

Morning Order of Worship

Sioux Center United Reformed Church

Sunday, April 19, 2026

“WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, ELIJAH?”

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1-21

April 19, 2026 AM

Rev. Jon Bushnell

OPENING OF SERVICE

- * Call to Worship
- * Prayer of Invocation
- * God’s Greeting
- * Song of Praise: (insert) *May the Peoples Praise You*

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

- Call to Confession
- Song of Confession: (insert) *His Mercy Is More*
- Assurance of Pardon

SERVICE OF GRATITUDE

- God’s Will for Our Lives
- Congregational Prayer

SERVICE OF THE WORD

- * Psalm of Preparation: 119L *Eternal Is Your Word, O LORD*
- Prayer of Illumination
- Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1-21
- Message: “WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, ELIJAH?”
- Prayer of Application

CLOSING OF SERVICE

- * Psalm of Response: 103C:1,4,5,8 *Come, My Soul, and Bless the LORD*
- Offertory Prayer
- Psalm of Thanksgiving: 116A:1,4,6,8 *I Love the LORD, for He Has Heard My Voice*
- Offering: Christian Education Fund (received during song)
- * Benediction
- * Doxology: 226 *O the Deep, Unbounded Riches* (unannounced)

**Please stand if you are able*

1. When God’s Victory Doesn’t Look Like Victory (vv. 1-4)

2. When God Meets Us in Our Weakness (vv.5-14)

3. When God Reaffirms His Plan (vv.15-21)

Questions for Personal and Family Devotions

1. In what ways might you be measuring “success” differently than God does?
2. Do you ever feel like Elijah: “*I have done all this... and it hasn’t made a difference*”? What does that reveal about your heart?
3. When you are spiritually or emotionally exhausted, do you bring that honestly before God – or do you try to push through on your own?
4. Are you tempted to believe that God’s plan is failing because you cannot see immediate results?
5. How does the care of God in this passage point you to the greater care you have in Christ?

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THE CHURCH GATHERS TOGETHER

- * Call to Worship
- * Prayer of Invocation
- * God's Greeting
- * Hymn of Praise: 194 *Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd*

TO AFFIRM OUR FAITH

- * The Apostles' Creed (pg. 851)
- * Hymn of Response: 190:1,3,5 *Thus Saith the Mercy of the Lord*

TO PRAISE GOD

Psalm 2

Psalm of Response: 2B *Why Do Heathen Nations Rage?*

FOR SERVICE OF GRATITUDE

Congregational Prayer

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

- * Hymn of Preparation: 189 *Lord Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Dear*
The Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 26 (pg. 883)
- Prayer of Illumination
- Scripture: Titus 3:1-11
- Message: **THE WASHING OF REGENERATION**
- Prayer of Application

AND DEPARTS TO SERVE

- * Hymn of Response: 193:1,2,4,6 *Baptized into Your Name Most Holy*
- Offertory Prayer
- Psalm of Thanksgiving: 9B:1,4 *Wholehearted Thanksgiving*
Offering: General Fund (offering received during song)
- * Benediction
- * Doxology: 117A *Praise Jehovah, All Ye Nations* (unannounced)

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THE WASHING OF REGENERATION

The Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 26

Scripture: Titus 3:1-11

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1. Facing the Truth About Ourselves
2. Resting in What God Has Done
3. Walking in a New Way of Life

Questions for Personal and Family Devotions

1. When you hear Paul's description of our old life (foolish, disobedient, enslaved, etc.), which part do you most recognized in your own past – or even your present?
2. Are there ways you tend to minimize or soften the seriousness of your sin? What would it look like to be more honest before God?
3. If someone asked you, "Why should God let you into heaven?" how would you answer – and does your answer reflect God's mercy or your effort?
4. Do you struggle more with **guilt** (feeling too sinful) or **pride** (feeling good enough)? How does the gospel correct both?
5. Paul says believers should be "careful to devote themselves to good works." What does intentionality in good works look like in your daily life?
6. Do you live more like someone who is still "dirty" and trying to clean yourself – or someone who has already been washed?