

# Morning Order of Worship

Sioux Center United Reformed Church

Sunday, October 19, 2025

## OPENING OF SERVICE

- \* Call to Worship
- \* Prayer of Invocation
- \* God's Greeting
- \* Hymn of Praise: 216:1,2,3,5 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

## SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

Call to Confession

Hymn of Confession: 180 *Kind and Merciful God, We Have Sinned*

Assurance of Pardon

## SERVICE OF GRATITUDE

God's Will for Our Lives

Welcoming Student Members

Congregational Prayer

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

- \* Hymn of Preparation: 172 *Speak, O Lord*
- Prayer of Illumination
- Scripture: 1 Kings 11:1-8
- Message: **SOLOMON'S DEMISE**
- Prayer of Application

## CLOSING OF SERVICE

- \* Hymn of Response: 226 *O the Deep, Unbounded Riches*
- Offertory Prayer
- Psalm of Thanksgiving: 136:1,2,3,6 *O Thank the LORD, for He Is Good*
- Offering: Christian Education Fund (received during song)
- \* Benediction
- \* Doxology: 150C:1,3 *Sing Hallelujah! Praise the LORD!* (unannounced)

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## SOLOMON'S DEMISE

Scripture: 1 Kings 11:1-8

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1. The Warning – “They Will Turn Away Your Heart” (vv. 1-2)
2. The Turning – “His Wives Turned Away His Heart” (vv. 3-4)
3. The Wickedness – “Solomon Did What Was Evil in the Sight of the LORD” (vv. 5-8)

## Questions for Personal and Family Devotions

1. How do you tend to respond when God's Word confronts you – do you see His commands as restrictions or as protections?
2. Is there any relationship, habit, or influence that is quietly pulling your heart away from full devotion to the Lord?
3. Where might you be clinging to something – or someone – that competes for your affection for God?
4. Have you convinced yourself that you can “love God” and still hold on to certain idols?
5. Are there areas where you've justified disobedience because the consequences don't seem immediate?
6. What would repentance look like for you today – not in theory, but in practice?
7. How can you build habits that keep your heart tender toward God over the long haul?

# Evening Order of Worship

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## THE CHURCH GATHERS TOGETHER

- \* Call to Worship
- \* Prayer of Invocation
- \* God's Greeting
- \* Hymn of Praise: 342 *Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*

## TO AFFIRM OUR FAITH

- \* The Apostles' Creed (pg. 851)
- \* Hymn of Response: 336 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

## TO PRAISE GOD

Psalm 129

Psalm of Response: 129 *From Youth They Have Afflicted Me*

## FOR SERVICE OF GRATITUDE

Congregational Prayer

## TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

- \* Hymn of Preparation: 339 *Hark! the Voice of Love and Mercy*
- The Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 16 QA 44 (pg. 879)
- Prayer of Illumination
- Scripture: 1 Peter 3:18-4:6
- Message: **"HE DESCENDED INTO HELL"**
- Prayer of Application

## AND DEPARTS TO SERVE

- \* Hymn of Response: 265 *In Christ Alone*
- Offertory Prayer
- Psalm of Thanksgiving: 116C *What Shall I Render to the Lord*
- Offering: General Fund (offering received during song)
- \* Benediction
- \* Doxology: 106A:1 *O Sing Hallelujah!* (unannounced)

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## "HE DESCENDED INTO HELL"

The Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 16, Q/A 44

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:18-4:6

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1. Christ's Descent into Hell

2. What Does Christ's Descent into Hell Really Mean?

3. The Benefits of Christ's Descent into Hell

## Questions for Personal and Family Devotions

1. When you hear the phrase, "He descended into hell," what have you thought it meant in the past? How does this teaching clarify or correct that understanding?
2. How does it change your view of the cross to realize that Jesus didn't just suffer physically, but also endured the full spiritual agony of God's wrath for sin?
3. What does this teach you about the seriousness of your sin – and about the depth of Christ's love?
4. The Catechism says this doctrine "assures me in times of personal crisis and temptation." How could you apply that assurance the next time you face guilt, fear, or temptation?