

PALM SUNDAY
MORNING WORSHIP ~ March 24, 2024 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: "O Lamb of God, Most Holy"

David Cherwien

"Fantasy on Valet will ich dir geben, BWV 735 ("All Glory, Laud, and Honor")"

J. S. Bach

Opening Song: "Trisagion" (Vocal Solo)

Reading from Isaiah 53:11-12: *Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.*

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation/Processional: **"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" LUYH #145:1-3**

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

People: Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Pastor: Lo, your king comes to you;

People: triumphant and victorious is he,

Pastor: humble and riding on a donkey,

People: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Pastor: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

—based on Zechariah 9:9 and Psalm 118:26

*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!

Children's Choir: "The King of Glory" / "Cloaks and Branches"

*Hymn of Praise: **"The Glorious Gates of Righteousness" PFAS #118A:1,3,4**

(Young children are invited to Children and Worship)

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession

Song of Response: **Lamb of God" LUYH #822**

Assurance of Pardon

God's Will for Our Lives

Choral Song of Response: "God Will Provide a Lamb"

Sally deFord

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Mark 15:42-47 (New Testament p. 66)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: O CHRIST THE LAMB OF GOD: LAID HIM IN A TOMB

*Song of Response: **"Now the Green Blade Rises" LUYH #203:1,2,4**

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Offertory: "Variation: Noël Nouvelet ("Now the Green Blade Rises")"

Philip Moore

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

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: **"Rejoice, O Zion's Daughter" LUYH #151:1,2,4**

*Sending and Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude: *Herzliebster Jesu, was hast du verbrochen, Op. 122, no. 2*
(*"Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended"*)

Johannes Brahms

*indicates that those who are able are invited to stand

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe / Organist: Carrie Groenewold
Children's Choir directed by Sarah Sjoerdsma | Accompanist: Emily Sybesma
Adult Choir directed by Julia Holleman | Accompanist: Isabel Alsum
Reader: Cody Vander Berg | Violin: Brianna Kats | Vocalist: Mark Sjoerdsma

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EVENING WORSHIP ~ March 24, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude: *“In Death’s Strong Grasp the Savior Lay”*
“There in God’s Garden”

J.S. Bach
Robert Hobby / David Cherwien

Welcome

*Song of Preparation: **“Come, All You People, Praise Our God” LUYH #495:1-3 (PFAS 66C)**

*Call to Worship

Pastor: How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.

**People: It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.**

Pastor: For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.
Come, let us all worship and bow down together,

**People: let us kneel together before the LORD, our maker. For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.** —from Psalm 133; 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 31:9-16

Singing the Psalm: **“In You Lord I Refuge Take” vs. 1-4**

Song of Praise: **“O Church Arise” vs. 1-4**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Romans 12:3-8 (New Testament p. 196)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Statement of Faith: Belgic Confession, Article 28 (*What We Believe*, Vol. 2, p. 27)

Sermon: *A FIELD GUIDE TO HERESIES AND FLASE TEACHINGS:*
ATTACKS ON THE DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH

*Sermon Response: **“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” LUYH #250:1-4**

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: *“His Robes for Mine”*

Anderson, Habegger

*1 His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange!
Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage.
Draped in His righteousness, I'm justified.
In Christ I live, for in my place He died.*

*3 His robes for mine: God's justice is appeased.
Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's pleased.
Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried "Tis done!"
Sin's wage is paid; propitiation won. (Chorus)*

*2 His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?
God's daunting Law Christ mastered in my stead.
Faultless I stand with righteous works not mine,
Saved by my Lord's vicarious death and life. (Chorus)*

*4 His robes for mine: such anguish none can know.
Christ, God's beloved, condemned as though His foe.
He, as though I, accursed and left alone;
I, as though He, embraced and welcomed home! (Chorus)*

Chorus: *I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost:
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.
Bought by such love, my life is not my own.
My praise-my all-shall be for Christ alone.*

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WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Dedication: **“I Love Your Church, O Lord” LUYH #247:1-3**

*Sending and Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude: *“Built on a Rock”*

Wayne Wold

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe
Organist: Emily Sybesma | Reader: Leah Zuidema | Prayer Leader: Jason Koelewyn
Vocalists: Todd Zuidema, Chad Feenstra, Mark Sjoerdsma, Daniel Finley
Accompanist: Jennifer Monroe