

## Prayer of Confession for Prayer Day Service at 1<sup>st</sup> CRC

Our Father in heaven. As we are gathered here before You this evening in prayer, we come first with a prayer of confession. Help us to turn away from ourselves towards You in faith. Enable us to see our brokenness and need as we come before you as those declared righteous in Christ Jesus, but still needing to be made righteous through the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit. Along with David in Psalm 51, reveal to us our transgressions. Show us our sin as we come humbly before You in faith.

(moment of silent meditation and confession)

Heavenly Father, as Your people, help us to daily seek Your guidance through Your Word. Enable us to hear and heed Your counsel through the Holy Spirit instead of merely striving to inform ourselves by looking to the wisdom of this world. Help us Heavenly Father to yield to our King, Jesus Christ, rather than following the pattern of this world, striving to reign over our own hearts. Although we live in an amazing age with all kinds of technological marvels and helpful amenities, convict our hearts, remind us that true contentment is found only in You, O Lord and not in our efforts to console ourselves by looking to the things of this world.

When we think that Your truth is too high, help us to remember this simple message of John, that You, O God, are love.

When we think that Your will is too hard, help us to remember that we are yoked to Jesus who makes our burdens light.

When we think that Your power is too distant, remind us of how You take care of the little sparrows and even the lilies of the field.

Heavenly Father, we live in a prideful, rebellious world that strives to darken the understanding of all whom they may influence. Remind us again that we are Your lights that shine in this world's darkness. Forgive us when we would hide the light you have given us and grant us the courage to let our light, the light of Your truth in us, shine! When we are confused, please grant us clarity. When we are divided, restore and unite us. When we are troubled, help us and heal us. Take away the fears that linger in our hearts by helping us to look beyond this world to the eternal world to come and remind us that it is in Your eternal Kingdom, O Lord, that we are to lay up our treasures where the destructive agents of this world cannot harm them. We ask this in the precious name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## First & Bethel Christian Reformed Churches

# Prayer Day Service

March 12, 2025 ~ 7:00 p.m.



Pastor Jon Spronk  
Pastor Erik Kamp  
Pastor Doug Van Der Pol

First CRC of Oskaloosa, IA

**ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR PRAYER SERVICE**

**Wednesday, March 12, 2025 ~ 7:00 p.m.**

**Pastors Jon Spronk, Erik Kamp & Doug Van Der Pol**

Prelude: Sue De Bruin, pianist

*“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”, “Near to the Heart of God”  
& “Sweet Hour of Prayer” with “I Need Thee Every Hour”*

**THE CALL TO PRAYER**

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

\*God’s Greeting

\*Opening Song: *“Seek Ye First”* LUYH #899:1-3

**PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL**

Prayer of Confession – read in unison (printed on the back)

Reading: *Belgic Confession*, Article 27 – The Holy Catholic Church

Prayer for the Church – Elder Greg Westra from Bethel

Song: *“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”* LUYH #772:1-4

Offering: Gideons

Offertory: *“I Surrender All”* Flute Duet by Keri & Leah Spronk

**PRAYERS FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY**

Reading: *Our World Belongs to God*, Article 41

Prayer for Our Local Community – Elder Tim Jabaay from First

Song: *“Help Us Accept Each Other”* LUYH #318:1-4

**PRAYERS FOR AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY**

Psalm of Thanksgiving: Psalm 65, pg. 900

Reading: *Our World Belongs to God*, Article 48

Prayer for Agriculture and Industry – Elder Jim Eveland from Bethel

Song: *“For the Fruit of All Creation”* LUYH #396:1-3

**PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY AND WORLD**

Reading: *Our World Belongs to God*, Article 1-2

Prayer for Our Country and World – Elder Kirk Veenstra from First

Song: *“For the Beauty of the Earth”* LUYH #19:1, 3-5

**SENDING**

\*Benediction

\*Song of Parting: *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*  
LUYH #965

\*Postlude

\* All who are able are asked to stand.

Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for a time  
of refreshments following the service.

Service Organist: Ben Spronk

Sound: Kurtis De Bruin

Livestream: Natalie Plate

PowerPoint: Lisa De Bruin