

Scripture: Psalm 16:9-11 p.854

Sermon: "Where's the Beef?" Dr. John Kok

*Song of Response: "Protect Me, God: I Trust in You" LUYH 411

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 Tuition Assistance Fund which helps support families who otherwise would still not be able to meet the financial obligations of Christian education.

We Share Our Joys and Concerns and Pray for One Another

We Dedicate Ourselves to Holy Living

Lectionary Reading: I Peter 1:3-9 p.1886

*Song: "This Joyful Eastertide" LUYH 202:1,2

We are Sent with God's Blessing

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "We Will Walk with God" LUYH 931

Worship Participants

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God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Let us sing praise to our risen Lord.

***Song of Praise: "Praise the Savior, Now and Ever"** LUYH 191

***God Greet Us, We Greet One Another**

***Song of Praise: "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing"** LUYH 184:1,3,5

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession: John 20:19-27 p.1686

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess our doubts.

We confess the difficulty of believing in the resurrection.

We confess our own need for proof, for seeing.

Send us your Spirit.

Assure us of your resurrection.

Send us your Spirit.

Guide us in right paths.

Send us your Spirit.

Guide our feet into the way of peace.

Send us your Spirit.

Guide our hands to care for others.

Send us your Spirit.

When the way seems unsteady and your promises seem difficult to believe,
guide us on right paths.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: John 20:28-29 p.1687

Guide for Grateful Living: "The Law of God: A Litany on the Ten Words"†

Do not worship other gods.

For all things are from Christ. To Him be the glory forever!

Do not make an idol of anything—
money, work, sex, fame, stylish clothes, or fads.

**Christ, image of the invisible God,
died to save us from such foolishness.**

Do not use God's holy name to punctuate your sentences. He's listening.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.

Do not use the Sabbath day as your catch-up day.

God made you for something better.

**Let the word of Christ live in you
as you teach and learn from each other.**

Honor the parents God gave you because He says so.

**That's the best gift you can give to them, to God,
and to yourself when you become a "parent."**

Try not to hurt anybody; be kind.

Be kind and forgive each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you.

Do not commit adultery.

Our bodies are not our own; we were bought with a price.

Do not steal.

Live off your own sweat, not off your neighbor's.

Do not give false testimony against your neighbor.

Let every word you say be from love, never from spite or hate.

Do not wish you had your neighbor's wife, car, house, or brains.

**Pray daily, hourly, that you may be as Paul—
content with what God has given you.**

Song: "I Will Hide Your Word Inside My Heart" LUYH 761

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.

† This litany was written by Mike Vanden Bosch.