

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MORNING WORSHIP ~ March 8, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *"Variations on an old Dutch Lenten Hymn"*

Jacob Bijster

Opening Song: **"Trisagion"** (*Children's & Youth Choirs sing first time; congregation joins on second time*)

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: **"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" LUYH #521:1-3**

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!

Choral Anthem and Hymn of Praise: *"All Ye Who Hear (Congregation joins when indicated)*

A Hymn Concertato on Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Mary McDonald
(Young children are invited to Children and Worship)

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession

Song of Confession: **"Kyrie/Lord, Have Mercy" LUYH #633**

Assurance of Pardon

God's Will for Our Lives

*Song of Response: **"God Be in My Head" LUYH #858:1-2**

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Matthew 22:1-14 (New Testament p. 29)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *JESUS' PARABLES IN MATTHEW: THE WEDDING BANQUET*

*Song of Response: **"Come, You Sinners, Poor and Needy" Grey Psalter Hymnal #534:1-4**

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Offertory: **"Awake My Soul"**

Marcus Mumford

In these bodies we will live, in these bodies we will die
And where you invest your love, you invest your life

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

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: **"Here I Am, Lord" LUYH #869:1-3**

*Sending and Benediction

*Doxology: **"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Grey Psalter Hymnal #638**

*Postlude: *"Toccata in F, BuxWV 157"*

Dietrich Buxtehude

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe

Organist: Leendert van Beek

Children's and Youth Choirs directed by Sarah Sjoerdsma and Liz Van Maanen

Children's Choir Accompanist: Jennifer Monroe

Adult Choir directed by Zach Bivens | Accompanist: Jessica Hummel

EVENING WORSHIP ~ March 8, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”
“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

Michael Burkhardt, James Biery
Everett Amos, Michael Burkhardt

Welcome

*Song of Preparation: **“Sing Praise to the Lord, You People of Grace” LUYH #7:1,2,4** (PFAS 150A)

*Call to Worship

Pastor: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

People: with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Pastor: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

People: your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

—from Psalm 89:1-2

*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!

WE SING GOD’S PRAISE

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 95 (Old Testament p. 676)

Singing the Psalm: **“Now with Joyful Exultation” PFAS #95D:1,2,4** (LUYH 512)

Song of Praise: **“Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down” PFAS #95B** (LUYH 510)

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Acts 17:24-28; Hebrews 1:1-4 (New Testament p. 168; 264)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Statement of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 10 (*What We Believe* Vol. 1, p. 25)

Sermon: **ALL THINGS COME TO US BY HIS FATHERLY HAND**

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD’S SUPPER

Reading the Form (with “*Franklin Sanctus*”)

Distribution of the Elements

During the Passing of the Bread: **“Let Us Break Bread Together” LUYH #837:1-3**

During the Passing of the Cup: Piano Meditation – “*What God Ordains is Always Good*” Dan Forrest

*Song of Response: **“I Am the Bread of Life” LUYH #842:1,3,4**

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: **“God Is Over All”**

Colin Buchanan, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson

1- God You hold the world in hand
Mountains move at Your command
Yet my needs You will provide
As a father loves his child

2- God You saw the sin in me
For you reign in majesty
Jesus died to make me clean
Jesus rose to set me free

3- God above all time and space
You are never far away
For in Jesus I can see
How you are a friend to me

*Chorus: God is over all
God is over all
I will sing for it is well
My God is over all*

Offering: Benevolent Fund

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Dedication: **“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” LUYH #26:1,2,6**

*Sending and Benediction

Moment for Missions: ReFrame Ministries – Jessica Fox

*Postlude: **“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”**

Phillip Keveren

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Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe | Organist: Emily Sybesma | Pianist: Jennifer Monroe
Reader: Kevin Timmer | Prayer Leaders: Chad & Cathy Feenstra
Vocalists: Phil & Liz Van Maanen, Mark & Sarah Sjoerdsma

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