

SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
MORNING WORSHIP ~ August 31, 2025 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *“Psalm 98: Sing, Sing a New Song to the LORD God”*
“Psalm 72: O God, Give to the King Thy Justice”

Jan Zwart / Willem van Twillert
Jacques van Oortmerssen

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: ***“When Morning Gilds the Sky” LUYH #372:1-4***

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Sing to the Lord a new song;
People: sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Pastor: Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
People: proclaim his salvation day after day.

—Psalm 96:1-2

*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: ***“Sing, Sing a New Song to the LORD God” LUYH #547:1-3 (PFAS 98C)***

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon
*The Passing of the Peace
*God’s Will for Our Lives
*Song of Response: ***“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” LUYH #351:1,3,4***

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Reading of Scripture: Jude 20-25 (New Testament p. 296)
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
Sermon: *KEEP YOURSELVES IN THE LOVE OF THE GOD
WHO IS ABLE TO KEEP YOU FROM FALLING*
*Song of Response: ***“LORD, I Gladly Trust” PFAS #25B:1,2,4 (LUYH 354)***

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People
Offertory: *“Thistle and Weeds”*
Plant your hope with good seeds
Don’t cover yourself with thistle and weeds
Marcus Mumford

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

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: ***“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” LUYH #933:1-2***
*Sending and Benediction
*Doxology: ***“Glory Be to the Father” LUYH #961***
*Postlude: *“Psalm 19: I cieli immensi (The Boundless Heavens)”* Benedetto Marcello, arr. Théodore Dubois

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe
Organist: Leendert van Beek

EVENING WORSHIP ~ August 31, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude: *“I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord”*
“Here I Am, Lord”
“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

Don Wyrzten
John Carter
Paul Manz / Wilbur Held

Welcome

*Song of Preparation: ***“The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear” LUYH #594:1,3,4 (PFAS 22G)***

*Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God;
People: for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
Leader: The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
People: he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
Leader: He heals the brokenhearted,
People: and binds up their wounds.
Leader: He determines the number of the stars;
People: he gives to all of them their names.
Leader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
People: his understanding is beyond measure.
Leader: Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!
People: Praise your God, O Zion! Praise the LORD!

—Psalm 147:1-5, 12

*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 112
Singing the Psalm: ***“How Blest Are Those Who Fear the LORD” PFAS #112A:1,4,6 (LUYH 301)***
Song of Praise: ***“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” LUYH #876:1-3***

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Reading of Scripture: Matthew 9:35-38 (New Testament p. 11)
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
Sermon: ***LABORERS FOR THE HARVEST***
Prayer of Application
*Sermon Response: ***“Here I Am, Lord” LUYH #869:1-3***

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

Congregational Prayer
Offertory: ***“Come People of the Risen King”***
Offering: Building and Mission Funds

Lloyd Larson

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Statement of Faith: ***Apostles’ Creed***
*Hymn of Dedication: ***“We Are Marching in the Light of God” SANC #293 (marching, praying, singing)***
*Sending and Benediction
*Postlude: ***“The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Is Ended”***

Philip Sparke

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Worship Leader: Mr. Trevor Mouw
Elder of Service: Jon Buiter
Organist: Carla Nibbelink | Pianist: Kim Vander Berg | Cajón: Liz Van Maanen
Reader: Leah Zuidema
Clarinets: Ava and Liz Van Maanen | Euphonium: Jan Brons | Accompanist: Jennifer Monroe
Prayer Leader: Jevon Groenewold