

***EASTER SUNDAY***  
**MORNING WORSHIP ~ March 31, 2024 ~ 9:30 AM**  
**First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude: Prelude & Fugue on “*Thine Be the Glory*”

Margaretha Christina de Jong

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

Welcome

\*Hymn of Preparation: “***Christ the Lord Is Risen Today***” **LUYH #182:1-3**

[vs. 1 – all; vs. 2 sung antiphonally – east side sings first half of each line, west side sings Alleluia; vs. 3 – all]

**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

\*Call to Worship

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Pastor: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

Pastor: God has claimed us as his own.

**People: He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

—based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

\*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!**

\*Choral Anthem: “*This Joyful Eastertide*” **LUYH #202** (Congregation vs. 1, Choir vs. 2, Congregation vs. 3)

**GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF**

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God’s Will for Our Lives

\*Song of Response: “***Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain***” **LUYH #199:1,2,4**

**GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Mark 16:1-8 (New Testament p. 66)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: O CHRIST THE LAMB OF GOD: HE HAS BEEN RAISED!

\*Song of Response: “***Thine Is the Glory***” **LUYH #187:1-3**

**WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Reading the Form

Distribution of the Elements

During the Passing of the Bread: “***Come to Us, Beloved Stranger***” **LUYH #207:1-3**

During the Passing of the Cup: Vocal Meditation – “*I Know that My Redeemer Liveth*” (from *Messiah*)

*I know that my Redeemer liveth*

*And that he shall stand*

*At the latter day, upon the earth*

*And though worms destroy this body*

*Yet in my flesh shall I see God*

*For now is Christ risen from the dead*

*The first fruits of them that sleep*

\*Song of Response: “***Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen***” **LUYH #205:1,2,4,5**

**WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING**

Prayers of the People

Offertory: “*Heut’ triumphieret Gottes Sohn (This Day in Triumph God the Son)*”

*This day in triumph God the Son, Hath from the grave the vict’ry won, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Johan Beeftink

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

**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**

\*Hymn of Dedication: “***Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem***” **Grey Psalter Hymnal #404:1-4**

\*Sending and Benediction

\*Moment of Meditation

\*Postlude: “*Christ Is Risen*”

Christopher Tambling

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

*Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe | Organist: Leendert van Beek | Vocalist: Janna Wesselius*

*Brass Ensemble: Jan Brons, Andrew Chesebro, Calum Monroe, Onsby Rose | Choir directed by Isabel Alsum*

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**EVENING WORSHIP ~ March 31, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM**  
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**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: *“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”*  
*“All Glory Be to God on High”*  
*“Come, People of the Risen King”*

Philip Keveren  
Larry Shackley  
James Koerts

Welcome

\*Song of Preparation: ***“Worship Christ, the Risen King!” Trinity Hymnal #286:1,2,3,5***

\*Call to Worship

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

—based on Luke 24:34

\*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 118:1-2, 14-29 – A Responsorial Setting” PFAS #118G*** (with alternate refrain)  
Song of Praise: ***“Come People of the Risen King” 3 vs.***

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination  
Reading of Scripture: Genesis 50:22-26 (Old Testament p. 60)  
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**  
Statement of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 17 (*What We Believe*, Vol. 1, p. 32)  
Sermon: **JOSEPH’S BONES**  
Prayer of Application  
\*Sermon Response: ***“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” LUYH #772:1,3,4***

**WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD**

Congregational Prayer  
Offertory: *“See, What a Morning”*  
Offering: Building and Mission Funds

James Koerts

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

\*Hymn of Dedication: ***“Praise the Savior, Now and Ever” LUYH #191:1,3,4***  
\*Sending and Benediction  
\*Moment of Meditation  
\*Postlude: *“Risen Today!”*

Dan Forrest

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

*Worship Leader: Rev. Bob Drenten*  
*Elder of Service: Rich Koele*  
*Organist: Jessica Hummel*  
*Pianist: Jennifer Monroe*  
*Reader: Scott Visser*  
*Prayer Leader: Rachel Raih*