

SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
MORNING WORSHIP ~ October 19, 2025 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *“What God Ordains Is Always Right”* Johann Ernst Rembt
“Short Preludes from L’organiste” César Franck
Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: **“Sing Praise to the Lord, You People of Grace” LUYH #7:1,2,4**

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship
Pastor: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
People: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
Pastor: The LORD is great in Zion;
People: he is exalted over all the peoples.
Pastor: Let them praise your great and awesome name!
People: Holy is he! —Psalm 99:1-3

*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!

Choral Anthem: **“From Age to Age the Same with A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”** Lloyd Larson
(Young children are invited to Children and Worship) (Congregation joins in singing when indicated)

*God is our refuge and our strength, our help in times of trouble.
We shall not fear for God is near, though the earth should be removed.
Though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains fall into the sea,
God is our refuge and our strength, from age to age the same!
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of our God, a holy place of the Most High God.
God is in her midst; it shall not be moved.
Though the nations rage, and the kingdoms fall, God evermore shall reign!*

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: **“My Life Flows On in Endless Song” LUYH #443:1,2,4**

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Reading of Scripture: Psalm 137 (Old Testament p. 709)
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
Sermon: *THE PSALMS: COMMUNAL LAMENT AND IMPRECATION*
*Song of Response: **“God of Memory” PFAS #137E:1-3**

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People
Offertory: *“Rivers of Babylon”* Brent Dowe & Trevor McNaughton
Offerings: (1) First CRC Ministry Fund and Christian Education Fund; (2) Denominational Pledge

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Statement of Faith:
*Hymn of Dedication: **“When Peace like a River” LUYH #451:1-4**
*Sending and Benediction
*Doxology: **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Grey Psalter Hymnal #638**
*Postlude: *“The Strong-Tower-Postlude (A Mighty Fortress)”* Matthias Nagel

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe
Organist: Leendert van Beek | Conga drums: Tori Ensink
Adult Choir directed by Zach Bivens | Accompanist: Jessica Hummel | Trumpet: Maren Hettinga

EVENING WORSHIP ~ October 19, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

*Song of Preparation: ***“Come, People of the Risen King”***

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Pastor: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

People: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Pastor: Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

**People: Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for he commanded and they were created.**

Pastor: He established them for ever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
Praise the Lord from the earth, mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

People: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Pastor: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and women alike, old and young together!

**People: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven. Praise the LORD!** —from Psalm 148

*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 121 (Old Testament p. 702)

Singing the Psalm: ***“I Lift My Eyes Up to the Mountains” PFAS #121H (LUYH 652)***

Song of Praise: ***“Ancient of Days” 3 vs.***

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Genesis 32:22-32 (Old Testament p. 37)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *HOLDING ON AND HELD*

*Sermon Response: ***“My Soul Finds Rest” LUYH #370:1-3 (PFAS 62B)***

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: *“It is Well with My Soul”*

Offering: Building and Mission Funds

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Statement of Faith: **Nicene Creed**

*Hymn of Dedication: ***“Father, Long Before Creation” LUYH #687:1-4***

*Sending and Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude

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Worship Leader: Rev. Todd Zuidema

Organist: Jessica Hummel

Reader: Rich Haan | Prayer Leader: Jennifer Monroe

Vocalists: Harmony of Hope Quartet - Dave De Wit, Kevin Hulstein, Warren Vander Pol, Nate Van Oort

Accompanist: Melissa Boer