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# Ordinary Time

September 17, 2017

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## Worship Participants

Pastor: Kory Plockmeyer ✦ Organ/Piano: Lois Vander Zee ✦ Reader: Ruth Clark  
Sound: Doug DeBoer ✦ Projection: Austen & Dave Goslinga  
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# 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: "Love Divine, All Love's Excelling" Hobby, Ore, Peeters

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 103:1-5 (from *The Voice*) p.939

\*Opening Song: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" LUYH 581

\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

\*Songs of Praise: "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" LUYH 568:1,2  
"Not What My Hands Have Done" LUYH 624

## We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession: Isaiah 30:15,18 p.1104

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,  
our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.  
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.  
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open to us a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace  
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;  
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you.  
Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus.  
**Amen.**

Song of Dedication: "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace" LUYH 938

## 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 14:1-12 p.1765

Sermon: "First Do No Harm" Pastor Kory Plockmeyer

\*Song of Response: "Help Us Accept Each Other" LUYH 318:1,3,4

## 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.

Offertory: "Adagio" F. Liszt

We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for One Another

## We Dedicate Ourselves to Holy Living

\*Song: "God Be in My Head" LUYH 858

## We are Sent with God's Blessing

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LUYH 965

Postlude: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" L. Page