

SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
MORNING WORSHIP ~ August 16, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *LIEBSTER JESU* (“Blessed Jesus, we are here...Lord, accept our prayers and praises.”)
Johann Gottfried Walther
“How Great Thou Art” Dan Miller

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: **“I Will Extol You, O My God” LUYH #561:1-3**

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

Pastor: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, with our whole heart;
we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

**People: We will be glad and exult in you;
we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

—from Psalm 9:1-2

*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!

*Hymn of Praise: **“O Praise the LORD, for It Is Good” LUYH #549:1-3** (PFAS 147D)

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God’s Will for Our Lives

*Song of Response: **“You Shall Love the Lord” LUYH #724:1-3**

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Romans 7:7-25 (New Testament p. 190)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *WHO WILL RESCUE ME? THANKS BE TO GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST*

*Song of Response: **“My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness” The Sing! Hymnal #663:1-3**

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Offertory: *“The Peace may be Exchanged”* from *Rubrics*

Dan Locklair

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

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: **“Christ, Be Our Light” LUYH #908:1,3,5**

*Sending and Benediction

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

*Postlude: *“Toccata in Seven”*

John Rutter

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe
Organist: Carrie Groenewold

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EVENING WORSHIP ~ August 16, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude: *“For the Beauty of the Earth (God of Mercy, God of Grace)”* Marvin Gaspard
“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” John A. Behnke
“I Will Sing of the Mercies” Don Wyrzten
“Fill Thou My Life (For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free)” Neil Harmon, John Innes

Welcome

*Song of Preparation: ***“Almighty Lord, How Lovely Is That Place” PFAS #84D:1,3,5***

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Lift up your heads, you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
People: Who is this King of glory?
Pastor: The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
People: Lift up your heads, you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
Pastor: Who is he, this King of glory?
People: The LORD Almighty— he is the King of glory. —Psalm 24:7-10

*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 67 (Old Testament p. 650)
Singing the Psalm: ***“God of Mercy, God of Grace” PFAS #67A:1-3 (LUYH 934)***
Song of Praise: ***“Before the Throne of God Above” LUYH #682:1-3***

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Reading of Scripture: Romans 6:1-14 (New Testament p. 189)
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
Statement of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Lord’s Day 33 (*What We Believe Vol. 1, p. 52*)
Sermon: **DEAD AND ALIVE**
Prayer of Application
*Sermon Response: ***“For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free” LUYH #679:1-3***

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

Congregational Prayer
Offertory: ***“Victory in Jesus”*** arr. Bartlett, Brumley & Sons, Getty

1- I heard an old old story How a Savior came from glory How He gave His life on Calvary To save a wretch like me I heard about His groaning Of His precious blood’s atoning Then I repented of my sin Christ won the victory	2- I heard about His healing All His miracles revealing That He alone can save a soul And set the captive free I’m happy in His promise How soon He’s coming for us And home with Him I’ll sing again Christ won the victory
Chorus: Oh victory in Jesus My Savior forever He sought me and bought me With His redeeming blood He loved me ‘ere I knew Him And all my love is due Him He plunged me to victory Beneath the cleansing flood	3- I’ll tell the old old story Till my Savior comes from glory I’ll tell of all the Lord has done To set this sinner free That all who will believe Him By faith can still receive Him And share in that redemption song Christ won the victory

Offering: Rehoboth Christian School

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Dedication: ***“Father, We Love You” Grey Psalter Hymnal #634:1-3***
*Sending and Benediction
*Moment of Meditation
*Postlude: ***“Blessed Be the Name”*** Mary McDonald

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Worship Leader: Rev. Bob Drenten | Elder of Service: Kevin Timmer
Organist: Carla Nibbelink | Pianist: Tami Koelewyn | Reader: Jerry De Groot | Prayer Leader: Kevin Hulstein
Vocalists: Daniel Finley, Iain Monroe, Kurt Monroe, Todd Zuidema | Accompanist: Jennifer Monroe

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