

We are Sent with God's Blessing

*Song: "We Are the Church"

**Chorus: I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world,
yes, we're the church together!**

**1. The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place; the church is a people! (to chorus)**

**2. We're many kinds of people with many kinds of faces,
all colors and all ages too, from all times and places. (to chorus)**

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*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

LUYH 936

Worship Participants

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Eastertide

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Matthew 12:33

"Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit."

God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship (based on II Corinthians 3:17) p.1797

Opening Prayer

*Gathering Song: "Gather Us In" LUYH 529:1,2,4

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "O God Beyond All Praising" LUYH 557

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

*Call to Confession: "Spirit of the Living God" LUYH 749

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon (based on Romans 8:1,2) p.979

Guide for Grateful Living: Psalm 119:41-48

Women: **May your unfailing love come to me, Lord,
your salvation, according to your promise;
then I can answer anyone who taunts me,
for I trust in your word.**

Men: **Never take your word of truth from my mouth,
for I have put my hope in your laws.
I will always obey your law, for ever and ever.**

Women: **I will walk about in freedom,
for I have sought out your precepts.**

Men: **I will speak of your statutes before kings
and will not be put to shame,
for I delight in your commands because I love them.**

Women: **I reach out for your commands, which I love,
that I may meditate on your decrees.**

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "I Will Make You Fishers of Men"

I will make you fishers of men, fishers of men, fishers of men.

I will make you fishers of men if you follow me.

If you follow me, if you follow me.

I will make you fishers of men if you follow me.

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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 12:22-37 p.1515

Sermon: "Gathered and Gathering" Pastor Kory Plockmeyer

*Song of Response: "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)" LUYH 693

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

Prayer of Dedication

*Song: "For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free" LUYH 679