

~ *FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST* ~
MORNING WORSHIP ~ July 5, 2020 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *"Prelude in E Flat"*
"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Jacques-Nicholas Lemmens
Klaas Jan Mulder

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: **"Give Thanks to God for All His Goodness" PFAS #118H:1,4 (LUYH #196)**

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Come, people of God.

**People: Let us sing the praises of the One who has called us
out of darkness into his marvelous light.**

Pastor: For once we were not a people, but now we are God's people!

**People: We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation.
Let us worship the one who is the cornerstone!**

Based on 1 Peter 2:7-10

*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!

*Hymn of Praise: **"Lord Most High" LUYH #593**

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God,

We confess that we put our trust in other gods.

We honor these gods alongside of you and in place of you.

**By the Holy Spirit's power, help us to know you, the only true God,
as you have revealed yourself in your Word,
to trust in you alone,**

**to look to you for every good thing, humbly and patiently,
and to love, fear, and honor you with all our hearts.**

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Adapted from Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 94,95

Hymn of Penitence: **"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" Trinity Hymnal #500:1,2**

Assurance of Pardon:

God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:8; Colossians 1:13-14; Romans 5:1

God's Will for Our Lives

Since we are surrounded
by so great a cloud of witnesses,
**let us also lay aside every weight
and the sin that clings so closely,**

**and let us run with perseverance
the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus
the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,
who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross,
disregarding its shame,
and has taken his seat
at the right hand of the throne of God.**

Consider him who endured such hostility
against himself from sinners,
so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

Hebrews 12:1-3

*Hymn of Dedication: **“O God, You Are My God” LUYH #743**

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: 1 Peter 2:7-10 (New Testament p. 283)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *EXILES LONGING FOR HOME:*

A CHOSEN RACE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, GOD’S OWN PEOPLE

*Hymn of Response: **“How Firm a Foundation” LUYH #427:1,2,3,5**

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Dedication: **“Church of God, Elect and Glorious” Psalter Hymnal #533:1-4**

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Sending and Benediction

*Postlude: *“Tu es Petrus (You Are Peter)”*

Jeanne Demessieux

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

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Organist: Leendert van Beek

Vocalists: Dave Netz, Scott Visser, Liz Van Maanen

Violin: Brianna Miedema

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