

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MORNING WORSHIP ~ March 7, 2021 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: "Let Every Voice on Earth Resound (PFAS #100C – GENEVAN 100)" Henderick Speuy, Wim van Beek
"Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended" Helmut Walcha, Bert Matter

Song of Preparation: "**Trisagion**" (please remain seated)
Welcome

OPENING LENTEN PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Pastor: Journey with us, O holy God, as we continue our way to the cross. Sharpen our focus, that our attention may center more on you than ourselves. Lead us through the shadows of darkness and prepare our hearts, that we might be a people of prayer, ready to perceive and respond to your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation: "**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**" LUYH #521:1-3

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Let us worship God,
for whom our souls thirst and our bodies long.

**People: Listen, listen to me,
and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.**

Pastor: We have come to hear the Word God has sent.

**People: God's Word will not return empty
but will accomplish through us his holy purpose.**

Pastor: Let us worship God in Spirit and in truth.

**People: Then we will go out with joy and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills will sing;
the trees of the field will clap their hands.**

Based on Isaiah 55:2, 11-12; John 4:24

*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: "**The First Place**" LUYH #15:1-2

(Young children are invited to Children and Worship)

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession: "**Psalm of Penitence – Psalm 32**" PFAS #32B

Assurance of Pardon

God's Will for Our Lives

*Song of Response: "**You Are Mine**" LUYH #430:3,4, refrain

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Mark 2:18-22 (New Testament p.44)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *THE GOSPEL OF MARK: NEW WINE OF GOD'S KINGDOM*

*Sermon Response: "**In the Day of the Lord**" LUYH #485:1,2,6

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: "**O Christ, the Great Foundation**" SANC #177:1,4

*Sending and Benediction

*Postlude: "**O World, I Now Must Leave Thee**"

Johannes Brahms

*indicates that those who are able are invited to stand

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Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe | Organist: Leendert van Beek
Vocalists: Tanya Alvarez, Julie Geleynse, Karen & Ron Rynders | Clarinet: Kirsten Buiter

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EVENING WORSHIP ~ March 7, 2021 ~ 6:00 PM
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude: "Nearer, Still Nearer"
"God Himself is With Us"
"This is My Father's World"

Young
Burkhardt
Hobby, Jordan

Welcome

*Song of Preparation: **"Praise the LORD! Sing Hallelujah" LUYH #518:1,3,4 (PFAS #146D)**

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Let us worship God.

**People: "He is our refuge and our fortress,
our God, in whom we trust."**

Pastor: Let us confess with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord,"
and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

People: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Pastor: Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts,
confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth.

Based on Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9,13

*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

Sung Psalm: **"The Heavens Declare Your Glory" PFAS #19D:1-3 (LUYH #3)**

Song of Praise: **"This Is My Father's World" LUYH #21:1-3**

Ministry of Music: **"Because You First Loved Me"**

Love is patient, love is kind
Everywhere and every time
It gives its place in line
To serve another
But my heart it struggles so
I need Your grace to grow
Lord, help me give and show
This love to others
Jesus, set me free to love unselfishly

When I love, it looks like this:
It always gives and gives
To God and then it lives
To help my neighbor
That's a love I haven't got
It's me I love a lot
Stuck here I'm tied in knots
I need a Savior
Jesus, set me free to love You more than me

Chorus: Because You first loved me
I can love You
With all my heart
Because You first loved me
I'll love others too
The way You do
I'll love them too

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: 2 Chronicles 7:11-16 (Old Testament p. 486)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *HUMBLED PRAYER*

Prayer of Application

*Sermon Response: **"If My People's Hearts Are Humbled"**

WE LIFT OUR VOICES TO GOD

Special Time of Prayer in Recognition of Annual Day of Prayer (March 10)

*Statement of Faith: **Nicene Creed**

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Dedication: **"We Receive Your Blessing" LUYH #947**

*Sending and Benediction

*Postlude: **"The Blessing"**

Brown, Carnes, Jobe, Furtick

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*Worship Leader: Rev. John Lee | Organist: Carla Nibbelink | Pianist: Kim Vander Berg
Elder of Service: Tim Klein | Reader: Eric Eekhoff | Vocalists: Alex & Levi Eekhoff, Brylee, Kaden & Malia Klein
Accompanist: Abby Finley | Prayer Leaders: Garret Visser, Melissa Klein, Jon Buiter*

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