of Response: **“To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord” LUYH #162:1-3**

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People
Offertory
Offerings: (1) First CRC Ministry Fund; (2) Christian Education Fund

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: **“Lift High the Cross” LUYH #264:1,4,7**
*Sending and Benediction
*Moment of Meditation
*Postlude

*indicates that those who are able are invited to stand

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe
Organist: Emily Sybesma | Pianist: Abby Finley | Reader: Joel Sikkema
Vocalists: Cheney & Mikayla Vander Berg

EVENING WORSHIP ~ March 10, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

*Song of Preparation: **“Come, All You People” LUYH #496:1-3 (PFAS 66B)**

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
People: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!
Pastor: For He is our God,
**People: and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.**

—based on Psalm 95:6-7

*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 107:1-3; 17-22
Singing the Psalm: **“Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries” PFAS #107A:1,4,5,6 (LUYH 359)**
Song of Praise: **“There Is a Redeemer” LUYH #833:1-3**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Reading of Scripture: Romans 5:1-5 (New Testament p. 188)
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
Statement of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 20 and 21 (*What We Believe* Vol. 1, p. 21)
Sermon: *A FIELD GUIDE TO HERESIES AND FALSE TEACHINGS:
ATTACKS ON THE DOCTRINE OF SALVATION*
*Sermon Response: **“For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free” LUYH #679:1-3**

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

Congregational Prayer
Offertory: **“Glorious Christ”** Bob Kauflin

*Vs 1: The radiance of the Father
before the dawn of time
You spoke and all creation came to be
the molecules and planets
reveal Your great design
and every one was made so we could see
so we could see*

*Chorus: You are the glorious Christ
The greatest of all delights
Your power is unequalled
Your love beyond all heights
no greater sacrifice
than when You laid down Your life
we join the song of angels
who praise You day and night
glorious Christ*

*Vs 2: You left the air of heaven
to breathe the dust of earth
and dwell among the outcast and the poor
You came to be forsaken
and died to take our curse
so You could be our joy forevermore
forevermore*

*Bridge: You’re seated now in heaven
enthroned at God’s right hand
You’ve shattered death and freed us
from our fears
and though we cannot see You
You’re coming back again
and all will be made right when You appear
and all will be made right when You appear*

Offering: ATLAS of Sioux Center

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Dedication: **“Salvation Belongs to Our God” LUYH #608:1-2**
*Sending and Benediction
*Moment of Meditation
*Postlude

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Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe
Organist: Jessica Hummel
Prayer Leader: Jon Buiter
Youth Choir directed by Liz Van Maanen | Accompanist: Jessica Hummel