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ORDER OF WORSHIP  
**Sioux Falls URC**

September 11, 2011

*We exist to glorify and enjoy our Triune God  
in Sioux Falls and to the ends of the earth  
by calling sinners like us to be reconciled to God the Father  
through His saving grace in His Son, Jesus Christ,  
who equips us for lives of grateful service  
by the power of the Holy Spirit, through the preaching of the Word*

**11:15 am Worship Service**

(\* Congregation Stands)

**Prelude**

† Bibles and blue hymnals located at the entryway

**G O D C A L L S H I S P E O P L E**

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 95:1-3

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!  
For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.

**Silent Prayer**

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

**\*Salutation**

2 Peter 1:2

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

**\*Song of Praise: 315**

*“O Worship the King, All-Glorious Above”*

**G O D ’ S P E O P L E C O N F E S S**

**\*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 rose 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 Response**

*“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him. Let the “Amen” sound from his people again, gladly for aye we adore Him!

**God’s Holy Law** (p. 150)

Deuteronomy 5:6-21

*“The Ten Commandments”*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Matthew 11:25-30

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup> Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**Song of Thanksgiving: Insert**

*“And Can It Be?”*

**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: 228:1-3**

Psalm 116

*“I Love the Lord, the Fount of Life”*

**Reading of the Word**

Exodus 1-2

**Preaching of the Word**

Exodus 1-2

*“The Lord’s Power and Presence”*

**Prayer of Application**

**\*Song of Application: 84:1-3**

Psalm 46

*“God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”*

**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: 360:3**

*“Alleluia! Alleluia!”*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to the Three in One:  
To the Father, and the Savior, Who the victory has won;  
Glory to the Holy Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.

**\*Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**\*Moment of Meditation**

**Postlude** Please leave your Bibles and hymnals in the pew and exit through the door at the front and right of the sanctuary. We cordially invite you to stay for a time of fellowship following the service.

**God Sovereignly Continues to Redeem a People with His Power and Presence**

**1. His Blessed People Oppressed in Egyptian Bondage**

**2. Through a Redeemer According to His Promise**

Accompanist: Sharon Smies

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## Announcements for SFURC/Hills URC Family

**D**EAR VISITORS: A hearty welcome to you! We pray that God will be glorified in our worship together and that His Word and Spirit will edify us. *Please stay afterward* and get to know us over some coffee. There is a **nursery** available for babies and youth.

**Today Rev. Aalsburg continues** a series through the Old Testament called *The Greatest Story Ever Told*, which traces the drama of God's redemption from Genesis to Revelation.

**Second Sunday Fellowship Meal today.** We cordially invite you to join us for lunch following the service today. Please don't worry if you didn't bring anything—we'd love to have you join us!

**Sundays @ 10:20 a.m. – "Family Catechism"** is a Sunday school class for all people (families & individuals) of all ages from 6 yrs. and up. This discussion-oriented class studies through the Christian Faith by looking at the historic Heidelberg Catechism. For younger ages, there is a Bible-based class called "Show Me Jesus." Both classes meet downstairs. **Classes begin Sept. 11.**

**Please Pray for Classis Central US** delegates meeting in Pella on Monday & Tuesday of this week. Please pray for safe travel & for wisdom as the men provide advice to the consistories; & pray for God to prepare Aaron Verhoef as he submits to a candidacy exam.

In connection with the Classis meeting, the elders have approved a pulpit exchange between Rev. Aalsburg and Rev. DeRooy (Orange City, IA) for next Sunday, **Sept. 18.**

**Consistory & Council** are slated to meet on Wednesday, **Sept 14**, at 6:15 & 7:30 p.m., respectively. *Please keep our office-bearers in your prayers!*

**Friday evening, Sept 16** plan to come out for a **picnic, sand volleyball, and other games.** The grill will fire up at 5:30pm at Spencer Park (S. Cliff & I-229). Hot dogs, chips, and drink will be provided, along with dinnerware. If you desire, you may bring a side or a desert. *Be sure to bring your family and friends for an edifying evening of Christian fellowship!*

**With Joyful Reverence & Awe: Biblical Worship in Post-Modern Times** is a conference hosted by SFURC on **October 7-8**, here at the church building. Plan to attend this highly informative and edifying conference with speaker Rev. Alan Strange, Professor at Mid-America Reformed Seminary. A lunch will be provided on Saturday. *This is a fitting opportunity to bring your family and friends to introduce them to SFURC!*

**Sunday, Sept 25** - We plan to celebrate the **sacrament of the Lord's Supper** during the worship service. If you are not a member of Sioux Falls URC and desire to partake of the Supper, we ask that you please meet briefly with the pastor and an elder before the service. (**Note:** If you have interviewed last time, you don't need to meet again this time.)

The purpose of this conversation is for the office-bearers to affirm your faith in Christ, your understanding of the sacrament, and your submission to the Lord through professing membership in His Church. Thank you for honoring our practice of guarding the table according to the admonition of the Apostle Paul (1 Cor. 11:17-31). *If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with Rev. Aalsburg.*

## Studies for Growing in Grace

**Tune into AM 1270 (KNWC)** for **The Reformed Study Hour**, sponsored by SFURC on Sundays from 5-6 p.m. First listen to R.C. Sproul's *Renewing Your Mind* followed by the *White Horse Inn*.

**Disciplines of a Godly Woman** is a women's study for all ages that meets at the church building. For more dates and topics, see Julia or Sharon, or visit the link at [www.sfurc.org](http://www.sfurc.org). This edifying study meets at the church building on the first and third Thursdays at 7:00p.m.

**Saturday Morning Evangelism Study** – meets on Saturdays at 8 a.m. at the Caribou Coffee on Minnesota Ave. *Tell the Truth: A Training Manual on the Message & Methods of God-centered Witnessing* by Will Metzger. Please see Rev. Aalsburg for more details and a book.

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**A Marriage Study** meets monthly to discuss the joys and challenges of Christian marriage using the book *What Did You Expect? Redeeming the Realities of Marriage*. Please see Rev. Aalsburg if you are interested and/or to get your book. The next meeting **Nov. 11.**