

SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
MORNING WORSHIP ~ August 17, 2025 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: **“Jerusalem, Thou City Fair and High”** Arie J. Keijzer
*Jerusalem, thou city fair and high,
would God I were in thee.*

“The Holy City” Stephen Adams

*Last night I lay a sleeping, there came a dream so fair,
I stood in old Jerusalem beside the temple there.
I heard the children singing, and ever as they sang,
Methought the voice of angels from heaven in answer rang:
“Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing,
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your King!”*

*And then methought my dream was changed, the streets no longer rang,
Hushed were the glad Hosannas the little children sang;
The sun grew dark with mystery, the morn was cold and chill,
As the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill.
“Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Hark! how the angels sing,
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your King.”*

*And once again the scene was changed, new earth there seemed to be,
I saw the Holy City beside the tideless sea;
The light of God was on its streets, the gates were open wide,
And all who would might enter, and no one was denied.
No need of moon or stars by night, or sun to shine by day,
It was the new Jerusalem that would not pass away.
“Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Sing, for the night is o’er,
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna evermore!”*

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: **“How Lovely Is Your Dwelling” PFAS #84A:1-3 (LUYH 507)**

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty!

People: Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.

Pastor: Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?

People: For you alone are holy.

All nations will come and worship you! —from Revelation 15:3-4, NIV

*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 God of Abraham Praise” LUYH #39:1,2,4,5**

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon
God’s Will for Our Lives
*Song of Response: **“By Faith” 5 vs.**

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Reading of Scripture: Hebrews 11:8-16 (New Testament p. 273)
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
Sermon: *THE CITY WITH FOUNDATIONS*
Prayer of Application
*Song of Response: **“Jerusalem the Golden” LUYH #488:1-4**

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People
Offertory: **“Chevaliers de Sangreal (Knights of the Holy Grail)** Hans Zimmer
Offerings: (1) First CRC Ministry Fund and Christian Education Fund (2) Denominational Pledge

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: **“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” LUYH #250:1-3**
*Sending and Benediction
*Doxology: **“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” LUYH #250:4**
*Postlude: **“Jerusalem”** C. Hubert H. Parry

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

Worship Leader: Rev. LeRoy Christoffels | Organist: Leendert van Beek
Elder of Service: Jerry De Groot | Soloist: Janna Wesselius

EVENING WORSHIP ~ August 17, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

*Song of Preparation: **“From All That Dwell Below the Skies” LUYH #570:1-3 (PFAS 117C)**

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Hallelujah! Praise! Praise God in the temple, in the highest heavens!

People: Praise! Praise God’s mighty deeds and noble majesty.

Pastor: All that is alive, praise!

People: Praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

—from Psalm 150:1-2, 6

*God’s Greeting

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: 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 80:1-2, 8-19

Singing the Psalm: **“O Shepherd, Hear and Lead Your Flock” PFAS #80C:1-3 (LUYH 64)**

Song of Praise: **“Lord God Almighty” SANC #9:1-3**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: James 1:21-27 (New Testament p. 278)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *DO THE STUFF*

Prayer of Application

*Sermon Response: **“Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness” LUYH #766:1-3**

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: **“He’s Always Been Faithful”**

Sara Groves

*Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.
Morning by morning, I wake up to find
The power and comfort of God's hand in mine
Season by season, I watch Him, amazed
In awe of the mystery of His perfect ways
All I have need of, His hand will provide
He's always been faithful to me*

*I can't remember a trial or a pain;
He did not recycle to bring me gain;
I can't remember one single regret,
In serving God only and trusting His hand;
All I have need of, His hand will provide,
He's always been faithful to me*

*This is my anthem, this is my song
The theme of the stories I've heard for so long
God has been faithful, He will be again
His loving compassion, it knows no end
All I have need of, His hand will provide
He's always... He's always been faithful;
He's always been faithful... to me*

Offering: Mid-Sioux Opportunity

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Statement of Faith: **Apostles’ Creed**

*Hymn of Dedication: **“Go to the World” LUYH #925:1-4**

*Sending and Benediction

*Postlude

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Worship Leader: Pastor Sam Ashmore | Elder of Service: Kevin Timmer
Organist: Leah Zuidema | Reader: Carrie Groenewold
Vocalist: Millie Brommer | Accompanist: Kim Vander Berg
Prayer Leader: John Wesselius