

SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
MORNING WORSHIP ~ October 4, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *“Earth and All Stars”*
“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

David N. Johnson
Michael Burkhardt, Dale Wood

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: ***“All Creatures of Our God and King” LUYH #551:1,4,6***

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**People: For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.**

Pastor: God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**People: Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

—Psalm 47:1-2,5-6

*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: ***“Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid” LUYH #523:1-3***
(Young children are invited to Children and Worship)

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God’s Will for Our Lives

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

WE CELEBRATE PROFESSIONS OF FAITH OF KADEN KLEIN, CALUM MONROE, ELIJAH ROSE

Reading the Form

*Song of Response: ***“Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me” The Sing! Hymnal #594:1-4***

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Genesis 1:1-25 (Old Testament p. 1)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *THE CREATION: THEN GOD SAID, “LET THERE BE ...”*

*Song of Response: ***“All Things Bright and Beautiful” LUYH #20:1,2,4***

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Offertory: *“Here I Am, Lord”*

Daniel Schutte, arr. Janet Linker

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

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: ***“All Glory Be to Christ” The Sing! Hymnal #217:1-3***

*Sending and Benediction

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

*Postlude: *The Heavens are Telling (from “The Creation”)*

Josef Haydn, arr. Lani Smith

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe
Organist: Emily Sybesma | Pianist: Jennifer Monroe | Flute: Jessi Rose | Violin: Lisa Miedema

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EVENING WORSHIP ~ October 4, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude: *Prelude, Chorale, & Variations on Psalm 119:*
“Blessed Are Those Who Heed the Law of God” Gerben Budding

Welcome

*Song of Preparation: **“God Himself Is with Us” LUYH #565:1-3**

*Call to Worship
Pastor: It is good to praise the Lord
and make music to your name, O Most High,
People: proclaiming your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night. —Psalm 92:1-2

*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!

WE SING GOD’S PRAISE

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 19 (Old Testament p. 613)
Singing the Psalm: **“The Stars Declare His Glory” PFAS #19A:1,2,4**
Song of Praise: **“Across the Lands” LUYH #775:1-3**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Reading of Scripture: Exodus 20:13; Matthew 5:21-26 (Old Testament p. 82; New Testament p. 5)
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
Statement of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Lord’s Day 40 (*What We Believe* Vol. 1, p. 61)
Sermon: **THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT: YOU SHALL NOT MURDER**
*Sermon Response: **“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” LUYH #579:1,3,4**

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

Congregational Prayer
Offertory: **“On Wings of Song”** Felix Mendelssohn

*On wings of song we send you the best our hearts can give.
May health and good fortune attend you as long as you shall live.
We wish you peace and comfort, we wish you happy days,
The sun to warm in the daytime, the moon to guide you at night.
On wings of song we send you the best our hearts can give.

Let music be your companion on every road you tread.
With songs uplifting and certain, your spirit be always led.
Through rain and stormy weather, when hope at times may seem gone,
Just know that the Light is before you. Arise with the shining dawn.
Just know that the Light is before you. Arise with the shining dawn.
On wings of song...*

Offering: Siouxland Habitat for Humanity

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Dedication: **“My Friends, May You Grow in Grace” LUYH #938**
*Sending and Benediction
*Moment of Meditation
*Postlude: **“Postlude on Psalm 119”** Gerben Budding

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Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe
Organist: Leendert van Beek | Flute: Sophie Memmelaar
Reader: Kevin Hulstein
Prayer Leaders: Rich & Stacy Koele