

Morning Order of Worship

Sioux Center United Reformed Church

Sunday, May 3, 2026

“THUS SAYS THE LORD”

Scripture: 1 Kings 20:1-43

May 3, 2026 AM

Rev. Jon Bushnell

OPENING OF SERVICE

- * Call to Worship
- * Prayer of Invocation
- * God’s Greeting
- * Psalm of Praise: 46B:1,3,5 *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength*

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

- Call to Confession
- Prayer of Confession
- Assurance of Pardon: 20B:1,4,5,6 *The LORD in Your Distress Attend*

SERVICE OF GRATITUDE

- God’s Will for Our Lives
- Congregational Prayer

SERVICE OF THE WORD

- * Psalm of Preparation: 24B:1,2,5 *The Earth and Its Riches*
- Prayer of Illumination
- Scripture: 1 Kings 20:1-43
- Message: “THUS SAYS THE LORD”
- Prayer of Application

CLOSING OF SERVICE

- * Psalm of Response: 33:1,4,5 *With Joy Let Us Sing to the LORD*
- Offertory Prayer
- Psalm of Thanksgiving: 30 *O LORD, I Will Extol You*
- Offering: General Fund (received during song)
- * Benediction
- * Doxology: 216:1,5 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (unannounced)

**Please stand if you are able*

1. Ahab Compromises Under Pressure

2. God Grants Victory by His Word

3. Ahab Acts Without Seeking the Lord

4. God Confronts and Condemns His Disobedience

Questions for Personal and Family Devotions

1. Where in your life are you most tempted to “fold” under pressure rather than stand firm in obedience to God?
2. How do you typically discern whether you are truly seeking the Lord’s will or simply following your instincts?
3. What dangers come when we measure decisions only by outcomes (peace, success, approval) rather than obedience?
4. Where do you see yourself needing the obedience and trust that only Christ perfectly lived out?

Evening Order of Worship

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THE CHURCH GATHERS TOGETHER

- * Call to Worship
- * Prayer of Invocation
- * God's Greeting
- * Psalm of Praise: 103C:1,4,5,7 *Come, My Soul, and Bless the LORD*

TO AFFIRM OUR FAITH

- * The Apostles' Creed (pg. 851)
- * Psalm of Response: 8C:1,2,4,5 *Lord, Our Lord, Thy Glorious Name*

TO PRAISE GOD

- Psalm 4
- Hymn of Praise: 484 *On the Good and Faithful*

FOR SERVICE OF GRATITUDE

Congregational Prayer

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

- * Hymn of Preparation: 193 *Baptized into Your Name Most Holy*
Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 27 (pg. 884)
- Prayer of Illumination
- Scripture: Matthew 19:13-26
- Message: **SHOULD INFANTS ALSO BE BAPTIZED?**
- Prayer of Application

AND DEPARTS TO SERVE

- * Hymn of Response: 478 *Jesus Love Me, This I Know*
- Offertory Prayer
- Hymn of Thanksgiving: 237 *When All Your Mercies, O My God*
- Offering: Christian Education Fund (offering received during song)
- * Benediction
- * Doxology: 571 *Gloria Patri* (unannounced)

**Please stand if you are able*

SHOULD INFANTS ALSO BE BAPTIZED?

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 27

Scripture: Matthew 19:13-26

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1. Nothing to Bring (Children)

2. Everything to Lose (Rich Man)

3. All to Receive (God's Grace)

Questions for Personal and Family Devotions

1. What does Jesus mean when He says the kingdom belongs to "such as these" (little children)?
2. What does this passage teach us about how a person is saved?
3. When you think about your standing before God, do you tend to focus more on what you've done or on what Christ has done?
4. Is there something in your life (like the rich man's wealth) that you rely on for security instead of Christ?
5. If you are baptized, how often do you reflect on what your baptism signifies and promises?