
We Dedicate Ourselves to Holy Living

*Affirmation of Faith: Our World Belongs to God #34-35

In our world, where many journey alone,
nameless in the bustling crowd,
Satan and his evil forces seek whom they may scatter and isolate;
but God, by his gracious choosing in Christ, gathers a new community—
those who by God's gift put their trust in Christ.

In the new community all are welcome:

the homeless come home,

the broken find healing,

the sinner makes a new start,

the despised are esteemed,

the least are honored,

and the last are first.

Here the Spirit guides and grace abounds.

The church is the fellowship of those who confess Jesus as Lord.

She is the bride of Christ, his chosen partner,

loved by Jesus and loving him:

delighting in his presence, seeking him in prayer—

silent before the mystery of his love.

*Song: "Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer

LUYH 660

We are Sent with God's Blessing

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Peace Before Us"

LUYH 923:1,2

Worship Participants

Pastor: Kory Plockmeyer ✦ Piano: Donna Brue ✦ Guitar: Laremy DeVries

Percussion: Tom Clark ✦ Violin: Kinza Brue ✦ Cello: Jocelyn Zonnefeld

Worship Leaders: Rebecca DeVries, Sara Ploegstra

Sound: Jeff Ploegstra ✦ Projection: Micah Goslinga

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Ordinary Time

August 27, 2017

The Beloved Community

† *We've intentionally left a blank space on the front of this worship folder for you to fill. What does community look like to you? Tell us with words or pictures and share it on the bulletin board by the welcome table.*

God Gathers Us for Worship

Prelude: "Beautiful Things"

Welcome

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 124)

If the Lord had not been on our side, let Israel say:

**If the Lord had not been on our side,
our enemies would have swallowed us alive.**

The Lord saved Moses in the Nile

and Israel through the Red Sea.

He raised Christ from the dead
and raised for himself a new people—
the church of all time and space.

**Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made the heavens and the earth.**

Let us worship him.

*Songs of Praise: "O Praise the Lord, for It Is Good" LUYH 549
"All Are Welcome" LUYH 269:1-3

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession: "Kyrie Eleison/Lord, Have Mercy" LUYH 637

Prayer of Confession:

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;**

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**that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: based on Matthew 16:16-19 p.1524

Song: "In Christ Alone" LUYH 770

Profession of Faith of Joey Horstman and Jocelyn Zonnefeld

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: Romans 12:1-8 p.1763

Sermon: "We Belong" Pastor Kory Plockmeyer

*Song of Response: "Take My Life and Let It Be" LUYH 863:1,2,6

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