

*FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT*  
**MORNING WORSHIP ~ April 6, 2025 ~ 9:30 AM**  
**First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude: *“Be Thou My Vision”, “Great is Thy Faithfulness”* Albin C. Whitworth, Roger Bennett  
*“Let All Things Now Living”, “All Creatures of Our God and King”* Lloyd Larson, Gayden C. Sykes

Opening Song: ***“Trisagion”***

Welcome

\*Hymn of Preparation: ***“I Will Extol You, O My God” LUYH #561:1-3 (PFAS 145E)***

**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

\*Call to Worship

Pastor: Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace;  
approach our God, who is full of mercy.

**People: We will praise God with all our heart  
and glorify the name of the Most High forever.**

\*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: ***“All Creatures of Our God and King” LUYH #551:1,5,6***

**GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF**

Call to Confession

Sung Confession: ***“Kyrie”***

Assurance of Pardon

Sung Response: ***“Agnus Dei”***

**GOD COMES TO US THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Reading the Form

Baptism of Grace Evelyn Westra

\*Song of Response: ***“Be Thou My Vision” LUYH #859:1,2,4***

*(Young Children are invited to Children and Worship)*

**GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

God’s Will for Our Lives / Reading of Scripture: Matthew 5:38-48 (New Testament p. 6)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: *YOU HAVE HEARD THAT IT WAS SAID: RETALIATION AND HATE OF ENEMIES*

\*Song of Response: ***“Lord, Make Us Servants” LUYH #904:1,4,5***

**WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING**

Prayers of the People

Offertory: *“Children of the Heavenly Father”*

Alice Jordan, Wilbur Held

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

**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**

\*Hymn of Dedication: ***“All People That on Earth Do Dwell” LUYH #1:1-4 (PFAS 100A)***

\*Sending and Benediction

\*Moment of Meditation

\*Postlude: *“Old Hundreth (Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow)”*

Alice Jordan

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe

Organist: Carla Nibbelink

Pianist: Kim Vander Berg

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

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

\*Song of Preparation: **“Across the Lands” LUYH #775:1-3**

\*Call to Worship

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations!  
Extol him, all peoples!

**People: For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.  
Praise the LORD!**

—Psalm 117:1-2

\*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 126**

Singing the Psalm: **“When God First Brought Us Back” PFAS #126A:1-2 (LUYH 55)**

Song of Praise: **“Sing Praise to the Lord, You People of Grace” LUYH #7:1,2,4 (PFAS 150A)**

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

Prayer of Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Judges 17 (Old Testament p. 291)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Statement of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 96 & 97 (*What We Believe* Vol. 1, p. 56)

Sermon: **ALL THE PEOPLE DID WHAT WAS RIGHT IN THEIR OWN EYES**

\*Sermon Response: **“Cast Down, O God, the Idols” LUYH #626:1-3**

**WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD**

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: **“Fear Not”**

Ellie Holcomb, Nathan Dugger

*Chorus: Fear not, for I have redeemed you  
I’ve called you by name, you are mine  
Fear not, for I have redeemed you  
I’ve called you by name, you are mine*

*2- And if you need a friend, oh, I won’t let you down  
If you feel the earth shaking, I’m your solid ground  
If you’re feeling alone, and like no one is around  
Don’t be afraid, I am with you (Chorus)*

*1- If you’re scared of the dark, I’ll be your guiding light  
If the flood waters come, they won’t wash you aside  
If you’re caught in a storm, I’m safe place to hide  
Don’t be afraid, I am with you (Chorus)*

*3- Don’t you forget that I made you  
Just believe that I am enough  
I’ll never leave or forsake you  
Try to remember my love (Chorus)*

Offering: Hope Haven (Wheelchair Ministry)

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

\*Hymn of Dedication: **“For the Glories of God’s Grace” LUYH #677:1,2,4,5**

\*Sending and Benediction

\*Moment of Meditation

\*Postlude

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe  
Organist: Jessica Hummel  
Reader: Megan Fopma  
Children’s Choir directed by Sarah Sjoerdsma  
Accompanist: Jennifer Monroe  
Prayer Leader: Barb Eekhoff