

FIRST SUNDAY OF EASTER
MORNING WORSHIP ~ April 5, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: “Concerto in G Major, I. [Allegro assai], BWV 592”
“Psalm 98”
“Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!”
Arrival of the Queen of Sheba from “Solomon”

Johann Sebastian Bach
Margaretha Christina de Jong
Healey Willan
George Frideric Handel

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: **“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” LUYH #182:1-4**

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

Pastor: God has claimed us as his own.

People: He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

—based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

*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: **“Franklin Gloria”**

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God’s Will for Our Lives

*Hymn of Response: **“This Joyful Eastertide” LUYH #202:1-3**

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10 (New Testament p. 41)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *HE HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD*

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Reading the Form (with “Franklin Sanctus”)

Distribution of the Elements

During the Passing of the Bread: **“Come to Us, Beloved Stranger” LUYH #207:1-3**

During the Passing of the Cup: Organ: *“Come to Us, Beloved Stranger (BEACH SPRING)”* Cherwien/Wold

*Song of Response: **“In Christ Alone” LUYH #770:1-4**

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Offertory: Choral Anthem - *“Christ is Arisen”* (Congregation to join on Alleluias)

Handel / Liebergen

Christ is arisen, praise the Lord!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Songs of joy we gladly bring,

Hail the Savior, King adored!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

all the faithful join and sing:

Christ is arisen, praise the Lord!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hail the Savior, King adored!

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

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: **“Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem” Grey Psalter Hymnal #404:1-3**

*Sending and Benediction

*Doxology: **“Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem” Grey Psalter Hymnal #404:4**

*Postlude: *“Fanfare”*

Jacques-Nicholas Lemmens

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe

Organist: Carrie Groenewold

Brass Ensemble: Todd and Leah Zuidema, Onsbly Rose, Jan Brons, Calum Monroe, Steven Hebert

Adult Choir directed by Zach Bivens | Accompanist: Jessica Hummel

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