

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MORNING WORSHIP ~ March 1, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*
“October”

Mary McDonald
Eric Whitacre

Opening Song: **“Trisagion”**

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: **“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” LUYH #250:1-3**

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: **“O Church, Arise” The Sing! Hymnal #470:1-4**

(Young children are invited to Children and Worship)

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession

Song of Confession: **“Franklin Agnus Dei”**

Assurance of Pardon

God’s Will for Our Lives

*Song of Response: **“My Song Is Love Unknown” LUYH #148:1,2,6**

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Matthew 21:33-46 (New Testament p. 29)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *JESUS’ PARABLES IN MATTHEW: THE WICKED TENANTS*

*Song of Response: **“The Church’s One Foundation” LUYH #251:1,2,4**

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Offertory: **“We Shall Behold Him”**

Dino Kartsonakis

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

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: **“The LORD Is King, Enthroned in Might” LUYH #726:1-3 (PFAS 99A)**

*Sending and Benediction

*Doxology: **“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” LUYH #250:4**

*Postlude: **“Allegro”**

J.B. Singelee

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe

Organist: Carla Nibbelink

Pianist: Kim Vander Berg

Saxophones: Mike, Heidi, Addie, and Kira Ochsner

EVENING WORSHIP ~ March 1, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

*Song of Preparation: **“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” LUYH #572:1,3,5**

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise.

**People: All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name.**

—Psalm 66:1-2,4

*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 121 (Old Testament p. 702)

Singing the Psalm: **“To the Hills I Lift My Eyes” PFAS #121A:1-2 (LUYH 331)**

Song of Praise: **“God, Who Touches Earth With Beauty” LUYH #736:1,2,4**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-6 (New Testament p. 234)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Statement of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Lord’s Day 9 (*What We Believe Vol. 1, p. 24*)

Sermon: **GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH**

*Sermon Response: **“Father, Long Before Creation” LUYH #687:1,2,4**

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: **“God of Every Grace”**

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1- O let not this world of sorrows
Steal my only hope away
For the power of Your gospel
Shines within this jar of clay
In affliction You bring wisdom
That my comforts can displace
How my true and greatest treasure
Is in You, the God of grace

2- Weary with the weight I carry
Give me wings of faith to rise
For You know each grief that lingers
Through the watches of the night
Surely You have borne our sufferings
At the cross took up our pain
And You lead us on to glory
As we trust You, God of grace

3- There's a dawning hope before us
That I know is soon to break
As I wait upon Your mercy
Which will swallow every ache
Cries of joy and songs of victory
When we enter heaven's gates
All Your children home together
All with You the God of grace

*Chorus: Now to the God of every grace,
Who counts my tears, who holds my days
I sing through sorrow, sing with faith,
O praise the God of every grace*

Offering: Hope Haven (Wheelchair Ministry)

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Dedication: **“The Heavens Declare Your Glory” LUYH #3:1-3 (PFAS 19D)**

*Sending and Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude

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Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe | Organist: Jessica Hummel | Pianist: Alyssa Koelewyn
Reader: Erika Vander Berg | Prayer Leader: Rachel Raih
Vocalists: Shannon Vander Kooi, Erika Vander Berg, Mikayla Vander Berg | Accompanist: Kim Vander Berg

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