

Sermon: "Extravagant Love"

Rev. Gideon Wamala

\*Song of Response: "To My Precious Lord"

LUYH 136

## 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 Tuition Assistance Fund which helps support families who otherwise would not be able to meet the financial obligations of Christian education.

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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\*Song: "Take, O Take Me As I Am" (*sing 3 times*)

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## We are Sent with God's Blessing

\*Benediction

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

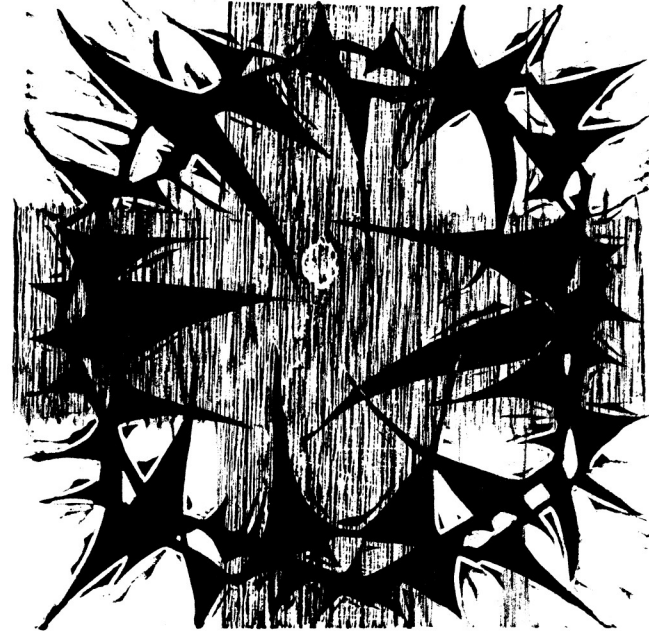
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### Worship Participants

Pastor: Rev. Gideon Wamala ♦ Organ/Piano: Donna Brue ♦ Violin: Joya Breems

Readers: Jenni & William Breems ♦ Worship Leader: Tom Clark

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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

Prelude: "Revelation Song"

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 92:1,2 p.931

\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

\*Song of Praise: "Love Divine, All Love's Excelling" LUYH 351

\*Song: "What Wondrous Love" LUYH 164: 1

\*Psalm 22:22-26 p.861

\*Song: "What Wondrous Love" LUYH 164:3

\*Psalm 22:27-29 p.860

\*Song: "What Wondrous Love" LUYH 164:4

## 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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Prayer of Confession

Spotless Savior, God of Love, we worship you because we have no righteousness but yours. We are complete in you because of your merit. We have full acceptance of the Father because of all you have done on the cross, taking our place. Grow in us a deep faith where we are kept in close communion with you, always aware of our true identity in you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Belgic Confession, Art. 22: The Righteousness of Faith

We believe that for us to acquire the true knowledge of this great mystery the Holy Spirit kindles in our hearts a true faith that embraces Jesus Christ, with all his merits, and makes him its own, and no longer looks for anything apart from him.

For it must necessarily follow that either all that is required for our salvation is not in Christ or, if all is in him,

then those who have Christ by faith have his salvation entirely...

for faith is only the instrument by which we embrace Christ, our righteousness.

But Jesus Christ is our righteousness in making available to us all his merits

and all the holy works he has done for us and in our place.

And faith is the instrument that keeps us in communion with him

and with all his benefits.

When those benefits are made ours,

they are more than enough to absolve us of our sins.

Song of Assurance: "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:*

***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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## 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: John 12:1-8

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