

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MORNING WORSHIP ~ April 21, 2024 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *Improvisation on "Nettleton" ("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")*

Willem van Twillert

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: **"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" LUYH #521:1-3**

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

Pastor: The Lord who calls us to worship today is the same Jesus who refused the temptation to worship the evil one. Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of this world, he endured the shame of the cross, and today is the risen Lord of lords and King of kings. Now are gathered in him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, glory and power. With the saints of all ages we say,

People: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" —based on Colossians 2:3; Revelation 5:12

*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: **"Across the Lands" LUYH #775:1-3**

(Young children are invited to Children and Worship)

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God's Will for Our Lives

*Song of Response: **"You Shall Love the Lord" LUYH #724:1-3**

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Colossians 1:1 – 4:18 (New Testament p. 243)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **COLOSSIANS—THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST OVER ALL THINGS: BACKGROUNDS**

*Song of Response: **"In Christ Alone" LUYH #770:1-4**

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Offertory: *Siciliano* from Sonata in E-flat, BWV 1031

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: **"God of Mercy, God of Grace" LUYH #934:1-3 (PFAS 67A)**

*Sending and Benediction

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

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude: *Variations on Genevan Psalm 134 ("Old Hundredth")*

Willem van Twillert

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe
Organists: Carrie Groenewold, Willem van Twillert
Flute: Brianna Kats

EVENING WORSHIP ~ April 21, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude: *"Lift High the Cross"*
"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!"

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Michael Burkhardt

*Welcome

*Song of Preparation: **"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" Grey Psalter Hymnal #406:1-3**

*Call to Worship

Pastor: There is none like you, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.

**People: All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.
For you are great and do wondrous things,
you alone are God.**

—from Psalm 86:8-10

*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 23

Singing the Psalm: **"The LORD's My Shepherd" PFAS #23C:1-5** (vs. 1,2-all; vs. 3-men; vs. 4-women; vs. 5-all)

Song of Praise: **"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" LUYH #832:1,3,4**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Revelation 6:12-17 (New Testament p. 302)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Statement of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 52 (*What We Believe, Vol. 1, p. 35*)

Sermon: *A FIELD GUIDE TO HERESIES AND FALSE TEACHINGS:
ERRORS ABOUT JUDGMENT AND HELL*

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Reading the Form

Distribution of the Elements

During the Passing of the Bread: **"Table of Plenty" LUYH #808:1-4**

During the Passing of the Cup: Organ Meditation – *"The King of Love"*

Dale Wood

*Song of Response: **"We Will Feast in the House of Zion" 3 vs.**

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: *"How Firm a Foundation"*

Victor Labenske, Carol Tornquist

Offering: Benevolent Fund

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Dedication: **"My Friends, May You Grow in Grace" LUYH #938**

*Sending and Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude: *"All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name"*

Victor Labenske

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Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe
Organist: Emily Sybesma
Pianists: Alyssa Koelewyn, Hailey Koelewyn
Reader: Mel Klein
Prayer Leader: Jim Bos