

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

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”*
“Christ Our Hope in Life & Death”
“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

Dawn Rogers, Eric Wyse
Richard Kingsmore
Paul Manz, Jerry Westenkuhler

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: ***“God, You Call Us to This Place” LUYH #531:1-3***

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship
Pastor: Sing to the Lord a new song;
People: sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Pastor: Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
People: proclaim his salvation day after day.

—Psalm 96:1-2

*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: ***“Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine” LUYH #363:1,3***

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon
God’s Will for Our Lives
*Song of Response: ***“He Knows My Name” LUYH #339:1-2***

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Reading of Scripture: Romans 8:12-17 (New Testament p. 191)
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
Sermon: *THE SPIRIT OF ADOPTION*
*Song of Response: ***“Children of the Heavenly Father” LUYH #23:1-4***

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People
Offertory: *“Blessed Assurance”*
Offerings: (1) First CRC Ministry Fund; (2) Christian Education Fund

Dan Miller

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: ***“Eternal Spirit, God of Truth” LUYH #641:1-2***
*Sending and Benediction
*Doxology: ***“Glory Be to the Father” LUYH #961***
*Postlude: *“The Blessing”*

Brown, Carnes, Jobe, Furtick

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe
Organist: Carla Nibbelink
Pianist: Kim Vander Berg

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EVENING WORSHIP ~ August 30, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude: *“Create In Me A Clean Heart” / “Lord, Be Glorified”* Hayes

Welcome

*Song of Preparation: ***“Praise the Lord, the Day Is Won!” PFAS #105C:1,5***

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God;
People: for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
Pastor: The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
People: he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
Pastor: He heals the brokenhearted,
People: and binds up their wounds.
Pastor: He determines the number of the stars;
People: he gives to all of them their names.
Pastor: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
People: his understanding is beyond measure.
Pastor: Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!
People: Praise your God, O Zion! Praise the LORD! —Psalm 147:1-5,12

*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 26 (Old Testament p. 619)
Singing the Psalm: ***“Let This Be My Supreme Desire” PFAS #26B:1-4 (LUYH 729)***
Song of Praise: ***“Not unto Us, O LORD of Heaven” Grey Psalter Hymnal #115:1-3***

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Reading of Scripture: Deuteronomy 5:8-10 (Old Testament p. 203); Psalm 115 (Old Testament p. 693)
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
Statement of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Lord’s Day 35 (*What We Believe Vol. 1, p. 56*)
Sermon: *KNOWING AND WORSHIPING THE LIVING GOD*
Prayer of Application
*Sermon Response: ***“O Church Arise” The Sing! Hymnal #470:1-4***

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

Congregational Prayer
Offertory: ***“Only a Holy God”*** Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, Rich Thompson

<i>1- Who else commands all the hosts of heaven? Who else could make ev’ry king bow down? Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? Only a holy God</i>	<i>3- What other glory consumes like fire? What other power can raise the dead? What other name remains undefeated? Only a holy God</i>
<i>2- What other beauty demands such praises? What other splendor outshines the sun? What other majesty rules with justice? Only a holy God</i>	<i>4- Who else could rescue me from my failing? Who else would offer his only Son? Who else invites me to call him Father? Only a holy God</i>

*Refrain: Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a holy God
Come and worship the holy God*

Offering: Wycliffe Bible Translators

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Dedication: ***“Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God” LUYH #953:1-2***
*Sending and Benediction
*Moment of Meditation
*Postlude: ***“Hymn to Joy”*** Albert L. Travis

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*Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Wayne Kobes | Organist: Carla Nibbelink | Pianist: Kim Vander Berg
Reader: Kendra Thompson | Prayer Leader: Joel Sikkema
Vocalist: Anneke Van Bruggen | Accompanist: Jennifer Monroe*