

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
MORNING WORSHIP ~ March 9, 2025 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: “Kyrie from *Mass for the Convents*”
Variations on “How Firm a Foundation”

François Couperin
Janet Linker

Opening Song: “Trisagion”

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: “**Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above**” LUYH #572:1,4,5

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

**People: We rejoice in our God, who made a way
through the desert of this world.**

Pastor: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy
to flow in the wasteland.

**People: We are the people God has formed through Christ;
we worship him, and we rejoice!**

Pastor: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

—based on Isaiah 43:19-21

*God’s Greeting

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,
who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age,
according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

People: Amen!

*Hymn of Praise: “**How Firm a Foundation**” LUYH #427:1,2,4,5 (PFAS 11B)
(*Young Children are invited to Children and Worship*)

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Sung Confession: “**Kyrie**”

Assurance of Pardon

Sung Response: “**Agnus Dei**”

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

God’s Will for Our Lives / Reading of Scripture: Matthew 5:17-20 (New Testament p. 5)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *YOU HAVE HEARD THAT IT WAS SAID:*

THE CITIZEN OF GOD’S KINGDOM AND THE LAW

*Song of Response: “**Before the Throne of God Above**” LUYH #682:1-3

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; (2) Christian Education Fund

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: “**Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days**” LUYH #132:1,2,3,5

*Sending and Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude: “Plainchant of the First Kyrie from *Mass for the Parishes*”

François Couperin

*indicates that those who are able are invited to stand

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe
Organist: Carrie Groenewold | Violin: Lisa Miedema
Vocalists: Chad & Cathy Feenstra

EVENING WORSHIP ~ March 9, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude: *"You Servants of God"*

Robert Hobby, Michael Burkhardt, Charles Callahan

Choral Introit: *"Shout for Joy!"*

Welcome

*Song of Preparation: ***"You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"*** LUYH #582:1-3

*Call to Worship

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times;

People: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Pastor: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

People: let the humble hear and be glad.

Pastor: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

People: and let us exalt his name together!

—Psalm 34:1-3

*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 91:1-2, 9-16

Singing the Psalm: ***"On Eagle's Wings"*** PFAS #91E:1-4

Choral Song of Praise: *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Deuteronomy 30:11-20 (Old Testament p. 232)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *CHOOSE LIFE*

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Reading the Form

Distribution of the Elements

During the Passing of the Bread: ***"Franklin Sanctus"*** (Choir: 1st time; All: 2nd time)

During the Passing of the Cup: Organ Meditation - *"Beautiful Savior"*

Robert Hobby

Choral Song of Response: *"What Wondrous Love is This"*

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: *"Do Not Be Afraid"*

Offering: Benevolent Fund

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Dedication: ***"Ahead of Us a Race to Run"*** LUYH #870:1-2

*Sending and Benediction

Sung Benediction: *"Peace I Leave with You"*

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude: *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross with There Is a Redeemer"*

Anna Laura Page

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe

Organist: Emily Sybesma

Vocalists: Western Christian High School Chamber Singers directed by Lindsey Ver Meer

Reader: Kryn Vander Berg | Prayer Leader: Kendra Thompson