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## 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, which helps keep our church operating and pays for a wide range of denominational ministries, and the Building Fund which is used to cover major project expenses for the church.

We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for One Another

## We Dedicate Ourselves to Holy Living

Song: "Take My Life and Let It Be" LUYH 863:1,3,5,6

## We are Sent with God's Blessing

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: "Benediction (May the Peace of God)"

**1. *May the peace of God, our heav'nly Father,  
and the grace of Christ, the risen Son, and the fellowship of God the Spirit  
keep our hearts and minds within His love.***

Chorus

***And to Him be praise for His glorious reign,  
from the depths of earth to the heights of heaven;  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—  
Christ eternal, the King of Kings.***

**2. *May this peace which passes understanding,  
and this grace which makes us what we are,  
and this fellowship of His communion make us one in spirit and in heart.***

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### Worship Participants

Pastor: Nathan Nieuwendorp ✦ Piano: Mike Janssen ✦ Guitar: Laremy DeVries  
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# Ordinary Time

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### Collect

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

\*Call to Worship (based on Matthew 14:13-21, Isaiah 55:1-3) p.1520, 1148

\*Songs of Praise: “Uyai mose/Come, All You People” LUYH 496

\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

Prayer of Thanksgiving (based on Psalm 65) p.900

Song of Praise: “For the Gifts of Heaven (Harvest Hymn)”

***For the gifts of heav’n in the fields of earth,  
my soul will sing to the Lord.***

***For the fruitful lands as they yield their worth,  
my heart gives thanks to Him.***

***We may plough the soil, we may plant the seed,  
but God will make it grow,***

***and the harvest comes from the tender goodness of the Father’s hand.***

***As the trade winds blow over thirsty plains,  
my soul will sing to the Lord,***

***and the storm clouds pour with reviving rains,  
my heart gives thanks to Him.***

***Every season whispers the mystery,  
the glorious rhythm of life,***

***till the harvest comes from the boundless goodness of the Father’s hand.***

***When the crops have failed and the fields are bare,  
my soul will cry to the Lord.***

***When the hungry know only death’s despair,  
my heart gives thanks to Him.***

***For the call goes out from the heart of God  
to share with those in need;***

***as we feed the world we reflect the goodness of the Father’s hand.***

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## We Are Renewed in God’s Grace

Prayer of Confession

Dear God of justice and grace, we come to you, hungry for your forgiveness. We confess the brokenness of our world, manifested in hunger; the injustice that allows some to go without enough food while others have more than enough. We mourn the poverty that robs many people of their daily bread. You are the Bread of Life. Empower us to share in that life by sharing your love and justice with others. Help us to see you in the people we meet; your grace in the relationships we share. Help us to give bread, love, and hope to a world that longs for these things. Help us to move past our indifference, our selfishness, to practice your love. Help us to feed your sheep. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Let us remember who God is:

**Our God is a God of mercy.**

Those who seek forgiveness will find it.

**Our God is a God of plenty.**

Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness will be satisfied.

**Our God is a God of abundance.**

Those who are blessed by grace are inspired to share.

**Our God is a God of love.**

Rest in God’s love, and be transformed.

\*Song of Thanksgiving: “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” LUYH 689

## 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 115 p.954

Sermon: “You Become Like What You Worship” Nathan Nieuwendorp

\*Song of Response: “The First Place” LUYH 15