

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
MORNING WORSHIP ~ February 22, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *“Fantasie-Sonate No. 3 [tune GENEVAN PSALM 22]”* Samuel de Lange, Sr.
I. Allegro moderato II. Andante religioso
My God, O why hast Thou forsaken me?
Why dost Thou not, while unto Thee I flee,
Grant any help, but seemest not to see
My tribulation?

Opening Song: *“Trisagion”*

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: **“We Sing the Mighty Power of God” LUYH #10:1-3** (tune ELLACOMBE)

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship
Pastor: The day of the Lord is coming! The day of the Lord is near!
People: The time is fulfilled! The reign of God is at hand!
Pastor: O people, repent! Believe in the gospel!
People: Come, let us turn and follow the Lord!
*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: **“Christ, the Life of All the Living” LUYH #137:1-3**
(Young children are invited to Children and Worship)

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession
Song of Confession: **“Franklin Kyrie”**
Assurance of Pardon
God’s Will for Our Lives
*Song of Response: **“Your Mercy Flows” LUYH #700:1-2**

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Reading of Scripture: Matthew 21:28-32 (New Testament p. 28)
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
Sermon: **JESUS’ PARABLES IN MATTHEW: TWO SONS**
*Song of Response: **“Take My Life That It May Be” Grey Psalter Hymnal #289:1,2,3,5**

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People
Offertory: *“Two Psalm Preludes for Lent”*
“PFAS 6A: Lord, Chasten Not in Anger” Margaretha Christina de Jong
“PFAS 51B: Be Merciful, Be Merciful, O God” Bert Matter
Offerings: (1) First CRC Ministry Fund; (2) Christian Education Fund

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: **“Go to the World” LUYH #925:1-3**
*Sending and Benediction
*Doxology: **“Go to the World” LUYH #925:4**
*Postlude: *“Fantasie-Sonate No. 3 [tune GENEVAN PSALM 22]”* Samuel de Lange, Sr.
III. Finale

*indicates that those who are able are invited to stand
Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe
Organist: Leendert van Beek | Flute: Jessi Rose

EVENING WORSHIP ~ February 22, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude: *“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”*
“I Shall See”
“This is my Father’s World”

Wilbur Held
Michael John Trotta
Charles Forsberg

Welcome

*Song of Preparation: ***“Have Mercy on Us, God Most High” LUYH #13:1-2***

*Call to Worship

Pastor: We praise you, O God;
we acclaim you as Lord;

**People: all creation worships you,
the Father everlasting.**

Pastor: To you all angels and all the heavenly powers cry aloud;
the cherubim and seraphim sing in endless praise:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.** —from the *Te Deum*, 4th century Christian hymn

*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 32 | A Responsorial Setting” PFAS #32B***

Song of Praise: ***“Wonderful, Merciful Savior” The Sing! Hymnal #199:1-3***

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Genesis 1:26-27 (OT p.2); Deuteronomy 6:4 (OT p. 204); Matthew 28:18-20 (NT p. 41)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Statement of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Lord’s Day 7 & 8 (*What We Believe* Vol. 1, p. 22-23)

Sermon: *THE ARTICLES OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH & THE TRINITY*

*Sermon Response: ***“The Apostles’ Creed” Trinity Psalter Hymnal #560:1-4***

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: *“Vision Prayer”*

Molly Ijames

Offering: Building and Mission Funds

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Dedication: ***“Be Thou My Vision” LUYH #859:1,2,4***

*Sending and Benediction

*Choral Blessing: *“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”*

Tim Van Voorst

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude: *Fugue in E-flat, BWV 552 (“St. Anne”)*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe | Organists: Carrie Groenewold, Gloria Brown

Reader: Janna Wesselius | Prayer Leader: Jon Buiter

Vocalists: Unity Christian High School Knightsounds directed by Tim Van Voorst

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Refreshments will be served following the service in the Fellowship Hall