

**2. In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid.  
For the promised morning, oh how long?  
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength. (Chorus)**

**3. Every vow we've broken and betrayed, you are the faithful one.  
And from the garden to the grave,  
bind us together, bring shalom. (Chorus)**

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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: "See My Hands and Feet"

LUYH 929:1-3

## **We are Sent with God's Blessing**

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: "Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God"

LUYH 921

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# Ordinary Time

September 3, 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

Welcome

\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 105:1-3, 7-8, 45)

Give thanks to the Lord, proclaim God's greatness.

**Tell the nations what God has done.**

Sing praise to the Lord.

**Tell of his marvelous works.**

Be glad that we belong to God.

**Let all who worship God rejoice!**

The Lord is our God; his commands are for all the world.

**God will keep his covenant forever;**

**his promises last for a thousand generations.**

**Praise the Lord!**

\*Opening Song: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LUYH 575

\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

\*Songs of Praise: "Cantai ao Senhor/O Sing to the Lord"

LUYH 493

"Salvation Belongs to Our God"

LUYH 608

## We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, you have loved us with unfailing love,

but we have not always loved you.

You constantly call us, but we do not listen.

You ask us to love others,

but so often we ignore the needy,

show indifference to the lonely,

and reject those who seem different from us.

**God of lavish grace, have mercy upon us;**

**forgive us for the many ways we fall short of your glory.**

**Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Song of Assurance: "Lord, You Have Lavished on Your Land" LUYH 65:1,3,4

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.**

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: "We Will Feast"

Chorus: **We will feast in the house of Zion.**

**We will sing with our hearts restored.**

**He has done great things, we will say together.**

**We will feast and weep no more.**

**1. We will not be burned by the fire, he is the Lord our God**

**We are not consumed by the flood,**

**upheld, protected, gathered up. (Chorus)**

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**2. Hear the call of the Kingdom to be children of light with the mercy of heaven, the humility of Christ; walking justly before Him, loving all that is right, that the life of Christ may shine through us.**

Chorus: **King of Heaven, we will answer the call.  
We will follow bringing hope to the world,  
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim  
salvation in Jesus' name.**

**3. Hear the call of the Kingdom to reach out to the lost with the Father's compassion in the wonder of the cross, bringing peace and forgiveness, and a hope yet to come: let the nations put their trust in Him. (to chorus)**

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### 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.

## 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!**

### Dedication to Holy Living

Saved by God's grace...

**Let us love the Lord our God:**

**Have no other gods before him,  
use his name with reverence and joy,  
honor him with worship and witness.**

**Let us love our neighbor:**

**Honor our parents and the family of God,  
not abuse nor injure others by words, gestures, or deeds.**

**Let us not commit adultery, steal, nor lie,  
nor whine for what we have not been given.**

**Let us live holy, disciplined lives, loving our neighbor  
and sharing with those in need.**

**May the Spirit of God guide us  
and help us to walk in the ways of truth.**

## 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 12:9-21 p.1764

Sermon: "L(i/o)ving Examples" Pastor Kory Plockmeyer

## We Respond with Thanksgiving

\*Song of Response: "Hear the Call of the Kingdom"

**1. Hear the call of the kingdom, lift your eyes to the King;  
let His song rise within you as a fragrant offering  
of how God, rich in mercy, came in Christ to redeem  
all who trust in His unfailing grace.**

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