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# Ordinary Time

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## Worship Participants

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## Collect

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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

\*Gathering Song: "Gather Us In" LUYH 529:1-3

\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

\*Song: "Gather Us In" LUYH 529:4

## We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Sung Prayer of Confession

*Solo: Who can sound the depths of sorrow in the loving heart of God,  
for the children we've rejected, for the lives so deeply scarred?  
And each light that we've extinguished has brought darkness to our land.  
Upon our nation, upon our nation, have mercy Lord.*

**3. Who can stand before your anger? Who can face your piercing eyes?  
For you love the weak and helpless, and you hear the victim's cries.  
Yes, you are a God of justice, and your judgment surely comes.  
Upon our nation, upon our nation, have mercy, Lord.**

**4. Who will stand against the violence?  
Who will comfort those who mourn?**

**In an age of cruel rejection, who will build for love a home?  
Come and shake us into action, come and melt our hearts of stone.  
Upon your people, upon your people, have mercy, Lord.**

**5. Who can sound the depths of mercy in the loving heart of God?  
For there is a Man of Sorrow, who for sinners shed his blood.  
He can heal the wounds of nations; he can wash the guilty clean.  
Because of Jesus, because of Jesus, have mercy, Lord.**

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Assurance of Pardon: John 3:16-17

p.1650

Psalm 103

**Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.  
Praise the Lord, my soul; and forget not all his benefits--  
who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the pit  
and crowns you with love and compassion.**

We Offer our Gifts

Our gifts to Covenant's Compassion Fund provide monetary support to our members who have financial needs.

Offertory Song: "There Is a Redeemer" LUYH 833

## We are Sent with God's Blessing

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" LUYH 946:2,3

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.

\*Hymn of Praise: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" LUYH 965

\*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 538:1

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:  
**Our Father...**

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.

Distribution of the Elements: "Remembering with Love and Hope"  
 LUYH 809:1,2,4,5

## God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "Don't Be Afraid" LUYH 429

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.

Prayer for Illumination: "Break Now the Bread of Life" LUYH 764:1,3

Scripture: I John 1:1-4 p.1898

Sermon: "We Move in God's Faithfulness" Pastor Chad Van Ginkel

## We Respond with Thanksgiving

\*Song of Response: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" LUYH 348

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 contribution helps keep tuition down to a level that is affordable for most of our families.

## We Celebrate Communion

Here at Covenant we believe that this is not the table of Covenant Christian Reformed Church; it is not the table of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, it is the table of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We therefore invite all who believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior to come to the table to be fed and nourished. We also believe that this is a family meal. If your children have shown an interest in taking communion, please contact your elder who would be happy to talk through that with them. This morning we will pass the elements. Please wait until all have received them; we will partake of them together.

Preparing the Table

All things come from you, O Lord.

**And of our own, we have given you.**

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