

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MORNING WORSHIP ~ May 2, 2021 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: "Prelude (from: *Symphony No. 1*)"
"Psalm 150: Praise God! Earth and Heaven Rejoice"

Louis Vierne
Toon Hagen

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: **"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" LUYH #599:1-3**

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Awake, O harp and lyre!
I will awake the dawn.

**People: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,
I will sing praises to you among the nations.**

Pastor: For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens;
your faithfulness extends to the clouds.

**People: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.
Let your glory be over all the earth.**

Psalm 57:8-11

*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: **"O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God" LUYH #672:1,2,5 (PFAS #103B)**
(Young Children are invited to Children and Worship)

Choral Anthem: **"Then Will the Very Rocks Cry Out"**

Mark Hayes

If we keep our voices silent, all creation will rise and shout.
If we fail to praise You, Father, then will the very rocks cry out.

Alleluia, alleluia, unto Him we offer praise.
Alleluia, alleluia, this song of joy to Him we raise.
Alleluia, alleluia, in the heavens angels sing.
Alleluia, alleluia, give glory to the most high King!

From the corners of creation come the people of the Living God.
Ev'ry tongue and ev'ry nation gather now to praise the Lord!

From a world of tribulation come and let your voice be raised.
Join us now in congregation. Let the living God be praised.

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God's Will for Our Lives: **"Sing a Psalm of Joy" LUYH #717:1-3 (PFAS #81C)**

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

*Sung Prayer for Illumination: **"Speak, O Lord" LUYH #755:1-3**

Reading of Scripture: 1 John 2:1-6 (New Testament p.290)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **NO HELL BUT SIN, NO HEAVEN BUT CHRIST**

*Song of Response: **"My Dear Redeemer and My Lord" Trinity Psalter Hymnal #327:1-4**

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: **"Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness" LUYH #766:1-3**

*Sending and Benediction

*Postlude: **"Toccata in D Minor (Op. 59, No. 5)"**

Max Reger

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

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Worship Leaders: Rev. Kurt Monroe, Anton Funk | Organist: Leendert van Beek
Adult Choir directed by Peter Kuipers | Accompanist: Danielle Van Zanten
Vocalists: Tammy Lief, Janna Wesselius

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