
We Dedicate Ourselves to Holy Living

*Song: "Take Us as We Are, O God"

LUYH 862

We are Sent with God's Blessing

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Peace Before Us"

LUYH 923:1,2,4

Worship Participants

Pastor: Kory Plockmeyer ✦ Organ/Piano: Donna Brue

Guitar: Laremy ✦ Vocalist: Rebecca DeVries

Sound: Doug DeBoer ✦ Projection: Micah Goslinga

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Ordinary Time

September 24, 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: Psalm 105:1-5

*Opening Song: "Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah" LUYH 518

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song of Praise: "Behold Our God"

**1. Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.**

**2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?**

Chorus:

**Behold our God, seated on His throne. Come let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare. Come let us adore Him!**

**3. Who has felt the nails upon His hand,
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave,
Jesus Savior risen now to reign! (to chorus)**

Bridge:

You will reign forever. (Let Your glory fill the earth.) (repeat)

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we gather as people who long to be faithful,
and we confess that our longing comes more easily than our faithfulness.
Although we sense your presence within us and among us,
we often acknowledge your grace grudgingly or receive it clumsily.

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We ask that you enable us to become an ever more grace-full people.
Help us to bear witness to your grace
through the acceptance and compassion we show toward one another.
Encourage us to rely upon your grace
as the basis for envisioning a world at peace.
Forgive us, we pray, when the faith we practice places primary trust
in human inventions, powers, and systems.
Strengthen us to live a bold faith that instead places ultimate trust
in your potent love and amazing grace.
In the name of Jesus Christ,
Amen.

Song of Assurance: "I Love to Tell the Story" LUYH 262

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: Philippians 1:21-30 p.1826

Sermon: "Gospel-Worthy Love" Pastor Kory Plockmeyer

*Song of Response: "Lift High the Cross" LUYH 264:1,3,6

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 & Concerns and Pray for One Another