

Morning Order of Worship

Sioux Center United Reformed Church

Sunday, January 4, 2026

OPENING OF SERVICE

- * Call to Worship
- * Prayer of Invocation
- * God's Greeting
- * Psalm of Praise: 63B *O Lord, My God, Most Earnestly*

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

- Call to Confession
- Prayer of Confession
- Assurance of Pardon: 111B:1,3,5,7 *O Give the LORD Wholehearted Praise*
- God's Will for Our Lives

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION

- Signing the Form of Subscription (pg. 93)
- Joe Bakker
- Ross De Zwart
- Instruction and Vows (pg. 80)

SERVICE OF GRATITUDE

- Congregational Prayer

SERVICE OF THE WORD

- * Hymn of Preparation: 547 *O Shine upon These, Lord*
- Prayer of Illumination
- Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:6-19
- Message: **CALLED TO SERVE**
- Prayer of Application

CLOSING OF SERVICE

- * Psalm of Response: 116C:1,2,3 *What Shall I Render to the Lord*
- Offertory Prayer
- Hymn of Thanksgiving: 184 *Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver*
- Offering: General Fund (received during song)
- * Benediction
- * Doxology: 103C:1,2 *Come, My Soul, and Bless the LORD* (unannounced)

**Please stand if you are able*

CALLED TO SERVE

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

January 4, 2026 AM

Rev. Jon Bushnell

1. Shaping Hearts

2. Confronting Idols

3. Encouraging Mercy

Questions for Personal and Family Devotions

1. In what ways do you see deacons helping the congregation live out the gospel, not just fund the church?
2. Where has God given you opportunities to serve others in tangible ways recently?
3. What gifts, abilities, time, or resources had God given you that could be used in mercy ministry?
4. How does remembering Christ's mercy toward you motivate mercy toward others?
5. How can you pray for your deacons as they seek to help the church reflect Christ's love?

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THE CHURCH GATHERS TOGETHER

- * Call to Worship
- * Prayer of Invocation
- * God's Greeting
- * Psalm of Praise: 90A *Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place*

TO AFFIRM OUR FAITH

- * The Apostles' Creed (pg. 851)
- * Hymn of Response: 384 *Lo, What a Glorious Sight Appeared*

TO PRAISE GOD

- Psalm 140
- Psalm of Response: 140:1,3,5 *O Save Me, LORD, from Evil Men*

FOR SERVICE OF GRATITUDE

- Congregational Prayer

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

- * Hymn of Preparation: 299 *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25; Revelation 21:1-8

Message: **BEHOLD, I AM MAKING ALL THINGS NEW**

Prayer of Application

AND DEPARTS TO SERVE

- * Hymn of Response: 468 *Jerusalem the Golden*

Offertory Prayer

Psalm of Thanksgiving: 92B *It Is Good to Sing Your Praises*

Offering: Christian Education Fund (offering received during song)

- * Benediction

- * Doxology: 113B:1,2 *Praise God, O Servants of the Lord*
(unannounced)

**Please stand if you are able*

BEHOLD, I AM MAKING ALL THINGS NEW (Revelation 21:1-8)

January 4, 2026 PM; Rev. Ben Davenport

1. Introduction: All Things New (5a, 6a; Ps. 31:14-15; Mt. 16:18; Rom. 8:28)
2. What Does This Look Like? (1-4)
 - a. A New Heaven and a New Earth, for the First Had Passed Away (1a; 2 Pe. 3:13)
 - b. No More Sea (1b; Rev. 4:6; Dan. 7:3; Rev. 13:1)
 - c. The Holy City: New Jerusalem (2; Eph. 5:25-27; Phil. 1:6; 2 Cor. 5:17)
 - d. Dwelling in the Presence of God (3-4; Mt. 28:20; Song 6:3; Ps. 16:11; 1 Cor. 2:9)
3. Who Gets to Enjoy This? (6-8; Rom 8:28; Rev. 3:16-17; Eph 5:14; Acts 16:31; Isa. 55:1, 6-8; Rom. 8:37)
4. Conclusion: These Words are Trustworthy and True (5b)

Questions for Personal and Family Devotions

1. What are some ways that keeping eternity in perspective could help you throughout this New Year?
2. What is the significance of there being "*no more sea*" in the new earth?
3. What does "*the holy city, new Jerusalem*" symbolize? How do you know? (cf. Rev. 21:2, 9-14; 1 Pet. 2:5)
4. According to vv. 3-4, what will be **absent** in glory? What will be **present**? Do you truly desire to be with God?
5. Should people be scared of going to Hell? Consider the sinners listed in v. 8: why are such sins as these so serious? Who are the "*cowardly*" and "*faithless*"? How dangerous is it to be a hypocrite or pretender in the church?
6. According to vv. 6-7, what are the qualifications for getting to glory? Who are the **thirsty**? How can you **conquer**?
7. We cannot earn our way to heaven; v. 7 is clear that salvation is a free gift of God. Nevertheless, why should we earnestly strive, by God's grace, to live in a heavenly way already now? Carefully consider Philippians 3:12-21.