

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
MORNING WORSHIP ~ April 7, 2024 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *Lobe den Herren* ("Praise to the Lord, the Almighty")
"Come, We That Love the Lord"
"Welcome, Happy Morning!"

Johann Gottfried Walther
Michael Shea
Edward Broughton

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: **"In Thee Is Gladness" LUYH #344:1-2**

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

Pastor: This is the good news –
The grave is empty;
Christ is risen.

People: Hallelujah!

Pastor: This is the good news –
Once we were no people;
now we are God's people.

People: Hallelujah!

Pastor: Christ is our peace,
the indestructible peace
we now share with each other.

People: Hallelujah!

*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!

*Hymn of Praise: **"Give Praise to God with Reverence Deep" LUYH #212:1,4**

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God's Will for Our Lives

*Song of Response: **"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" LUYH #730:1-3**

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Mark 16:9-20 (New Testament p. 67)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *O CHRIST THE LAMB OF GOD: HE APPEARED AND HE WAS TAKEN UP INTO HEAVEN*

*Song of Response: **"Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise" LUYH #209:1-3**

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Offertory: *"Let There Be Joy"*

Beatrice Miller

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

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: **"Go to the World" LUYH #925:1-4**

*Sending and Benediction

*Sung Doxology: **"Glory Be to the Father" LUYH #961**

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude: *"Prelude in C Major, BWV 547"*

J.S. Bach

*indicates that those who are able are invited to stand

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe
Organist: Julia Holleman

EVENING WORSHIP ~ April 7, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude: *"This Joyful Eastertide"*
"Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

Michael Burkhardt
Michael Burkhardt, Wilbur Held

Welcome

*Song of Preparation: **"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing" LUYH #206:1-5**

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

People: Praise the Lord, my soul,

Pastor: and forget not all his benefits.

Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

People: Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

Pastor: Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

People: Praise the Lord, my soul.

—Psalm 103:1-2, 20-22

*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 133

Singing the Psalm: **"Behold the Goodness of Our Lord" PFAS #133A:1-3**

Song of Praise: **"Oh, How Good It Is" 3 vs.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: John 14:1-7 (New Testament p. 132)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Statement of Faith: Belgic Confession, Article 26, paragraph 1 (*What We Believe*, Vol. 2, p.24)

Sermon: *A FIELD GUIDE TO HERESIES AND FALSE TEACHINGS: RELATIVISM*

*Sermon Response: **"To God Be the Glory" LUYH #604:1-3**

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: *"I Will Not Hold Back (Psalm 40)"*

Wendell Kimbrough

*I will not hold back, I will sing this song:
I was sinking down till my Savior saw
That I needed help, and He came to save;
I will not hold back from my Savior's praise*

*When the evil one and my own mistakes
Made me bow in shame, made me hide my face,
You did not hold back or restrain your grace;
I will not hold back when I sing your praise.*

*I was so depressed; I was so far gone,
I was lost and dead till He came along.
Now my heart is glad, and my voice is strong;
I will not hold back from my Savior's song.*

*With a thousand songs it is not enough
To proclaim the wonders of your love.
But I won't slow down, and I won't give up;
I will not hold back from my Savior's praise.*

*Chorus: For He rescued me, and He set my feet
On a rock where I can sing:
How great is the Lord,
How great is the Lord,
How great is the Lord our God.*

Offering: Bible League International

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Dedication: **"May the Mind of Christ, My Savior" LUYH #334:1-5**

*Sending and Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude: *"Fanfare on Thine is the Glory"*

Charles Callahan

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe

Organist: Emily Sybesma

Prayer Leader: Ron Rynders

Vocalists: Phil & Liz Van Maanen, Ross & Kryn Vander Berg | Accompanist: Kim Vander Berg