

We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for One Another

We Dedicate Ourselves to Holy Living

*Call to Discipleship

Go into the world in peace: have courage; hold on to what is good;
return no one evil for evil; help the suffering; honor all;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

With God's help we will!

*Song: "Across the Lands"

LUYH 775

We are Sent with God's Blessing

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Benediction" (women begin, men echo)

Vs 1 **May the grace** **of God our Lord**
(*may the grace*) (*of God our Lord*)
and the peace **of Christ His Son**
(*and the peace*) (*of Christ His Son*)
by the Ho- **-ly Spirit's power**
(*by the Ho-*) (*-ly Spirit's power*)
fill us now **and make us one.**
(*fill us now*) (*and make us one.*)

Vs2 **May our fel-** **-lowship grow strong**
(*May our fel-*) (*-lowship grow strong*)
as we serve **and as we pray.**
(*as we serve*) (*and as we pray.*)
May our faith **and joyful hope**
(*May our faith*) (*and joyful hope*)
keep us walk- **-ing in God's way.**
(*keep us walk-*) (*-ing in God's way.*)

Words and Music by Laurey Zwart

Postlude: "Prelude in D Minor"

J.S. Bach

Worship Participants

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Ordinary Time

October 8, 2017

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

God Gathers Us for Worship

Prelude: "The Heavens Declare Your Glory" B. Marcello, M. Burkhardt

Welcome and Opening Prayer

*Opening Song: "Be Still for the Presence" LUYH 532

*Call to Worship: Psalm 19:1-4 p.858

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song of Praise: "Creation Sings the Father's Song"

1. ***Creation sings the Father's song; He calls the sun to wake the dawn
and run the course of day till evening falls in crimson rays.***

***His fingerprints in flakes of snow, His breath upon this spinning globe,
He charts the eagle's flight; commands the newborn baby's cry.***

Chorus: ***Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing, "Hallelujah!"
Fill the earth with songs of worship; tell the wonders of creation's King.***

2. ***Creation gazed upon His face; the ageless One in time's embrace
unveiled the Father's plan of reconciling God and man.***

***A second Adam walked the earth,
whose blameless life would break the curse,
whose death would set us free to live with Him eternally. (to chorus)***

3. ***Creation longs for His return, when Christ shall reign upon the earth;
the bitter wars that rage are birth pains of a coming age.***

***When He renews the land and sky, all heaven will sing and earth reply
with one resplendent theme: the glory of our God and King! (to chorus)***

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We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession (based on Psalm 139:23-24) p.975

Prayer of Confession

**Forgive our faithlessness, O faithful God
and see beyond our apathy,
our thoughtlessness, our self-centeredness,
our wrong choices, our rebellious ways.
See into our hearts and forgive our sins.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Song: "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" LUYH 903

Assurance of Pardon: Acts 13:38, Ephesians 1:7 p. 1716, 1818

Guide for Grateful Living: The Ten Commandments LUYH 718

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: Psalm 19 p.858

Sermon: "Call & Response" Dr. Justin Bailey

*Song of Response: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" LUYH 521

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 Christian Education Fund which provides funds for the education of our children at one of our local Christian schools; this "fair share" contribution helps keep tuition down to a level that is affordable for most of our families.

Offertory: "When Morning Gilds the Sky" Ray Haan