

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
MORNING WORSHIP ~ January 29, 2023 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: "Prelude"
"Father, We Praise Thee"

Robert Cundick
Wilbur Held

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: "**Rejoice, You Righteous, in the Lord**" PFAS #33B:1-3 (LUYH #22)

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

Pastor: O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

**People: His right hand and his holy arm
have gotten him victory.**

Pastor: The Lord has made known his victory;

People: he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

Pastor: He has remembered his steadfast love
and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

People: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

—Psalm 98:1-3

*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!

*Hymn of Praise: "**I Love Your Church, O Lord**" LUYH #247:1-3
(Young Children are invited to Children and Worship)

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession

Song of Confession: "**I Call to You, My Rock**" LUYH #649:1 (PFAS #28A)

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Assurance: "**I Call to You, My Rock**" LUYH #649:2 (PFAS #28A)

God's Will for Our Lives

*Song of Response: "**I Call to You, My Rock**" LUYH #649:3 (PFAS #28A)

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Mark 9:38-50 (New Testament p. 55)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *IT IS BETTER FOR YOU TO ENTER LIFE*

*Song of Response: "**Eternal Spirit, God of Truth**" LUYH #641:1-2

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Offertory: "*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*"

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Offerings: (1) First CRC Ministry Fund; (2) Christian Education Fund

Moment for Mission: Darrel Raih (Update on Rehoboth/Pathway to Jesus Sponsorship)

*Hymn of Dedication: "**God, the Father of Your People**" LUYH #927:1-2

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Sending and Benediction

*Doxology: "**Glory Be to the Father**" LUYH #961

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude

*indicates that those who are able are invited to stand

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe
Organist: Leah Zuidema