

SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
MORNING WORSHIP ~ July 20, 2025 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *Partita on "Built on the Rock, the Church Shall Stand"*

Alfred Fedak

"Built on the Rock, the church shall stand even when steeples are falling;
Christ builds his church in every land; bells are still chiming and calling..."

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: **"God, You Call Us to This Place" LUYH #531:1-3**

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Praise the LORD! The LORD is king,

People: He is robed in majesty;

Pastor: the LORD is robed,

People: He is girded with strength.

Pastor: He has established the world;

People: it shall never be moved;

Pastor: His throne is established from of old;

People: He is from everlasting. Praise the LORD!

—based on Psalm 93:1-2

*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: **"Christ is Our Cornerstone" vs. 1-3**

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God's Will for Our Lives

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

*Sung Prayer for Illumination: **"Speak, O Lord" LUYH #755:1-3**

Reading of Scripture: Matthew 7:24-29 (New Testament p. 9)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *FOUNDED ON ROCK*

*Song of Response: **"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" LUYH #751:1-3 (PFAS 78C)**

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Offertory: *"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"*

arr. N. M. Lacanski

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

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Song: **"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" LUYH #772:1,2,4**

*Sending and Benediction

*Doxology: **"Rejoice, O Pure in Heart" LUYH #353:1,4**

*Postlude: *"Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten"*

(If thou but trust in God to guide thee), BWV 642

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe

Organist: Carrie Groenewold

Clarinet: Kirsten Buiter

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

Prelude

Welcome

*Song of Preparation: **“Holy God, We Praise Your Name” LUYH #540:1-4**

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Sing to the LORD a new song,
People: his praise in the assembly of the godly!
Pastor: Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
People: let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!
Pastor: Let them praise his name with dancing,
People: making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!
Pastor: For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
People: he adorns the humble with salvation.
Pastor: Let the godly exult in glory;
People: Praise the LORD!

—Psalm 149:1-5, 9

*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 15
Singing the Psalm: **“LORD, Who May Dwell Within Your House” PFAS #15D:1-3 (LUYH 612)**
Song of Praise: **“My Soul Finds Rest” LUYH #370:1-3 (PFAS #62B)**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Reading of Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-3 and John 17:20-26 (New Testament p. 236 and 136)
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
Sermon: *A LIFE WORTHY OF OUR CALLING*
Prayer of Application
*Sermon Response: **“Jesus, with Your Church Abide” Grey Psalter Hymnal #508:1,3,5**

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

Congregational Prayer
Offertory: **“See How Good It Is”** Kimbrough/McCracken

1- See how good it is Gathering with friends Welcoming the stranger in See how good it is	3- Sad divisions cease We're ordained as priests Spreading out God's joyful feast See how good it is (Refrain)
<i>Refrain: When God's children live as one By the Spirit we become The open arms of God To a world in need of love</i>	4- See the earth renewed By the morning dew All creation sings the truth: "See how good it is!" (Refrain)

Offering: The Banquet of Sioux Falls

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Statement of Faith: **Nicene Creed**
*Hymn of Dedication: **“God, the Father of Your People” LUYH #927:1-2**
*Sending and Benediction
*Postlude

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Worship Leader: Rev. Bob Drenten
Elder of Service: Jerry De Groot
Organist: Jessica Hummel
Reader: Sandy De Groot | Prayer Leader: Onsby Rose
Vocalists: Jennifer, Ana, and Ellie Monroe | Accompanist: Jennifer Monroe