

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

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *"Lift High the Cross"*
"This Joyful Eastertide"
"Thine is the Glory"
"O God Beyond All Praising"

Donald Busarow
Michael Burkhardt
Charles Callahan
Cherwien

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: **"Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator" LUYH #550:1-3** (PFAS #148E)

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.
**People: For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.**
Pastor: God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
**People: Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

Psalm 47:1-2, 5-6

*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 God Beyond All Praising" LUYH #557:1-3**

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession
Hymn of Penitence: **"God, Be Merciful to Me" LUYH #622:1-3** (PFAS #51N)
Assurance of Pardon
Hymn of Assurance: **"God, Be Merciful to Me" LUYH #622:4** (PFAS #51N)
God's Will for Our Lives

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Reading the Form
Baptism of Riley Ruth Van Otterloo
*Song of Response: **"Lead Me, Guide Me" LUYH #329: vs. 1,2, refrain, vs. 3, refrain**
(Young Children are invited to Children and Worship)

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Reading of Scripture: Mark 4:1-20 (New Testament p.46)
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
Sermon: *THE GOSPEL OF MARK: THE SECRET OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD*
*Song of Response: **"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" LUYH #751:1-3**

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: **"Will You Come and Follow Me" LUYH #742:1,2,5**
*Sending and Benediction
*Postlude: *"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*

John Rutter

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

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*Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe | Organist: Emily Sybesma | Pianist: Jennifer Monroe
Clarinet & Percussion: Liz Van Maanen*

EVENING WORSHIP ~ May 9, 2021 ~ 6:00 PM
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude: *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*
"The Lord Is My Shepherd"

Hans Friedrich Micheelsen
Rients Beintema

Welcome

*Song of Preparation: ***"When in Our Music God Is Glorified"* Psalter Hymnal #512:1,3,4,5**

*Call to Worship

Pastor: O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gotten him victory.

**People: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Psalm 98:1,4

*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 98

Singing the Psalm: ***"Sing to the Lord a New Song"* PFAS #98A:1-4**

Refrain: Soloist

Refrain: All

Vs. 1: Soloist

Vs. 2: All

Refrain: All

Vs. 3: All

Vs. 4: All

Refrain: All

Song of Praise: ***"Sing Praise to the Lord, You People of Grace"* LUYH #7:1,4 (PFAS #150A)**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Romans 6:1-14 (New Testament p. 189)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Statement of Faith: Belgic Confession, Article 24 (*What We Believe* Vol. 2, p. 23)

Confessional Sermon: *THE SANCTIFICATION OF SINNERS*

Prayer of Application

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Song of Preparation: ***"Table of Plenty"* LUYH #808:1-3** (Youth Choir: vs. 1-2; Congregation joins on vs. 3)

Reading the Form

*Song of Response: ***"Lift Up Your Hearts unto the Lord"* LUYH #844:1-4**

WE LIFT OUR VOICES TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Dedication: ***"My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"* LUYH #938**

(Youth Choir sings one time; congregation joins on second time)

*Sending and Benediction

*Postlude: *"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

Anton Heiller

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*Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe | Organist: Leendert van Beek
Youth Choir directed by Tammy Lief | Accompanist: Carrie Groenewold
Reader/Vocalist/Trumpet: Peter Kuipers | Prayer Leader: Jason Koelewyn*