

SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
MORNING WORSHIP ~ October 18, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *Chorale Prelude on NORTHGATE*

(“Oh, Deep, the Fathomless Abyss of God’s Eternal Love!”)

“Praise the LORD! Sing Hallelujah”

Dick Sanderman

Piet van der Bent

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: **“Praise the LORD! Sing Hallelujah” LUYH #518:1,2,4** (PFAS 146D)

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

Pastor: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

People: with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Pastor: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

People: your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

—Psalm 89:1-2

*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: **“Lord Most High” LUYH #593**

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God’s Will for Our Lives

*Song of Response: **“This Is My Father’s World” LUYH #21:1-3**

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Baptism of Gideon Drew deRegt

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

(Young children are invited to Children and Worship)

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Genesis 1:26-31 (Old Testament p. 2)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *IN THE IMAGE OF GOD HE CREATED HIM; MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM*

*Song of Response: **“For the Beauty of the Earth” LUYH #19:1,4,5**

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Offertory: **“The Heavens Are Telling”** from *The Creation*

Franz Joseph Haydn

*The heavens are telling the glory of God,
The wonder of His work displays the firmament.
In all the lands resounds the word.
Never unperceived, ever understood,
ever, ever, ever understood.*

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

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: **“We Know that Christ Is Raised” LUYH #795:1,2,4**

*Sending and Benediction

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

*Postlude: **“The Strong-Tower-Postlude (A Mighty Fortress)”**

Matthias Nagel

*indicates that those who are able are invited to stand

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe | Minister Administering the Sacrament of Baptism: Rev. Ben deRegt

Organist: Leendert van Beek | Pianist: Jennifer Monroe

Vocalists: Millie Brommer, Janna Wesselius, Anneke Van Bruggen, Kirsten Buiter, Ana Timmer, Erika Vander Berg,
Leah Zuidema, Renee Kuperus, Kevin Hulstein, Jim Bos, Todd Zuidema, Ron Rynders, Mark Sjoerdsma, Scott Visser,
Cody Vander Berg, Ross Vander Berg | Ensemble Directed by Zach Bivens | Accompanist: Jessica Hummel

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EVENING WORSHIP ~ October 18, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude: *“His Mercy is More”*
“How Firm a Foundation”
“A Mighty Fortress”

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa
Dale Wood, Robert A. Hobby
Alice Jordan, Don Hustad, Wilbur Held

Welcome

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

*Call to Worship

Pastor: God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
People: the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.
Pastor: Sing praises to God, sing praises;
People: sing praises to our King, sing praises.
Pastor: For God is the King of all the earth;
People: sing to him a psalm of praise.

—Psalm 47:5-7

*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 96 (Old Testament p. 677)
Singing the Psalm: **“Sing to the LORD, Sing His Praise” PFAS #96B:1,2,6 (LUYH 515)**
Song of Praise: **“Lord God Almighty” SANC #9:1-3**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Reading of Scripture: Luke 16:10-13 (New Testament p. 96)
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
Statement of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Lord’s Day 42 (*What We Believe* Vol. 1, p. 63)
Sermon: **FORGING FAITHFUL FELLOWSHIP**
Prayer of Application
*Sermon Response: **“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” LUYH #257:1,3,6**

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

Congregational Prayer
Offertory: **“Down to the River to Pray with Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”** McDonald

<i>As I went down to the river to pray</i>	<i>O Lord, listen to your children praying</i>
<i>Studying about that good old way</i>	<i>O Lord, send your spirit in this place</i>
<i>And who shall wear the starry crown</i>	<i>O Lord, listen to your children praying</i>
<i>Good Lord, show me the way</i>	<i>Send us love, send us power, send us grace.</i>
<i>Oh brother, let’s go down</i>	<i>Something’s gonna happen</i>
<i>Let’s go down</i>	<i>like the world has never known</i>
<i>Come on down</i>	<i>when the people of the Lord get down to pray</i>
<i>O brother, let’s go down</i>	<i>A door’s gonna swing open</i>
<i>Down to the river to pray</i>	<i>and walls come a-tumbling down</i>
	<i>when the people of the Lord get down to pray</i>

Offering: Justice For All, Rock Valley

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Dedication: **“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” LUYH #928:1,4**
*Sending and Benediction
*Moment of Meditation
*Postlude: **“How Majestic is Your Name”** Larry Mayfield

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Worship Leader: Rev. Scott Van Voorst | Elder of Service: Jason Koelewyn
Organist: Carla Nibbelink | Pianist: Tami Koelewyn
Reader: Ron Rynders | Prayer Leader: Jason Koelewyn

Vocalists: Hailey Koelewyn, Addie Groenewold, Sophia and Anastasia Fulkerson, Anneke Van Bruggen, Natasha De Groot,
Ava Van Maanen, Kira Ochsner, Madeli Mejia-Vargas, Elsie Vander Tuin | Accompanist: Jennifer Monroe