~ ORDINARY TIME ~

MORNING WORSHIP ~ August 2, 2020 ~ 9:30 AM First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: "Psalm 42: As a Deer in Want of Water"

John Propitius

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: "Praise Him! Praise Him!" Celebration Hymnal #12:1-3

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

Pastor: The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it:

People: O come, let us adore him.

Pastor: Worship the LORD in holy splendor:

People: O come, let us adore him.

Pastor: The steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting:

People: O come, let us adore him. Psalm 24:1, 96:9, 103:17

*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: "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" LUYH #586:1,3,4,5

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession:

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Hymn of Penitence: "As the Deer" LUYH #503 (PFAS #42D)

Assurance of Pardon God's Will for Our Lives

*Hymn of Dedication: "Jesus Paid It All" Celebration Hymnal #305:1-4

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: 1 Peter 2:18-25 (New Testament p.283)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: EXILES LONGING FOR HOME: SLAVES LIVING AS FREE PEOPLE

*Hymn of Response: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" LUYH #824:1,4,5,6 (PFAS #23D)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Reading the Form (with "Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord of Hosts" SANC #251)

*Hymn of Response: "Behold the Lamb" LUYH #840:1-4

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Dedication: "Ten Thousand Reasons" LUYH #559:1-3

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Sending and Benediction

*Postlude: "Toccatino" Robert Jones

*indicates that those who are able are invited to stand

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Worship Leader: Pastor Kurt Monroe | Organist: Leendert van Beek Vocalists: Chad, Cathy & Morgan Feenstra

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EVENING WORSHIP ~ August 2, 2020 ~ 6:00 PM First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Hustad

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" LUYH #776:1-4

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD, **People:** who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: O magnify the LORD with me.

People: Let us exalt God's name together! Psalm 124:8; 34:3

*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

"God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength" LUYH #432:1-5 (PFAS #46A)

"He's On Our Side (Psalm 124)" Wendell Kimbrough

Ministry of Music: "He Will Hold Me Fast"

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast. When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast. I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path. For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast.(Chorus) <u>Chorus</u>: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast. For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast. Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last. Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.(Chorus)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast. Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast.

Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last.(Chorus)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Psalm 124 (Old Testament p. 703)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: THE PSALMS OF ASCENTS: GOD IS ON OUR SIDE

Prayer of Application

*Sung Sermon Response: "Our Help Is in the Name of God the LORD" PFAS #124A:1-3 (LUYH #498)

WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

Prayers of the People

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Dedication: "Be Still, My Soul" vs. 1,2 (tune Finlandia)

*Sending and Benediction

*Postlude: "Toccata on 'Wedlock' God Is My Strong Salvation"

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