

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]"

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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
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

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

*indicates that those who are able are invited to stand

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

Reader: Janna Wesselius | Prayer Leader: Jon Buitier

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