

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*"

Charles Callahan, Michael Burkhardt

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

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: "**We Are Called**" **LUYH #296:1-3**

*Sending and Benediction

*Choral Doxology: "*Doxology*"

Jimmy Owens

*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.*

*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