
We are Sent with God's Blessing

Song: "Don't Be Afraid"	LUYH 429
*Affirmation of Faith: "Righteous Before God"	LUYH 697
*Benediction	
*Closing Song: "Come, All You Servants of the Lord"	LUYH 924

Worship Participants

Pastor: Bernie Haan ✦ Organ/Piano: Donna Brue ✦ Guitar: Laremy DeVries
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Ordinary Time

October 29, 2017

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 (from Psalm 96)

Sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, praise his name;

proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous deeds among all people.

*Songs of Praise: "Sing, Sing a New Song to the Lord God" LUYH 547:1,2
"Holy Is the Lord" LUYH 597

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

*Song: "Not What My Hands Have Done" LUYH 624

Prayer of Confession (based on Eph. 2:14-22, Col. 3:15, I John 4:7)

Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God.

Whoever loves is a child of God and knows God.

**Jesus Christ, life of the world and all creation,
forgive our separation and grant us peace and unity.**

The peace that Christ gives is to guide us in the decisions we make,
for it is to this peace that God has called us together into one body.

**Jesus Christ, life of the world and of all creation,
forgive our separation and grant us peace and unity.**

With his own body he broke down the walls of separation.

By his death on the cross Christ destroyed our divisions.

**Jesus Christ, life of the world and of all creation,
forgive us our separation and grant us peace and unity.**

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (based on I Peter 2:9-10)

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,
In order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him
who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;

once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

People of God, all of us together have received God's mercy in Christ.

In Christ we are forgiven, redeemed,

and made to be a community united in faith.

Thanks be to God.

*Song of Thanksgiving: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" LUYH 776

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 1:16-17, 3:19-28, 4:1-8 p.1747, 1750, 1751

Sermon: "At the Heart of the Reformation" Rev. Bernie Haan

*Song of Response: "By Grace We Have Been Saved" LUYH 675:1,2,5

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 General Fund, specifically for Ministry Shares, our denominational per-member commitment which enables all of us to participate in life-changing ministry, at home and around the world.

We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for One Another