

SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
MORNING WORSHIP ~ August 23, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: ***“The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear” LUYH #594:1,2,4 (PFAS 22G)***

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

Pastor: All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.

**People: For dominion belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.**

Pastor: Posterity will serve him;

**People: future generations will be told about the Lord,
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.**

—from Psalm 22:27-28, 30-31

*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: ***“And Can It Be?” The Sing! Hymnal #225:1-4***

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God’s Will for Our Lives

*Song of Response: ***“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God” LUYH #746:1-3***

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Romans 8:1-11 (New Testament p. 191)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *YOU ARE NOT IN THE FLESH; YOU ARE IN THE SPIRIT*

*Song of Response: ***“Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid” LUYH #523:1-3***

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Offertory

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

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: ***“May the Mind of Christ, My Savior” LUYH #334:1-3,5***

*Sending and Benediction

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

*Postlude

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe
Organist: Jessica Hummel

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EVENING WORSHIP ~ August 23, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

*Song of Preparation: **“Our Help Is in the Name of God the LORD” PFAS #124A:1-3 (LUYH 498)**

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

People: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

Pastor: We desire to live in God’s house
and to seek God in his holy temple.

**People: We have come with shouts of joy,
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**People: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths
in this hour of worship and always.**

—based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

*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 138 (Old Testament p. 709)

Singing the Psalm: **“With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring” PFAS #138A:1-4 (LUYH 585)**

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

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17 (Old Testament p. 82)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Statement of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Lord’s Day 34 (*What We Believe* Vol. 1, p. 54-55)

Sermon: **GOD’S LAW AND THE FIRST COMMANDMENT AGAINST IDOLATRY**

*Sermon Response: **“Cast Down, O God, The Idols” LUYH #626:1-3**

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: **“Lord Have Mercy (For What We Have Done)”**

Keyes, Boswell, Papa, Tealy

1- For what we have done and left undone
we fall on your countless mercies.
For sins that are known and those unknown
we call on your name so holy.
For envy and pride, for closing our eyes;
for scorning our very neighbor.
In thought, word, and deed we failed you, our King;
how deeply we need a Savior

Chorus: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy on us.

2- For what you have done, your life of love
you perfectly lived, we praise you.
Though tempted and tried, you fixed your eyes;
you finished the work God gave you.
And there on the tree, a King among thieves,
you bled for a world’s betrayal.
You loved to the end, our merciful friend;
how pure and forever faithful.

3- For hearts that are cold, for seizing control;
for scorning our very Maker.
In thought, word, and deed we failed you, our King;
how deeply we need a Savior.

Offering: Building and Mission Funds

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Dedication: **“O God Beyond All Praising” LUYH #557:1,3**

*Sending and Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude

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Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe

Organist: Leah Zuidema

Reader: Rich Koele | Prayer Leader: Jon Buiter

Vocalists: Jennifer Monroe, Liz Van Maanen, Janna Wesselius, Marissa Westra