

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
MORNING WORSHIP ~ August 9, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"*

Donald Busarow, Henry Kihlken, Michael Burkhardt

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: ***"Holy God, We Praise Your Name" LUYH #540:1-3***

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

Pastor: We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord;
all creation worships you, the Father everlasting.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
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.**

Pastor: The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:

**People: Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.** —from the *Te Deum Laudamus*, 4th century 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!

*Hymn of Praise: ***"I Come with Joy" LUYH #533:1-3***

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God's Will for Our Lives

*Song of Response: ***"I Will Give You Rest" LUYH #666 (Sing twice)***

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Romans 7:1-6 (New Testament p. 190)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *SLAVES NOT UNDER THE OLD WRITTEN CODE BUT IN THE NEW LIFE OF THE SPIRIT*

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

During the Reading of the Form we will sing ***"Franklin Sanctus"***

During the Passing of the Bread: ***"Behold the Lamb" LUYH #840:1-3***

During the Passing of the Cup: Piano Meditation - *"Bread of the World"*

Larry Shackley

*Song of Response: ***"Behold the Lamb" LUYH #840:4***

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Offertory: *"Arise, My Soul, Arise"*

Dan Forrest

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

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: ***"The Blood That Jesus Shed for Me" LUYH #704:1-2***

*Sending and Benediction

*Doxology: ***"Holy God, We Praise Your Name" LUYH #540:4***

*Postlude: *"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"*

Paul Manz

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe | Organist: Emily Sybesma | Pianist: Jennifer Monroe

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