

*FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY*  
**MORNING WORSHIP ~ February 2, 2025 ~ 9:30 AM**  
**First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude: “Christians, We Have Met to Worship”  
“Brightest and Best”

Mark Hayes  
Robert A. Hobby

Welcome

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

**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

\*Call to Worship

Pastor: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

**People: His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.**

Pastor: The Lord has made known his victory;

**People: he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

Pastor: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

**People: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

—Psalm 98:1-3

\*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: “LORD, I Bring My Songs to You” LUYH #406:1-3 (PFAS 34D)  
(Young children are invited to Children and Worship)

**GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF**

Prayer of Confession

Song of Confession: “Have Mercy on Us, God Most High” LUYH #13:1-2

Assurance of Pardon

God’s Will for Our Lives

Choral Anthem: “Rain Down”

Jaime Cortez, arr. John Carter

*Refrain: Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people.*

*Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life.*

*Faithful and true is the word of our God. All of God’s works are so worthy of trust.  
God’s mercy falls on the just and the right; full of God’s love is the earth. (Refrain)*

*We who revere and find hope in our God live in the kindness and joy of God’s wing.  
God will protect us from darkness and death; God will not leave us to starve. (Refrain)*

*God of creation, we long for your truth; you are the water of life for our thirst.  
Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in you. (Refrain)*

**GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Matthew 5:6 (New Testament p. 5)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: *THE BLESSINGS OF GOD’S KINGDOM LIFE, PART 2*

\*Song of Response: “As the Deer” LUYH #503:1,3 (PFAS 42D)

**WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING**

Prayers of the People

Offertory: “Prelude on NICAEA”

Sandra Achterberg

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

**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**

\*Hymn of Dedication: “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright” LUYH #374:1-3

\*Sending and Benediction

\*Doxology: “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright” LUYH #374:4

\*Postlude: “Rejoice, the Lord is King”

Cindy Berry

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe

Organist: Emily Sybesma | Pianist: Sandy De Groot

Adult Choir directed by Peter Kuipers | Accompanist: Annalise Busch

**EVENING WORSHIP ~ February 2, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM**  
**First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa**

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: *“Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier* (*“Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word”*)  
*“Psalm 99”*  
*“Ellacombe”*

Sigfried Karg-Elert  
Bernard Bartelink  
Flor Peeters

Welcome

\*Song of Preparation: ***“The LORD Is King, Enthroned in Might” PFAS #99A:1-3 (LUYH 726)***

\*Call to Worship

Pastor: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

**People: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

Pastor: The LORD is great in Zion;

**People: he is exalted over all the peoples.**

Pastor: Let them praise your great and awesome name!

**People: Holy is he!**

—Psalm 99:1-3

\*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 17:1-6

Singing the Psalm: ***“O Hear My Righteous Plea” Trinity Psalter Hymnal #17:1-3***

Song of Praise: ***“Open Your Ears, O Faithful People” LUYH #751:1-3 (PFAS 78C)***

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Prayer of Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Exodus 40:34-38 (Old Testament p. 109)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: *THE GLORY OF THE LORD*

\*Sermon Response: ***“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” LUYH #286:1,3,4***

**WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD**

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: ***“Let All Things Now Living” (Lyrics from LUYH 5)***

Offering: Hope Haven (Wheelchair Ministry)

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

\*Statement of Faith: **Nicene Creed**

\*Hymn of Dedication: ***“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer” LUYH #43:1-3***

\*Sending and Benediction

\*Moment of Meditation

\*Postlude: *Cwm Rhondda* (“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”), Op. 14

Paul Manz

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

*Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe*

*Organist: Carrie Groenewold*

*Vocalists: Rachel Raih, Deanne De Jong, Amy Vander Berg, Cathy Feenstra, Lisa Dykstra, Stacy Koele*

*Accompanist: Jennifer Monroe*

*Reader: Darrel Raih*

*Prayer Leader: Garret Visser*