

We are Sent with God's Blessing

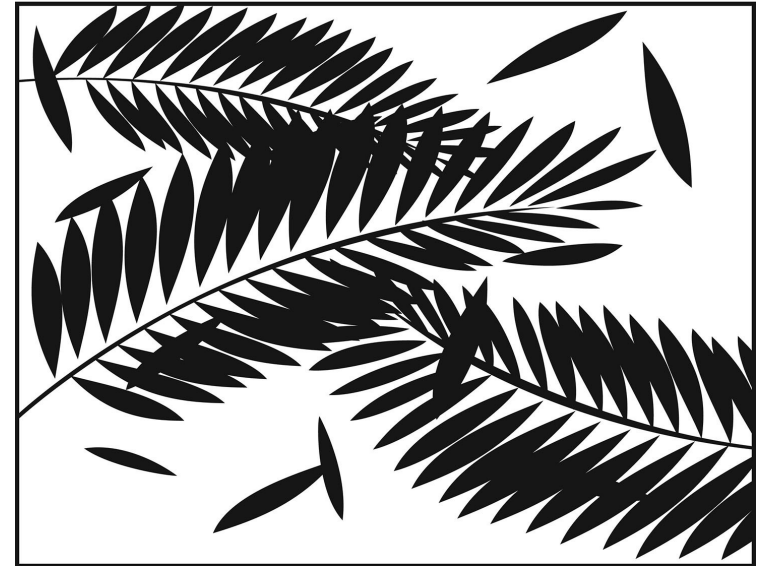
*Benediction

*Closing Song: "What Wondrous Love"

LUYH 164:4

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Sunday



April 9, 2017

Worship Participants

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Psalm 118:22

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

Lenten Prayer of Preparation

Lord God, in this season of Lent
we look forward to our remembrance of Jesus' death
and our celebration of this resurrection.
We pray that your Spirit will renew in us today
our anticipation for these events
and our awareness that Jesus' death and resurrection
are a sure source of hope and life.
In the power of Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Call to Worship: Psalm 118:26-27† p.957

*Song of Praise: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" LUYH 145

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Scripture Reading: Psalm 118:1-4 p.956

*Song: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" LUYH 223:1,4

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession: Psalm 118:22-24 p.957

Prayer of Confession

O Lord,
we confess our hands are not clean, our hearts are not pure.
Forgive our fickle discipleship and keep our faith constant, O Lord.
Lead us always to a deeper experience of your love.
Enliven us by the familiar but always new story
of shame and triumph, suffering and hope, that this week reveals.

† During the season of Lent, we will be using the Lectionary Psalm each week to frame our worship. This week we focus on Psalm 118.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Choral Anthem: "Sanctus"

The Institution by Christ the Son

...Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Prayer for the Work of the Holy Spirit

...As Jesus taught us, we pray together:
Our Father...

The Invitation to the Table

The bread which we break is our sharing in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.
The cup for which we give thanks is our sharing in the blood of Christ.
The cup which we all share is our fellowship in the blood of Christ.
The gifts of God for the people of God.

Distribution of the Elements: "Ukuthula (Peace)"

Psalm 103

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, my soul; and forget not all his benefits--
who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion.

We Offer our Gifts

Our gifts to Covenant's Compassion Fund provide monetary support to our members who need it.

Offertory: "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

LUYH 149

We Respond with Thanksgiving

*Song of Response: "Lift Up the Gates Eternal"

LUYH 144:1,3,7

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 Christian Education Fund which provides funds for the education of our children at one of our local Christian schools; this "fair share" contribution helps keep tuition down to a level that is affordable for most of our families.

We Celebrate Communion

Preparing the Table

All things come from you, O Lord.

And of our own, we have given you.

We bring bread; **you give your body.**

We bring wine; **you give your blood.**

We bring our offerings; **yours is the sacrifice.**

Let us bring our gifts to be prepared for the communion feast of our Lord.

*Hymn of Praise: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

LUYH 965

Invocation

Is the Father with us? **The Father is with us!**

Is Christ among us? **Christ is among us!**

Is the Spirit here? **The Spirit is here!**

This is our God: **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

We are God's people. **We are redeemed.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving to God the Father

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

...Therefore with angels archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying together:

Mold us to the ways of the Servant whose life we honor this morning.

In the name of Christ, our Lord,

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 118:17-21

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Guide for Holy Living: "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

(The choir will sing it once, the congregation joins the second time.)



Words & Music: Laurey Zwart

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "Ubi caritas et amor/Live in Charity"

LUYH 154

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: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

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Sermon: "The Hope of Rejection"

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