

REFORMATION SUNDAY
MORNING WORSHIP ~ October 26, 2025 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *"The Lord's My Shepherd"*
"How Firm a Foundation"
"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

Stuart Townend
Robert A. Hobby / Dale Wood
Alice Jordan / Don Hustad / Wilbur Held

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: **"God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength" LUYH #432:1,3,5 (PFAS 46A)**

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

Pastor: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

People: With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Pastor: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

People: Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Pastor: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to my servant David:
'I will establish your descendants forever,
and build your throne for all generations.'"

People: Praise the Lord!

—from Psalm 89:1-4

*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!

*Hymn of Praise: **"Lead Me, Guide Me" LUYH #329:1-3**
(Young children are invited to Children and Worship)

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: **"O Thou, In Whose Presence" 4 vs.**

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Psalm 23 (Old Testament p. 617)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *THE PSALMS: CONFIDENCE*

*Song of Response: **"Shepherd Me, O God" LUYH #456:1-4 (PFAS 23H)**

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Offertory: *"The Lord's My Shepherd"*

Don Hustad / Gordon Young

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

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: **"All Glory Be to God on High" LUYH #542:1,2**

*Sending and Benediction

*Doxology: **"All Glory Be to God on High" LUYH #542:3**

*Postlude: *"All Glory Be To God on High"*

Michael Burkhardt

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe
Organist: Carla Nibbelink
Pianist: Kim Vander Berg
Vocalist: Cheney Vander Berg

COMBINED CRC REFORMATION DAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP ~ October 26, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

“Battle Hymns of the Reformation”

Prelude

Welcome

*Opening Song: **“All People that on Earth Do Dwell” LUYH #1:1-4**

*Call to Worship

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble.

People: A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing!

Pastor: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea.

**People: Let God arise and by his might put all his enemies to flight
with shame and consternation.**

Pastor: We will not fear, though the waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

People: Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices!

*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!

*Song of Praise: **“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” LUYH #575:1-4**

Reading: Psalm 130

Reading: Martin Luther and Psalm 130

Songs: **“Lord From the Depths”**
“I Will Wait for You”

Reading: Psalm 68:1-6, 19

Reading: The French Huguenots and the Calvinistic Reformation

Songs: **“Let God Arise and by His Might” Grey Psalter Hymnal #68:1,6**
“Our God Will Go Before Us”

Reading: Psalm 46

Reading: Martin Luther and Psalm 46

Choral Anthem: **“From Age to Age the Same with A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”** Lloyd Larson
(Congregation will join when indicated)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Text: 2 Chronicles 20:20-23 (Old Testament p. 499)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Meditation: *WHEN THEY BEGAN TO SING AND PRAISE, THE LORD SET AN AMBUSH*

*Song of Response: **“Now Thank We All Our God” LUYH #543:1-3**

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: *“Prière à Notre-Dame from Suite Gothique”*

Léon Boëllmann

Offering: Siouxland Habitat for Humanity

*Closing Words/Benediction

*Hymn: **“All Glory Be to Christ”**

*Postlude

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Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe | Organist: Jessica Hummel

Readers: Isaiah deRegt, Kendra Thompson | Prayer Leader: Jim Bos | Adult Choir directed by Zach Bivens

Brass Ensemble directed by Dr. Onsbey Rose - Trumpet: Nathan Adams, Brielle Clapp, Reed Munson, Ella Jahn, Calum Monroe; Horn: Emily Vande Zande, Maren Hettinga, Renee Kuperus, Kara Deberg; Trombone: Devin Van Zanten, Lucy Borofka, Noah Van Raalte, Dylan Koelewyn; Tuba: Brett Van Gelder; Timpani: Tori Ensink

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