

## We Offer Our Gifts and Prayers

### Offertory Prayer and Offering of 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.

### We Share Our Joys and Concerns and Pray for One Another

## We Dedicate Ourselves to Holy Living

Scripture: II Corinthians 5:17-19

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### Prayer

**God of grace and glory, by your Spirit,  
reveal to our minds and seal upon our hearts  
a firm and certain knowledge of your lavish grace toward us.  
Founded on the truth of your promises,  
given and confirmed in Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Truly, you are the fountain of all goodness,  
the giver of every good and perfect gift. Amen.**

\*Song: "Amazing Grace"

LUYH 691:1,2,5

## We are Sent with God's Blessing

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: "What the Lord Has Done in Me"

LUYH 800:2

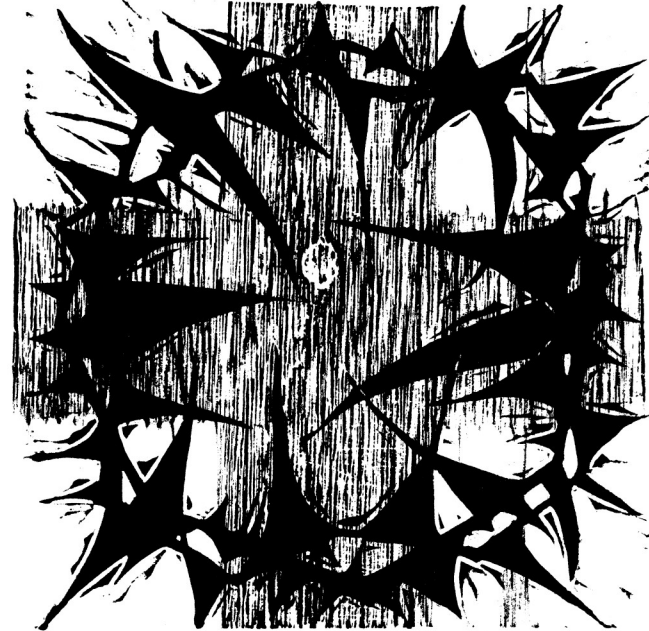
### Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Justin Bailey ♦ Piano: Ranita Badudu ♦ Guitar: Laremy DeVries

Bass: Sam Eppinga ♦ Violin: Amie Smit ♦ Vocalist: Sara Ploegstra

Worship Leader: Mark Christians ♦ Sound: Kayt Frisch ♦ Projection: Micah Goslinga

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"Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Romans 6:3-4)

In the early church, Easter, Lent, and baptism were all connected. Lent was considered and created to be a time of personal examination and learning for adult converts, culminating in an Easter morning baptismal celebration. Though traditions have changed, the connection between Christ's death and resurrection and our own baptisms remains a vital component to our faith. During our Lenten observance, we invite you to consider baptism, putting to death the old self, and rising anew with Christ. As you enter or exit the sanctuary, you are invited to pause at the baptismal font placed in the fellowship hall. Feel free to dip your fingers in the water or reverently observe and reflect on God's gift of baptism and your new identity in him—to remember and believe.

For more, visit: <https://www.reformedworship.org/article/march-1987/easter-baptism-ancient-tradition>

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## God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 25:1-10

In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.

I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame,  
but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.**

Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

**Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.**

Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;  
according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.

**Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.**

He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.  
All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful  
toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

\*Songs of Praise: "As the Deer Pants for the Water"  
"In Christ Alone"

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LUYH 770

\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

## We Are Renewed in God's Grace

\*Call to Confession: "My Worth Is Not in What I Own"

**1. My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and bone,  
but in the costly wounds of love at the cross.**

**2. My worth is not in skill or name; in win or lose, in pride or shame,  
but in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.**

*Chorus:*

***I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul.  
I will trust in Him, no other; my soul is satisfied in Him alone.***

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Scripture: Matthew 19:16-22

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Prayer of Confession

God of all mercy, in our baptisms you have marked us as your own;  
you have given us a new identity and made us part of the body of Christ.  
In doing so, you have called us to rise to new life  
and to live together in community.  
However, we have not been faithful to your call.  
We have forged our own identity and held to destructive habits.  
We confess we have failed to trust in you,  
We have chosen our own wealth, our marketability,  
our bank accounts, and our careers over the one sure power in this world.  
Forgive us, we pray, for the sake of Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: "My Worth Is Not in What I Own"

**5. Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness.  
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross.**

*Chorus:*

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## God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "Jesus Loves Me"

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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 3:13-4:11

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Sermon: "The Water and the Wilderness"

Dr. Justin Bailey

\*Song of Response: "Baptized in Water"

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