
We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for One Another

We Dedicate Ourselves to Holy Living

*Affirmation of Faith: Our World Belongs to God #43

**Jesus Christ rules over all.
To follow this Lord is to serve him
wherever we are without fitting in,
light in darkness, salt in a spoiling world.**

We are Sent with God's Blessing

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Canto de esperanza/Song of Hope" LUYH 941

Postlude: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Piet Post

Ordinary Time

November 19, 2017

Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Worship Participants

Pastor: Shirley Folkerts ♦ Organ/Piano: Lois Vander Zee ♦ Worship Leader: Deb Hibma
Sound: Marv Wielard ♦ Projection: Mark Horstman
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God Gathers Us for Worship

Prelude: "For All the Saints"

Denis Bédard

Welcome

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 27 and John 4:23)

Let us worship God, the light of our lives.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

We have come with shouts of joy,

to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Let us worship God in spirit and truth.

Teach us your ways and make straight our paths

in this hour of worship and always.

*Gathering Song: "Amid the Thronging Worshipers"

LUYH 511

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Prayer of Invocation

Eternal Light, **shine into our hearts;**

eternal Goodness, **deliver us from evil;**

eternal Power, **be our support;**

eternal Wisdom, **scatter the darkness of our ignorance;**

eternal Love, **have mercy upon us,**

that with all our heart and mind and strength we may seek your face

and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

*Song: "Shine On Us"

1. Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us.

Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us

that we may be saved, that we may have life;

to find our way in the darkest night, let Your light shine on us.

2. Lord, let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us.

Lord, let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us.

that we may be saved, that we may have life;

to find our way in the darkest night, let Your grace fall on us.

**3. Lord, let Your love, love with no end come over us.
Lord, let Your love, love with no end come over us.
that we may be saved, that we may have life;
to find our way in the darkest night, let Your love come over us,
let your light shine on us.**

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We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: II Corinthians 4:6-7

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Song: "Dans nos obscurités/Within Our Darkest Night"

LUYH 417

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.

Scripture: John 1:1-5

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Sermon: "Light Shines"

Shirley Folkerts

*Song of Response: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" LUYH 730:1-2

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 Missions Fund, which enables us to focus on mission efforts both locally and in other countries.

Offertory: "Now Thank We All Our God"

Randall Thompson