

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: Matthew 13:1-23 p.1516

Sermon: "The Extravagant Sower" Chuck Adams

*Song of Response: "Now Thank We All Our God" LUYH 543:1,2

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

We are Sent with God's Blessing

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Listen, God Is Calling" LUYH 753:1,2

Worship Participants

Pastor: Chuck Adams ♦ Piano: Zoe Hoekstra ♦ Guitar: Jaren Brue ♦ Violin: Kinza Brue
 Bass: Emilyn Smit ♦ Drums: Caleb Smit ♦ Vocalist: Anna Christians
 Worship Leader: Sanneke Kok
 Sound: Doug DeBoer ♦ Projection: Marty Vander Plaats
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Ordinary Time

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† based on J.F. Millet's *The Sower*, digitized by Dave Versluis

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

*Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:2,11,12, John 4:24

Let us worship God, for whom our souls thirst and our bodies long.

Listen, listen to me, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

We have come to hear the Word God has sent.

God's Word will not return empty

but will accomplish through us his holy purpose.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Then we will go out with joy and be led forth in peace;

the mountains and the hills will sing;

the trees of the field will clap their hands.

*Gathering Song: "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

LUYH 534:1,2

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song of Praise: "Rejoice in All Your Works"

**1. Every mouth that cries for food, every lung that yearns for breath,
every eye that searches through the dark for light—
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food.
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.**

Chorus

**Oh rejoice in all your works, King of Heaven, King of Earth!
Every creature you have made declares your praise.
We rejoice in all you've made, God of all-sustaining grace!
With the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise!**

**2. Every tree that thirsts for rain, every bird that seeks its nest,
every heart that waits in hope to be made glad—
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food.
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied. (to chorus)**

**3. May the pond'rings of my heart, and the song upon my lips,
with the chorus of creation join in praise:
to the God who made all things, to the Spirit who sustains,
to the Son who over all creation reigns! (to chorus)**

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God,

your Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin,
we confess before you our own sinfulness;

we have hungered after that which does not satisfy;

we have compromised with evil;

we have doubted your power to protect us.

Hear now our silent confessions.

Lord, forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness.

Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways
and delight in doing your will. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 145:13b-16

"The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.

The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing."

You opened your hands and satisfied the desires of every living thing.

To that, we say:

Thanks be to God.

Song of Thanksgiving: "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

**1. Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.**

Chorus

**You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
oh, our hearts always hunger for.**

**2. Counselor, Comforter Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,
oh, we hopelessly lost the way. (to chorus)**

**3. Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,
oh, we're falling before Your throne. (to chorus)**