



Order of Worship

THE LORD'S DAY
August 16, 2009

~ WELCOME ~

We welcome you to the worship of the Triune God, who made the heavens and the earth! We would like to get to know you better, so please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship. Also, please take the time to fill out the visitor insert and place it in the offering plate or give it to a greeter. If we can assist you in any way, please ask the pastor or any member.

We use the name "Reformed", referring to the historic Protestant Reformation of the 16th century that restored the Church to the Word of God. As a Reformed Church we believe that *Scripture alone* is our ultimate authority for faith and life, that we are saved from sin and the eternal wrath by God's *grace alone*, because of the perfect righteousness of *Christ alone*, which is received not by our goodness but through *faith alone*, and all for *the glory of God alone*.

As a confessionally Reformed Church we also subscribe to the *Three Forms of Unity*: the Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Belgic Confession (1561), and Canons of Dordt (1618). These confessions derive their authority by their agreement with, and submission to, Scripture.

Sioux Falls URC is a church plant work of Hills URC (in Hills, MN), a member of the United Reformed Churches in North America (URCNA). **We will add, the Lord willing, morning worship services in the spring of 2010. Please prayerfully consider whether the Lord is calling you to be a part of this confessionally Reformed church plant.**

Council of Hills URC

ELDERS

Dan Top (2009)
Greg Vande Kamp (2010)
John Den Besten (2011)

DEACONS

Gerrit Den Besten (2009)
Howard Van Wyhe (2010)
Steve Vis (2011)

Having been called by Christ to care for His sheep, the minister, elders, and deacons are eager to call on the sick and those who have physical or spiritual needs. Whether a member or a visitor, you are encouraged to contact them if you would like consolation, counsel, instruction, or if you any questions or concerns.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
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*Calling sinners to be reconciled to God the Father
through His saving grace in His Son, Jesus Christ,
and equipping them for lives of grateful service
by the power of the Holy Spirit through the preaching of the Word*

Minister of the Word: Rev. Spencer Aalsburg

6:30 Worship Service

(* Congregation Stands)

Prelude

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE

Call to Worship

Psalm 95

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! ...
Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

Silent Prayer

***Votum:** Our help is in the Name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven
and earth! ~*Psalm 124:8*

***Salutation**

Philippians 1:2

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

Song of Praise: 89

Psalm 48

"Within Thy Temple, Lord"

GOD'S PEOPLE CONFESS

***Confession of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;
The third day He arose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit.
I believe a holy catholic Church, the communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body;
And the life everlasting. Amen.

***Song of Confession** (unannounced)

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the
beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

God's Will For Our Lives (p. 453)

Psalm 15

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon (p. 816)

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in
heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my
burden is light."

***Song of Thanksgiving: 120**

Psalm 66

"Come, All Ye People, Bless Our God"

Congregational Prayer

G O D N O U R I S H E S H I S P E O P L E

*Song of Preparation: 402

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

Reading of the Word (p. 901) John 14:15-31

Heidelberg Catechism (p. 27) Lord's Day 21 ~ Q/A 54

Preaching of the Word

"One Holy Catholic Church"

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application: 398 *"The Church's One Foundation"*

G O D S E N D S H I S P E O P L E F O R T H

Offertory & Offering *General Fund*

*Doxology: 479:2,5 *"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"*

*Benediction 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

*Moment of Meditation

Postlude Please join us for a time of fellowship following the service.
Accompanist: Tony Jelsma

Christ Gathers, Protects, and Preserves a Church For Himself

1. The Dynamic History of the Church

2. The Great Shepherd of the Church

3. The Everlasting Membership of the Church