

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MORNING WORSHIP ~ March 17, 2024 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: "O Mensch, bewein' dein' Sünde gross, BWV 622
(O Sinner, Come Thy Sin to Mourn, tune GENEVAN 68)"
"Partita on HERZLIEBSTER JESU (Ah, Holy Jesus)"
Johann Sebastian Bach
Carson Cooman

Opening Song: **"Trisagion"** (Sing one time)

Reading from Isaiah 53:9-10: *They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.
Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his
life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.*

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: **"Amid the Thronging Worshipers" LUYH #511:1-3** (PFAS 22E)

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace;
approach our God, who is full of mercy.

**People: We will praise God with all our heart
and glorify the name of the Most High forever.**

*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: **"The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear" LUYH #594:1-4** (PFAS 22G)
(Young children are invited to Children and Worship)

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession

Song of Response: **"Lamb of God" LUYH #822** (Choir sings vs. 1; Congregation joins on vs. 2 & 3)

Assurance of Pardon

God's Will for Our Lives

*Song of Response: **"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" LUYH #167:1-3**

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Mark 15:33-41 (New Testament p. 66)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: O CHRIST THE LAMB OF GOD: TRULY THIS MAN WAS GOD'S SON

*Song of Response: **"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" LUYH #173:1-4**

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Offertory: **"He Was Despised, from Messiah"**

G. F. Händel

*He was despised and rejected of men
A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief*

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

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: **"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" LUYH #928:1,4**

*Sending and Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude: **"Mattheus-Final, from Bach's Memento"**

Charles-Marie Widor

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe
Organist: Leendert van Beek
Reader: Lisa Dykstra
Vocalist: Ana Monroe

EVENING WORSHIP ~ March 17, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

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

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!

**People: For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Praise the LORD!**

—Psalm 117:1-2

*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 51:1-12

Singing the Psalm: ***“Gracious God, My Heart Renew” PFAS #51 O:1-3***

Song of Praise: ***“Here I Am to Worship” LUYH #567:1-2***

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: John 12:20-36 (New Testament p. 130)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE*

*Sermon Response: ***“O LORD, You Are My Light” LUYH #773:1,2,4***

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: *“Psalm 51”*

Kiran Young Wimberly

*Vs 1: Have mercy on me, O loving God
with your flowing compassion cleanse me
wash me kindly and gently till I am returned
to the child I’m created to be*

*Vs 2: In my inmost heart, may your wisdom abound
take away all the layers that hide me
accept me with all that is broken within
may I sing your songs once again (Chorus)*

Chorus: *Create in me a clean heart, O God
and renew a right spirit within me
may I never doubt your spirit all about
and restore me into your joy*

*Vs 3: I will lift my soul, for to you I’ll sing praise
O God of my salvation
for the only sacrifice that you need
is a heart that is willing to mend (Chorus)*

Offering: Mission India

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Statement of Faith: **Nicene Creed**

*Hymn of Dedication: ***“Father, We Love You” Grey Psalter Hymnal #634:1-3***

*Sending and Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude

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Worship Leader: Rev. Todd Zuidema

Organist: Leah Zuidema

Reader: Rich Haan

Prayer Leader: Jennifer Monroe

Vocalists: Alyssa Koelewyn, Katy Timmer, Julia Holleman, Julia Visser,
Kryn Vander Berg, Annalise Busch, Sonya Hansum, Emily Zuidema

Irish Whistle: Kirsten Buiter

Accompanist: Jennifer Monroe