



*Rise*

**UP**

ISAIAH 40:31

**GEMS SUNDAY**  
**4.28.2024**

**EVENING WORSHIP ~ April 28, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM**  
**First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa**

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: “David’s Victory March”  
“Tenderly”  
“In Christ Alone”  
“It Is Well With My Soul”  
“Be Thou My Vision”

Welcome

\*Song of Preparation: **“Come, Christians, Join to Sing” LUYH #599:1-3**

\*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 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 I 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!**

**WE SING GOD’S PRAISE**

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 22:25-31

Singing the Psalm: **“In the Presence of Your People” PFAS #22F:1-3**

Song of Praise: **“Lord Most High” LUYH #593**

**WE CELEBRATE GOD’S FAITHFULNESS**  
**TO AND THROUGH OUR GEMS PROGRAM**

GEMS Year Review

Song of Praise: **“On Eagle’s Wings” SANC #185:1-4**

(vs. 1-GEMS; vs.2-Men; vs. 3-Women; vs. 4-all)

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Esther 4 (Old Testament p. 552)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: *RISE UP*

Prayer of Application

\*Sermon Response: **“Our God Will Go Before Us” 4 vs.**

**WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD**

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: **“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”**

**“For the Beauty of the Earth”**

Offering: GEMS Girls’ Clubs, Grand Rapids, MI

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

\*Statement of Faith: **Apostles’ Creed**

\*Hymn of Dedication: **“We Receive Your Blessing” LUYH #947**

\*Sending and Benediction

\*Moment of Meditation

\*Postlude: **“Prelude in C”**

J.S. Bach

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

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Kurt Monroe, Rev. John Lee*  
*Organists: Leendert van Beek; Elsie Vander Tuin*  
*Pianists: Saydie MacInnis, Cora Vander Tuin, Makenna Haan,*  
*Millie Brommer, Hailey Koelewyn, Ashley Wynia*  
*Reader: Addi Boogerd | Prayer Leader: Charles Veenstra*  
*Instrumentalists and Vocalists: GEMS Members*  
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*All are invited for refreshments after the service.*