

*SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME*  
**MORNING WORSHIP ~ October 12, 2025 ~ 9:30 AM**  
**First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude: “God, Be Merciful to Me”  
*U Here Jezus roep ik aan (“I call upon you, Lord Jesus Christ”)*  
*I call upon you, Lord Jesus Christ. I pray, hear my lamentation.*  
*Bestow your grace upon me at this time; do not let me despair.*

Seth Bingham  
Bert Matter

Welcome

\*Hymn of Preparation: **“Gather Us In” LUYH #529:1,3,4**

**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

\*Call to Worship  
Pastor: O Come, let us sing to the Lord  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
**People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;**  
**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**  
Pastor: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.  
**People: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**  
Pastor: The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.  
**People: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!**  
—Psalm 95:1-7

\*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, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” LUYH #667:1-3**

**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: **“LORD, to You My Soul Is Lifted” PFAS #25D:1-3 (LUYH 625)**

**GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD**

Prayer for Illumination  
Reading of Scripture: Psalm 25 (Old Testament p. 618)  
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**  
Sermon: *THE PSALMS: LAMENT*

**WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Reading the Form (with “Franklin Sanctus”)  
Distribution of the Elements  
During the Passing of the Bread: **“LORD, I Gladly Trust” PFAS #25B:1-4 (LUYH 354)**  
During the Passing of the Cup: Organ Meditation – “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” Edwin T. Childs  
\*Song of Response: **“Lift Up Your Hearts unto the Lord” LUYH #844:1-3**

**WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING**

Prayers of the People  
Offertory: “How Firm a Foundation”  
Offerings: (1) First CRC Ministry Fund and Christian Education Fund; (2) Benevolent Fund

Jean Langlais

**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**

\*Hymn of Dedication: **“How Firm a Foundation” LUYH #427:1,2,5 (PFAS 11B)**  
\*Sending and Benediction  
\*Doxology: **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Grey Psalter Hymnal #638**  
\*Postlude: “How Firm a Foundation”

Janet Linker

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe  
Organist: Carrie Groenewold | Flute: Jessi Rose

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**EVENING WORSHIP ~ October 12, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM**  
**First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa**

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

\*Song of Preparation: **“Rejoice in God, My Heart” PFAS #111D:1-3**

\*Call to Worship

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

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

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

**People: For you alone are holy.  
All nations will come and worship before you.**

—Revelation 15:3-4

\*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 66:1-12 (Old Testament p. 649)

Singing the Psalm: **“Come, All You People, Praise Our God” PFAS #66C:1-3 (LUYH 495)**

Song of Praise: **“With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring” LUYH #585:1,2,4 (PFAS 138A)**

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Matthew 25:13-40 (New Testament p. 34)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: ***I WILL PUT YOU IN CHARGE OF MANY THINGS***

\*Sermon Response: **“Take My Life and Let It Be” LUYH #863:1,4-6 (to tune TEBBEN)**

**WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD**

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: **“See How Good It Is (Psalm 133)”**

Wendell Kimbrough

*See how good it is  
Gathering with friends  
Welcoming the stranger in  
See how good it is*

Chorus: *When God’s children live as one  
By the Spirit we become  
The open arms of God  
To a world in need of love*

*Sad division cease  
We’re ordained as priests  
Spreading out God’s joyful feast  
See how good it is. (Chorus)*

*See the earth renewed  
By the morning dew  
All creation sings the truth  
See how good it is (Chorus)*

Offering: Wycliffe Bible Translators

**WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD**

\*Hymn of Dedication: **“Praise God! Earth and Heaven Rejoice” LUYH #952:1-2 (PFAS 150J)**

\*Sending and Benediction

\*Moment of Meditation

\*Postlude

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Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe

Organist: Leah Zuidema

Reader: Ana Timmer | Prayer Leader: Wayne Kobes

Vocalists: Sarah deRegt, Taylor Droog, Julie Geleynse, Ana Timmer,

Erika Vander Berg, Mikayla Vander Berg, Shannon Vander Kooi | Accompanist: Kim Vander Berg