

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
MORNING WORSHIP ~ April 27, 2025 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: Prelude & Fugue on *“Thine Is the Glory”*

Margaretha Christina de Jong

Opening Song: **“Gloria”**

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: **“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” LUYH #199:1-4**

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn.
I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,

People: I will sing praises to you among the nations.

Pastor: For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens;

People: your faithfulness extends to the clouds.

Pastor: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.

People: Let your glory be over all the earth.

—Psalm 57:8-11

*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: **“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” LUYH #205:1,3,5**

(Young Children are invited to Children and Worship)

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God’s Will for Our Lives

*Song of Response: **“Now the Green Blade Rises” LUYH #203:1-4**

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: John 20 (New Testament p. 140)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *THREE WHO BELIEVED*

A. John

B. Mary Magdalene

C. Thomas

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Response: **“I Serve a Risen Savior” LUYH #365:1-3**

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Offertory: **“You Raise Me Up”**

Martin Mans

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

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: **“Thine Is the Glory” LUYH #187:1-3**

*Sending and Benediction

*Doxology: **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Gray Psalter Hymnal #638**

*Postlude: *“Toccata (from Suite Gothique)”*

Léon Boëllmann

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Tim Ouwinga

Organist: Leendert van Beek

Elder of Service: Phil Van Maanen

EVENING WORSHIP ~ April 27, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

*Song of Preparation: **“Come, All You People, Praise Our God” LUYH #495:1-3 (PFAS 66C)**

*Call to Worship

Leader: This is the good news—
the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: This is the good news—
the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: This is the good news—
once we were no people; now we are God’s people.

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: Christ is our peace,
the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

People: Hallelujah!

*God’s Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Grace, mercy, and peace are ours, 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 150

Singing the Psalm: **“Praise God! Earth and Heaven Rejoice!” PFAS #150J:1-2 (LUYH 952)**

Song of Praise: **“You Are Before Me, Lord” LUYH #336:1,2,4,5 (PFAS 139D)**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Psalm 88 (Old Testament p. 670)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *GRACE FLOWS THROUGH THE NIGHT*

Prayer of Application

*Sermon Response: **“I Worship You, O LORD” LUYH #668:1,2,5 (PFAS 30A)**

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: **“Christ, Be All around Me”**

Jordan, Leonard, Mooring, Mooring

1- As I rise, strength of God, go before, lift me up; as I wake, eyes of God, look on me, be my sight.

2- As I wait, heart of God, satisfy and sustain; as I hear, voice of God, lead me on, be my guide.

Refrain: Above and below me, before and behind me; in ev’ry eye that sees me, Christ, be all around me;

above and below me, before and behind me; in ev’ry eye that sees me, Christ, be all around me.

3- As I go, hand of God, my defense, by my side; as I rest, breath of God, fall on me, bring me peace. (Refrain)

Offering: Building and Mission Funds

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Statement of Faith: **Our World Belongs To God, paragraphs 2 and 6**

*Hymn of Dedication: **“In the Day of the Lord” LUYH #485:1,2,5,6**

*Sending and Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude

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Worship Leader: Dr. Charles Veenstra | Organist: Leah Zuidema

Readers: Steph & Brody Raih | Prayer Leader: Ron Rynders

Youth Choir directed by Liz Van Maanen | Accompanist: Jessica Hummel