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# Service of Celebration and Sending

October 1, 2017

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**Forum**  
**Deo** *Before the face of God*

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## Worship Participants

Pastor: Kory Plockmeyer ♦ Organ/Piano: Donna Brue, Lois Vander Zee  
Guitar: Laremy DeVries ♦ Drums: Adam Schultz ♦ Violin: Kinza Brue ♦ Cello: Jaren Brue  
Vocalist: Anna Christians ♦ Readers: Mark Tazelaar, Bob DeSmith, Carlye Tazelaar,  
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## Service of Praise and Thanksgiving

Gathering Song: "Siyahamba/We Are Marching in the Light of God"

***We are marching\* in the light of God (4x)***

***We are marching\*, oh, we are marching\* in the light of God. (repeat)***

***\*Additional verses: dancing, praying, singing***

***Zulu: Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenhos' (4x)***

***Siyahamba, ooh, siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenhos' (repeat)***

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Song of Praise: "Great Is He"

Altos: ***Great is he who's the King of kings and the Lord of lords,  
he is wonderful!***

Sopranos: ***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, he is wonderful!***

Men: ***Alleluia, salvation and glory, honor and power, he is wonderful!***

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Opening Prayer

\*Song: "Come, Holy Ghost" LUYH 232:1,3

\*Greeting

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

\*Song: "Come, Holy Ghost" LUYH 232:4

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 p. 1037

Thanksgiving Litany

Pastor Kory, from this pulpit for the last four years, you have proclaimed the saving gospel of Jesus Christ. You have challenged us to live out the gospel in our daily lives and in our neighborhoods.

**We thank you for your preaching ministry.**

At this font (and at Sandy Hollow) you have baptized 23 infants and one adult, faithfully administering the gift of new life in Christ which comes from God.

**We thank you for presiding at the sacrament of holy baptism.**

1. ***You unravel me with a melody. You surround me with a song  
of deliverance from my enemies till all my fears are gone.***

***Chorus: I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God. (repeat)***

2. ***From my mother's womb You have chosen me;  
Love has called my name. I've been born again into Your family;  
Your blood flows through my veins.***

***Bridge: You split the sea so I could walk right through it.  
My fears were drowned in perfect love.***

***You rescued me so I could stand and sing: I am a child of God.***

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## Service of Sending

\*Benediction

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

Hymn of Praise: "Taste and See"

LUYH 817

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 538:4

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, singing the words of the Lord's Prayer:

Song: "Abana alathi fi ssama/Abana in Heaven"

LUYH 911

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.

*\*\*\*Gifts for the Compassion Fund will be collected in baskets as you walk back  
to your seats after taking communion.*

Distribution of the Elements: "No Longer Slaves" *(words printed on next page)*

"Behold the Lamb"

LUYH 840

Not only did you baptize children, but you have taught high school catechism, and together with Lauren, helped with Youth Group and Sunday School, and sat on the steps each Sunday and blessed the children.

**Thank you for being a significant part of the lives of the children and youth of Covenant.**

At this table we have partaken of the sacrament of holy communion. This meal is the Lord's—the gifts of God for the people of God—feeding them with the living presence of Christ.

**We thank you for presiding at the sacrament of holy communion.**

At hospitals and in homes, you have walked with many of us in our struggles with health, old age, and sickness. You led us in prayers for healing and restoration in the midst of our suffering.

**We thank you for the encouragement you gave us as our pastor.**

You have presided at services where many gave thanks for the lives of loved ones who had died. You walked with us in the midst of grief. You proclaimed the good news of the resurrection and led us in prayers for comfort and strength.

**We thank you for being with us in times of loss.**

You have also presided over services of marriage. You were present at the beginning of something wonderful and encouraged couples to center their marriage in the life and hope of Jesus Christ. You led prayers asking for God's presence in marriage.

**We thank you for sharing those and other times of great joy.**

*(Kory and Lauren are invited to come forward.)*

**As you have been a blessing to us, go to be a blessing to others.**

As you have been a blessing to us, so also may you be a blessing to others.

**Witness faithfully in word and deed**

**to the love and salvation that is known to us in Christ.**

Strive for righteousness, godliness, faithfulness, love, endurance, and gentleness among yourselves. And remember what the Lord requires of us: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

Choral Anthem: "Let Us Not Become Weary"

B. Kornelis

## Service of Holy 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.