

REFORMATION SUNDAY
MORNING WORSHIP ~ October 27, 2024 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*
“We Shall Overcome”
“Come Sunday”

Rachel Laurin
Adolphus Hailstork
Duke Ellington, arr. Ruud Bergamin

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: ***“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” LUYH #776:1-4***

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.**

Pastor: Come, let us bow down in worship,

People: let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

Pastor: for he is our God

**People: and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.**

—Psalm 95:1-2, 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!

*Hymn of Praise: ***“Robed in Majesty” LUYH #546:1-2 (PFAS 93A)***
(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: ***“He Is Lord” LUYH #227:1-4***

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: 2 Kings 1:1-18 (Old Testament p. 411)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *HE FELL ON HIS KNEES BEFORE ELIJAH*

*Song of Response: ***“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” LUYH #325:1,3,4***

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Choral Offertory: *“Now Thank We All Our God”*

J.S. Bach

Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother’s arms hath bless’d us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

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

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: ***“Now Thank We All Our God” LUYH #543:2,3***

*Sending and Benediction

*Sung Doxology: ***“The Lord Bless You” LUYH #948*** (1st time: Choir; 2nd time: Congregation)

*Postlude: ***“The Strong-Tower-Postlude: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”***

Matthias Nagel

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe

Organist: Leendert van Beek | Trumpet: Peter Kuipers

Adult Choir directed by Peter Kuipers

EVENING WORSHIP ~ October 27, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude: "Aurelia"
"Canticle of Praise"
"God of Grace and God of Glory"
"Aurelia"

C. Callahan
A. Jordan
W. Held
M. McDonald

Welcome

*Song of Preparation: **"The Church's One Foundation" LUYH #251:1-4**

*Call to Worship

Pastor: The Lord exists forever; his word is firmly fixed in heaven.

**People: Your faithfulness endures to all generations;
you have established the earth, and it stands fast.**

Pastor: By your appointment they stand today, for all things are your servants.

**People: If your law had not been our delight,
we would have perished in our misery.
We will never forget your precepts. For by them, you have given us life.**

Pastor: Oh, how we love your law!

Your commandments make us wiser than our enemies, for it is always with us.

People: How sweet are your words to our taste, sweeter than honey in our mouths!

—Psalm 119:89-104

*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 34:1-8,19-22

Singing the Psalm: **"LORD, I Bring My Songs to You" PFAS #34D:1-4 (LUYH 406)**

Song of Praise: **"Reformation Song" 4 vs.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Exodus 20:1-2,16 and John 17:17-19 (OT p. 82; NT p. 136)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Statement of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 112 (*What We Believe Vol. 1, p. 64*)

Sermon: **I SHOULD LOVE THE TRUTH**

*Song of Response: **"For the Honor of Our King" LUYH #221:1-3,5 (PFAS 45A)**

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: **"Good Shepherd of My Soul"**

DeBarra, Getty, Getty, Townend

*Good Shepherd of my soul, come dwell within me;
Take all I am and mould your likeness in me.
Before the cross of Christ, this is my sacrifice:
A life laid down and ready to follow.*

*The troubled find their peace in true surrender;
The prisoners their release from chains of anger.
In springs of living grace I find a resting place
To rise refreshed and ready to follow.*

*I'll walk this narrow road with Christ before me,
Where thorns and thistles grow and cords ensnare me.
Though doubted and denied, He never leaves my side,
But lifts my head and calls me to follow.*

*And when my days are gone, my strength is failing,
He'll carry me along through death's unveiling.
Earth's struggles overcome, heaven's journey just begun
To search Christ's depths and ever to follow.*

Offering: Building and Mission Funds

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Dedication: **"Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God" LUYH #953:1-2**

*Sending and Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude: **"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"**

Larry Shackley

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Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe

Organist: Ellen Klompjen | Pianist: Jennifer Monroe

Reader: Christina Brommer | Prayer Leaders: Rich & Stacy Koele | Vocalists: Millie Brommer, Anneke Van Bruggen

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