

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MORNING WORSHIP ~ May 18, 2025 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *“And Can It Be”*
“This is My Father’s World”
“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Rick Parks
Robert Hobby, Alice Jordan
Alice Jordan, Gordon Young

Opening Song: **“Gloria”**

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: **“Sing to the LORD, Sing His Praise” LUYH #515:1,4,5,6 (PFAS 96B)**

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: **“Praise the Savior, Now and Ever” LUYH #191:1,3,4**

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon
God’s Will for Our Lives
*Song of Response: **“God Be in My Head” LUYH #858:1-2**

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Reading of Scripture: Matthew 6:16-18 (New Testament p. 7)
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
Sermon: *FASTING: YOUR FATHER WHO SEES IN SECRET WILL REWARD YOU*
*Song of Response: **“Commit Your Way to God the Lord” LUYH #850:1,3,4**

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People
Offertory: *“Be Thou My Vision”* Albin C. Whitworth
Offerings: (1) First CRC Ministry Fund and Christian Education Fund; (2) Denominational Pledge

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: **“We Will Extol You, God and King” LUYH #562:1,2,4 (PFAS 145G)**
*Sending and Benediction
*Doxology: **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Gray Psalter Hymnal #638**
*Postlude: *“Lead On, O King Eternal”* Alice Jordan

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe
Organist: Carla Nibbelink
Pianist: Kim Vander Berg
Vocalists: Sarah & Isaiah deRegt

EVENING WORSHIP ~ May 18, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude: Variations on *Thaxted* (“O God, Beyond All Praising”) Tom Trenney

Welcome

*Song of Preparation: **“Let All Creation’s Wonders” LUYH #555:1-3 (PFAS 148A)**

*Call to Worship

Leader: We love you, O Lord, our strength.

People: The Lord is our rock, our fortress, and our deliverer.

Leader: Our God is the rock in whom we take refuge,
our shield, and the horn of our salvation, our stronghold.

**People: We will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,
so shall we be saved from our enemies.** —adapted from Psalm 18:1-3

*God’s Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: 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 148

Singing the Psalm: **“Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator” PFAS #148E:1-3 (LUYH 550)**

Song of Praise: **“Creation Sings the Father’s Song” 1, 2, refrain, 3, refrain**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Revelation 21:1-8 (New Testament p. 315)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *I AM MAKING ALL THINGS NEW*

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: **“In the Day of the Lord” LUYH #485:1,4,5**

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: **“The Son of God Goes Forth to War”** Reginald Heber; Gregory Wilbur

1- The Son of God goes forth to war,
a kingly crown to gain;
His blood-red banner streams afar!
Who follows in his train?
Who best can drink His cup of woe,
triumphant over pain,
who patient bears his cross below,
he follows in His train.

2- The martyr first, whose eagle eye
could pierce beyond the grave;
who saw his Master in the sky
and called on Him to save.
Like Him, with pardon on His tongue
in midst of mortal pain,
he prayed for them that did the wrong!
Who follows in His train?

3- A glorious band, the chosen few
on whom the Spirit came,
twelve valiant saints, their hope they knew,
and mocked the cross and flame.
They met the tyrant's brandished steel,
the lion's gory mane;
they bowed their necks the death to feel:
who follows in their train?

4- A noble army, men and boys,
the matron and the maid,
around the Savior's throne rejoice
in robes of light arrayed.
They climbed the steep ascent of heav'n
through peril, toil and pain;
O God, to us may grace be giv'n
to follow in their train.

Offering: Hope Haven (Wheelchair Ministry)

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Statement of Faith: **Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 57**

*Hymn of Dedication: **“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” LUYH #477:1,2,4** (alternate tune: LANCASHIRE)

*Sending and Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude: **“Toccata in Seven”** John Rutter

*indicates that those who are able are invited to stand

Worship Leader: Dr. David Westfall | Organist: Carrie Groenewold

Reader: Ana Monroe | Prayer Leader: Lisa Dykstra

Vocalists: Kurt, Iain, and Calum Monroe; Jevon, Levi, and Reuben Groenewold | Accompanist: Jennifer Monroe

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