

In Jesus, God reconciles the world to himself.
 God loves all creation;
 his compassion knows no bounds.
 Jesus Christ rules over all.
 To follow this Lord is to serve him wherever we are
 without fitting in,
 light in darkness, salt in a spoiling world.

*Song: "You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" LUYH 582:1-3

We are Sent with God's Blessing

*Benediction

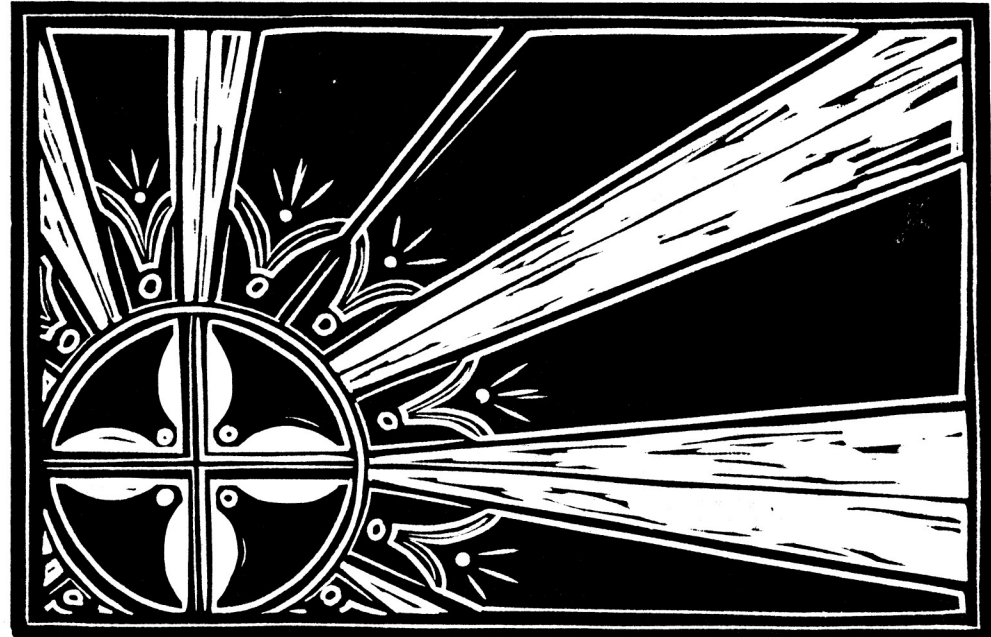
*Closing Song: "You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" LUYH 582:4

Worship Participants

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Epiphany

January 22, 2017



Collect

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 27, John 4:23)

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God's house and to seek him in his holy temple.

We have come with shouts of joy,

to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Teach us your ways and make straight our paths
in this hour of worship and in our walk with you.**

*Gathering Song: "O Sing to the Lord" LUYH 493

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song of Praise: "Shout to the Lord" LUYH 603

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Prayer of Confession

O God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ.

We confess our slowness to learn of him,

our failure to follow him,

and our reluctance to bear the cross.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We confess the poverty of our worship,

our neglect of fellowship,

our hesitating witness for Christ,

our evasion of responsibilities in service to you,

our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.

Have mercy on us and forgive us.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 9:1-4 p.1072

Song of Hope: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" LUYH 730

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "Come, Lord Jesus"

***Come, Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus:
come and be born in our hearts.***

***Come, Immanuel, come, Immanuel, come, Immanuel:
come and be born in our hearts.***

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Children ages 3 years old through Kindergarten are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive a prayer of blessing before going downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture: Matthew 4:18-25 p.1500

Sermon: "Disciples" Pastor Kory Plockmeyer

*Song of Response: "Will You Come and Follow Me" LUYH 742:1,2,3,5

We Offer Our Gifts and Prayers

Offertory Prayer

We Offer our Gifts

Each week at Covenant we receive a monetary offering to support the mission and ministry of the church. This morning's offering will support the Missions Fund which enables us to focus on mission efforts both locally and in other countries.

We Share our Joys and Concerns and Pray for One Another

We Dedicate Ourselves to Holy Living

Affirmation of Faith: Our World Belongs to God #42,43

**In a world estranged from God,
where happiness and peace are offered in many names
and millions face confusing choices,
we witness—with respect for followers of other ways—
to the only one in whose name salvation is found: Jesus Christ.**

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