

*LAST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY*  
**MORNING WORSHIP ~ February 15, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM**  
**First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude: *"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"*

Michael Burkhardt, Robert Hobby

Welcome

\*Hymn of Preparation: *"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"* *Grey Psalter Hymnal #475:1-4*

**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

\*Call to Worship

Pastor: The Lord is Sovereign; let the people tremble in awe.

**People: God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.**

Pastor: The Lord is great in Zion and is high above all peoples.

**People: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God,  
and worship God upon the holy mountain.**

—based on 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!**

\*Hymn of Praise: *"I Love to Tell the Story"* *LUYH #262:1,2*

(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: *"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"* *LUYH #746:1-3*

**GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35 (New Testament p. 24)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: *JESUS' PARABLES IN MATTHEW: THE UNFORGIVING SERVANT*

\*Song of Response: *"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"* *LUYH #638:1-4*

**WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING**

Prayers of the People

Offertory: *"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"*

Mark Thallander, Paul Manz

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

**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**

\*Hymn of Dedication: *"Amazing Grace"* *LUYH #691:1,2,4*

\*Sending and Benediction

\*Doxology: *"Amazing Grace"* *LUYH #691:5*

\*Postlude: *"Trumpet Tune"* Jeremiah Clarke

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe  
Organist: Emily Sybesma

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**EVENING WORSHIP ~ February 15, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM**  
**First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa**

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

\*Song of Preparation: **“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” LUYH #538:1-4**

\*Call to Worship

Pastor: Great is the Lord—

**People: exalted among the nations.**

Pastor: Mighty is the Lord—

**People: King of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Holy is the Lord—

**People: beyond our understanding.**

Pastor: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

**People: let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

\*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 99 (Old Testament p. 678)

Singing the Psalm: **“The LORD Is King, Enthroned in Might” PFAS #99A:1-3 (LUYH 726)**

Song of Praise: **“For Your Gift of God the Spirit” LUYH #525:1,3,4**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-12,16 (New Testament p. 238)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: **OUR SHIELD OF FAITH**

Prayer of Application

\*Sermon Response: **“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine” LUYH #363:1-3**

**WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD**

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: **“We Believe (Apostle's Creed)”**

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

*Chorus: We believe in one true God  
Father, Spirit, Son  
One Church, one faith, one Lord of all  
His Kingdom come*

*1- We believe in God the Father  
Almighty, Lord of life  
Creator of the Heavens  
The earth, the sea, the sky  
And we believe in Jesus  
The only Son of God  
Born of the virgin Mary  
Who lived as one of us*

*2- We believe that Jesus suffered  
Was beaten, crucified  
He died and He was buried  
Entombed in darkest night  
The third day rose victorious  
Ascended into Heav'n  
Will one day come to judge us  
The living and the dead*

*3- We believe in God the Spirit  
One church, empow'red by Him  
Communion of God's people  
Forgiveness of our sin  
Our bodies resurrected  
To everlasting life  
To worship, love and wonder  
Before the throne of Christ*

Offering: Her Health Women's Center, Sioux City

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

\*Statement of Faith: **Nicene Creed**

\*Hymn of Dedication: **“By Faith” The Sing! Hymnal #157:1-5**

\*Sending and Benediction

\*Moment of Meditation

\*Postlude

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Worship Leader: Rev. Jesse Walhof | Elder of Service: Kevin Timmer | Organist: Leah Zuidema  
Reader: Mark Sjoerdsma | Prayer Leader: Jason Koelewijn  
Vocalists: Cody Vander Berg, Cheney Vander Berg | Accompanist: Jennifer Monroe

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