

*FIRST SUNDAY OF EASTER*  
**MORNING WORSHIP ~ April 20, 2025 ~ 9:30 AM**  
**First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude: “Concerto in G Major, I.[Allegro assai], BWV 592” Johann Sebastian Bach  
Pastorale from Paschal Suite (“The Strife is O’er”) Richard Webster  
Fantasy on “Easter Hymn” William H. Harris  
Choral Introit: “Gloria” Gregory D. Wilbur

Glory to God in the highest! Peace to His people on earth.  
We praise You! We bless You! We adore You! We glorify! We give You thanks for Your glory.

Welcome  
\*Hymn of Preparation: **“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” LUYH #182:1-4**

**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

\*Call to Worship  
Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Pastor: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**People: He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.**  
Pastor: God has claimed us as his own.  
**People: He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.**  
Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!** —based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

\*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: **“This Joyful Eastertide” LUYH #202:1-3**

**GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF**

Prayer of Confession  
Assurance of Pardon  
God’s Will for Our Lives  
Choral Anthem of Response: “With A Voice of Singing” Martin Shaw  
With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!  
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia!  
O be joyful in God, all ye lands,  
O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious.  
With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

**GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD**

Prayer for Illumination  
Reading of Scripture: Matthew 6:7-15 (New Testament p. 7)  
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**  
Sermon: *PRAYING TO OUR FATHER IN LIGHT OF JESUS’ RESURRECTION*

**WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Reading the Form  
Distribution of the Elements  
During the Passing of the Bread: **“Come to Us, Beloved Stranger” LUYH #207:1-3**  
During the Passing of the Cup: “I Know that My Redeemer Liveth” from Messiah G.F. Handel  
\*Song of Response: **“In Christ Alone” LUYH #770:1-4**

**WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING**

Prayers of the People  
Offertory: “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” J.S. Bach  
Offerings: (1) First CRC Ministry Fund and Christian Education Fund; (2) Denominational Pledge

**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**

\*Hymn of Dedication: **“Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem” Gray Psalter Hymnal #404:1-3**  
\*Sending and Benediction  
\*Doxology: **“Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem” Gray Psalter Hymnal #404:4**  
\*Postlude: “Finale from Symphony VI” Charles-Marie Widor  
\*indicates that those who are able are invited to stand

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe | Organist: Carrie Groenewold | Adult Choir directed by Peter Kuipers | Soloist: Janna Wesselius | Brass Ensemble: Todd and Leah Zuidema, Onsby Rose, Peter Kuipers, Jan Brons, Calum Monroe

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**EVENING WORSHIP ~ April 20, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM**  
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**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

\*Song of Preparation: **“Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” LUYH #179:1,2,4**

\*Call to Worship

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

—based on Luke 24:34

\*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 118:14-24 “A Paraphrase for Easter” PFAS #118I**

Singing the Psalm: **“This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made” PFAS #118E:1-4**

Song of Praise: **“Abide with Me” LUYH #466:1,3,5**

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

Prayer of Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Jeremiah 29:1-23 (Old Testament p. 894)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: **THE GIFT OF THE LORD’S PLANS**

Prayer of Application

\*Sermon Response: **“In Sweet Communion, Lord, with You” LUYH #346:1-5 (PFAS 73B)**

**WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD**

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: **“His Robes for Mine”**

Chris Anderson, Greg Habegger

His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange!  
Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered ‘neath God’s rage.  
Draped in His righteousness, I’m justified.  
In Christ I live, for in my place He died. (Chorus)

His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?  
God’s daunting law Christ mastered in my stead.  
Faultless I stand, with righteous works not mine,  
Saved by my Lord’s vicarious death and life. (Chorus)

Chorus: I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost:  
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.  
Bought by such love, my life is not my own.  
My praise, my all, shall be for Christ alone.  
  
His robes for mine: God’s justice is appeased.  
Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father’s pleased.  
Christ drank God’s wrath on sin, then cried “‘Tis done!”  
Sin’s wage is paid; propitiation won. (Chorus)

His robes for mine: such anguish none can know.  
Christ, God’s beloved, condemned as though His foe.  
He, as though I, accursed and left alone;  
I, as though He, embraced and welcomed home! (Chorus)

Offering: Benevolent Fund

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

\*Statement of Faith: **Our World Belongs To God, paragraphs 55 and 56**

\*Hymn of Dedication: **“By the Sea of Crystal” LUYH #489:1,3**

\*Sending and Benediction

\*Moment of Meditation

\*Postlude

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Worship Leader: Rev. Bob Drenten

Organist: Leah Zuidema

Elder of Service: Jon Buiter

Readers: Kyler Koelewyn and Caleb Sjoerdsma

Vocalists: Alyssa, Dylan, Hailey, Jason & Tami Koelewyn, Mark & Sarah Sjoerdsma

Accompanist: Tami Koelewyn

Prayer Leader: Jim Bos