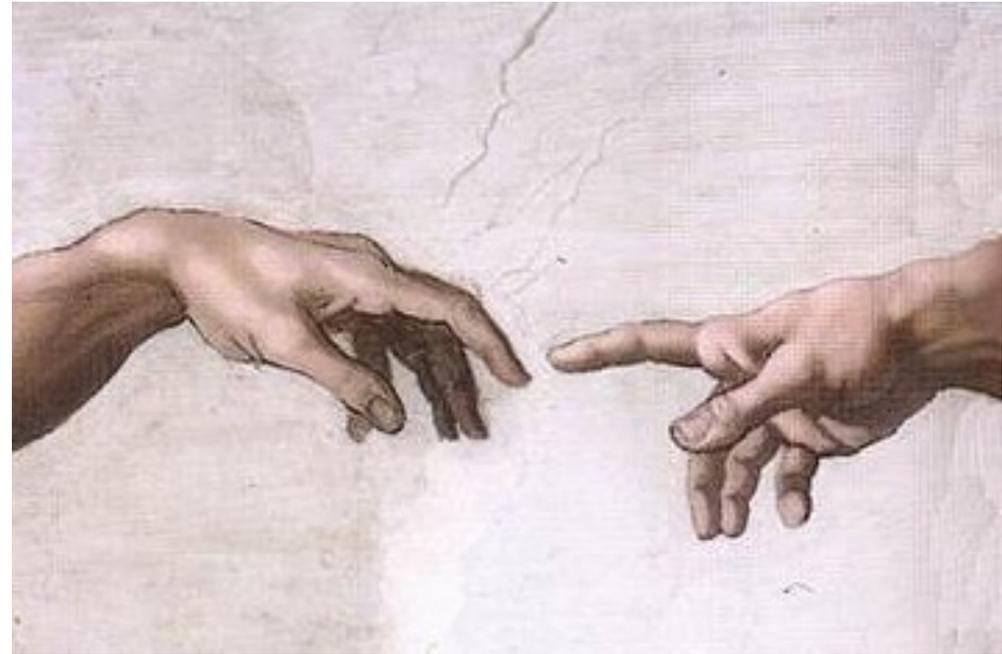

Ordinary Time

August 6, 2017



† *The Creation of Adam* by Michelangelo

Genesis 9:26

“Blessed be the Lord, the God of Shem!”

Worship Participants

Pastor: Kory Plockmeyer ♦ Organ/Piano: Nancy Vermeer
Readers: Davey & David Henreckson
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God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 145:3-4, 10-11, 21)

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

there is no end to his greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another

and shall declare your power.

All your works praise you, Lord,

and your faithful servants bless you.

They make known the glory of your kingdom

and speak of your great power.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:

let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

*Song of Praise: "Te exaltaré/I Will Exalt"

LUYH 37

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song of Praise: "Lord Most High"

LUYH 593

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, for the things we have done that we regret,

forgive us;

for the things we have failed to do that we regret,

forgive us;

for all the times we have acted without love,

forgive us;

for all the times we have reacted without thought,

forgive us;

for all the times we have withdrawn care,

forgive us;

for all the times we have failed to forgive,

forgive us;

for hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid,

for all the times we failed to show love to our neighbors,

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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: "Behold the Lamb"

LUYH 840

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 have financial needs.

Offertory Song: "O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God"

LUYH 672:1,2,5

We are Sent with God's Blessing

*Benediction

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

LUYH 936

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

Trinitarian 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 singing:

Song: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" LUYH 538:1

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.

**God of grace, have mercy on us;
help us to grow in love for each other and for you,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Song: "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" LUYH 638

Assurance of Pardon

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,
we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive,
no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal.

God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free.

Receive the forgiving love of God.

Thanks be to God!

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "Jesus Is Our King" (*chorus only*) LUYH 602

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: Genesis 9:18-29 p.13

Sermon: "The Undoer" Pastor Kory Plockmeyer

We Respond with Thanksgiving

*Song of Response: "They'll Know We Are Christians" LUYH 256

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 General/Building Fund. The General Fund keeps our church operating and pays for a wide range of denominational ministries while the Building Fund offerings are used to cover major project expenses for the church.