

~ *REFORMATION SUNDAY* ~
MORNING WORSHIP ~ October 25, 2020 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: "Prelude in C Major (BWV 545a)"
"Let All Together Praise Our God (BuxWV 202)"
"Fugue in C Major (BWV 545b)"

Johann Sebastian Bach
Dietrich Buxtehude
J. S. Bach

Welcome

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

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

**People: though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

Pastor: "Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"

**People: The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Psalm 46:1-3;10,11

*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: "**God, Our Help and Constant Refuge**" PFAS #46C:1-4

(Young children are invited to Children and Worship)

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God,
you have called us to be your new community in Christ, and yet we remain divided.
Forgive us our fear, anxiety, selfishness, and stubbornness.
Strengthen our common bonds and deepen our resolve
to promote the unity of your church. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God's Will for Our Lives

*Hymn of Dedication: "**God Be in My Head**" LUYH #858:1-2

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Ruth 1:1-5 (Old Testament p. 299)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *A MODEST ATTEMPT TO GET THINGS RIGHT IN A FALLEN WORLD*

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Dedication: "**The Church's One Foundation**" LUYH #251:1-4

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Sending and Benediction

*Postlude: "*All Glory Be to God on High (from Schnitger Organ Book)*"

Geert Bierling

*indicates that those who are able are invited to stand

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Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe | Organist: Leendert van Beek
Vocalists: Cathy Feenstra, Jim Bos

Brass Ensemble: Edwin Buiter, Dylan Koelewyn, Parker Van Roekel, Kellan Meyer,
Levi Groenewold, Calum Monroe, Peter Kuipers

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EVENING WORSHIP ~ October 25, 2020 ~ 6:00 PM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude: *“Ein Feste Burg ist unser Gott”*
“Blessed Jesus, At Your Word”

Johan Nicolaus Hanff
Johann Walther

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: **“Come, Worship God” LUYH #509:1,2,4**

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Hallelujah!

**People: Servants of God, praise,
praise the name of the Lord.**

Pastor: Bless the Lord’s name now and always.

**People: Praise the Lord’s name here and in every place
from east to west.**

*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 1 / A Responsorial Setting” PFAS #1B**

Song: **“May the Mind of Christ, My Savior” LUYH #334:1,2,4,5**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD & PROFESS AND LEARN OUR FAITH

Prayer of Illumination

Reading of Scripture: 2 Peter 1:16-21 & 2 Timothy 3:14-16 (New Testament p. 287 & 260)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Statement of Faith: **Belgic Confession, Articles 3, 4, & 6**

Confessional Sermon: *THE MEANS BY WHICH WE KNOW GOD: THE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD, PART 1*

*Sung Sermon Response: **“Ancient Words” LUYH #762:1-2**

WE LIFT OUR VOICES TO GOD

Ministry of Music: *“Reformation Hymn”*

Chris Anderson/Bob Kauflin

*We will trust God’s Word alone,
Where his perfect will is known;
Our traditions shift like sand
While his Truth forever stands.*

*We are saved by grace alone—
Undeserved, yet freely shown;
No accomplishment on earth
Can achieve the second birth.*

*We will live by faith alone,
Clothed in merit not our own;
All we claim is Jesus Christ
And his finished sacrifice. (Chorus)*

*We will stand on Christ alone,
The unyielding Cornerstone;
Nations rage and devils roar,
Still he reigns forevermore! (Chorus)*

Chorus:

*Glory be, glory be to God alone,
Through the church he redeemed and made his own.
He has freed us, he will keep us till we’re safely home
Glory be, glory be to God alone!*

Prayers of the People

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Dedication: **“Keep What You Have Believed” LUYH #769:1-2**

*Sending and Benediction

*Postlude: *Toccata on “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

David Cherwien

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Prayer Leader: Peter Kuipers*

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