

*SUNDAY OF EASTER / ASCENSION DAY OBSERVED*  
**MORNING WORSHIP ~ June 1, 2025 ~ 9:30 AM**  
**First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

Opening Song: **“Gloria”**

Welcome

\*Hymn of Preparation: **“Rejoice, the Lord Is King” LUYH #224:1-4**

**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

\*Call to Worship

Pastor: Jesus Christ has come into heaven and is at God’s right hand—  
with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to him.

**People: Since we have a great high priest who has gone into heaven—  
Jesus, the Son of God—let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.  
Let us praise his holy name!**

Pastor: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

**People: Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power, and strength  
be to our God forevermore!**

Pastor: Alleluia, Amen!

**People: Alleluia!**

—based on Hebrews 4:14, Revelation 5:10,12

\*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: **“The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns” Gray PH #411:1-3,6**

**GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF**

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God’s Will for Our Lives

\*Song of Response: **“He Will Hold Me Fast” 3 vs.**

**WE CELEBRATE PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Reading the Form

Profession of Faith of Brenna Van Roekel

\*Song of Response: **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” LUYH #348:1-3**

**GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34 (New Testament p. 7)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: **DO NOT WORRY...STRIVE FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS**

\*Song of Response: **“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” LUYH #26:1,2,6**

**WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING**

Prayers of the People

Offertory

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

**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**

\*Hymn of Dedication: **“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing” LUYH #208:1,3,4**

\*Sending and Benediction

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

\*Postlude

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

*Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe*

*Organist: Leah Zuidema*

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