

THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
MORNING WORSHIP ~ January 25, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *“Rejoice the Lord is King”*
“Praise Him! Praise Him!”
“In Thee is Gladness”

Lloyd Larson
Mark Hayes
Larry Shackley

Welcome

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

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship
Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
People: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Pastor: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
People: let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

—Psalm 95:1-2

*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: **“Praise the LORD! Hallelujah!” Book of Psalms for Worship #149A:1-4**
(Young children are invited to Children and Worship)

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon
God’s Will for Our Lives

*Song of Response: **“Open Your Ears, O Faithful People” LUYH #751:1-3 (PFAS 78C)**

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Reading of Scripture: Matthew 13:31-35 (New Testament p. 17)
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
Sermon: *JESUS’ PARABLES IN MATTHEW: A MUSTARD SEED & YEAST*

*Song of Response: **“The Seeds of the Kingdom” 4 vs.**

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People
Offertory: *“As With Gladness Men of Old”*
Offerings: (1) First CRC Ministry Fund; (2) Christian Education Fund

Charles Callahan, Michael Burkhardt

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: **“We Are Called” LUYH #296:1-3**
*Sending and Benediction
*Choral Doxology: *“Doxology”*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Jimmy Owens

*Postlude: *“Westminster Fanfare”*

Charles Callahan

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe
Organist: Emily Sybesma | Pianist: Jennifer Monroe
Vocalists: Mark & Caleb Sjoerdsma
Adult Choir directed by Zach Bivens | Accompanist: Jessica Hummel