

SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT - PALM SUNDAY
MORNING WORSHIP ~ April 13, 2025 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: “Sing to the King with I Sing the Mighty Power of God”
“Hosanna (Praise is Rising) with To God Be the Glory”
“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Carol Tornquist
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Victor Labenske

Opening Song: **“Trisagion”**

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: **“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” LUYH #146:1,3,4,5**

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

People: Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Pastor: Lo, your king comes to you;

People: triumphant and victorious is he,

Pastor: humble and riding on a donkey,

People: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Pastor: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest.

—based on Zechariah 9:9 and Psalm 118:26

*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!

Children’s Choir: *“Hosanna”*

“Cloaks and Branches”

Carl Tuttle
Richard Cootes

*Hymn of Praise: **“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” LUYH #145:1-3**

(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 6:1-6 (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:**

YOUR FATHER WHO SEES IN SECRET WILL REWARD YOU

*Song of Response: **“Take My Life and Let It Be” LUYH #863:1,3,4,6** *(alternate tune LUYH 864)*

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Offertory: *“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”*

Michael Burkhardt, Clay Christiansen

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

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: **“Rejoice, O Zion’s Daughter” LUYH #151:1,2,4**

*Sending and Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude: *“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”*

Michael Burkhardt

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe

Organist: Emily Sybesma | Pianist: Alyssa Koelewyn

String Ensemble: Emily Zuidema, Hailey Koelewyn, Addie Groenewold, Addie Ochsner, Kira Ochsner

Children’s Choir directed by Sarah Sjoerdsma | Accompanist: Emily Sybesma

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EVENING WORSHIP ~ April 13, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude: *“Lead, Kindly Light”* Gerben Mourik
Lead, Kindly Light, amidst th’encircling gloom, lead Thou me on!
Suite on “If Thou But Trust in God to Guide You” Sietze de Vries
(Courante – Allemande – Sarabande – Gigue)

Welcome

*Song of Preparation: ***“The Glorious Gates of Righteousness” PFAS #118A:1,4,5***

*Call to Worship

Pastor: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
People: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.
Pastor: For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.
Come, let us all worship and bow down together,
**People: let us kneel together before the LORD, our maker. For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.—Psalm 133; 95:6-7**

*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!

WE SING GOD’S PRAISE

Psalm of the Day: ***“Psalm 31:1-5, 9-16, 19-24 | A Responsorial Setting” PFAS #31C (LUYH 458)***
Song of Praise: ***“Give Thanks to God for All His Goodness” PFAS #118H:1,2,4 (LUYH 196)***

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Illumination
Reading of Scripture: 1 Kings 2:1-12 (Old Testament p. 377)
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
Sermon: *AND HIS KINGDOM WAS FIRMLY ESTABLISHED*
*Sermon Response: ***“My Song Forever Shall Record” LUYH #280:1,2,4,5***

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

Congregational Prayer
Offertory: ***“There Is One Gospel”*** Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson

1- There is one Gospel on which I stand for all eternity.
It is my story, my Father’s plan, the Son has rescued me.
Oh what a Gospel, oh what a peace, my highest joy and my deepest need.
Now and forever He is my light, I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

2- There is one Gospel to which I cling, all else I count as loss.
For there, where justice and mercy meet, He saved me on that cross.
No more I boast in what I can bring, no more I carry the weight of sin,
for He has brought me from death to life, I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

3- There is one Gospel where hope is found, the empty tomb still speaks,
for death could not keep my Savior down, He lives and I am free.
Now on my Savior, I fix my eyes, my life is His and His hope is mine,
for He has promised I, too, will rise, I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

4- And in this Gospel the church is one, we do not walk alone.
We have His Spirit as we press on to lead us safely home.
And when in glory still I will sing of this old story that rescued me.
Praise to my Savior, the King of life, I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Offering: Siouxland Unity CRC of Sioux City

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Statement of Faith: **The Apostles’ Creed**
*Hymn of Dedication: ***“If You But Trust in God to Guide You” LUYH #407:1-3***
*Sending and Benediction
*Moment of Meditation
*Postlude: ***“Toccata over Psalm 118”*** Wim van Beek

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Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe | Organist: Leendert van Beek
Readers/Vocal Leaders: Kryn and Ross Vander Berg
Vocalists: Samantha Anema, Annalise Busch, Mackenzie Gossman, Julia Visser, Alyssa Koelewyn, Katy Timmer, Emily Zuidema, Kryn Vander Berg, Brianna Ten Pas, Emily Kraft, Amelia Vander Wel, Kendall Houtsma
Accompanist: Gloria Brown | Violin: Kaeley Meyer
Prayer Leaders: Rich & Stacy Koele