

## We Dedicate Ourselves to Holy Living

Call to Service (based on II Cor. 5:17, Eph. 5:2, I Thess. 5:16-18)

As we go into this week remember your baptism and be thankful.

“If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!”

**We are disciples of Jesus Christ.**

**Live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us.**

Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

\*Song: “Lift High the Cross”

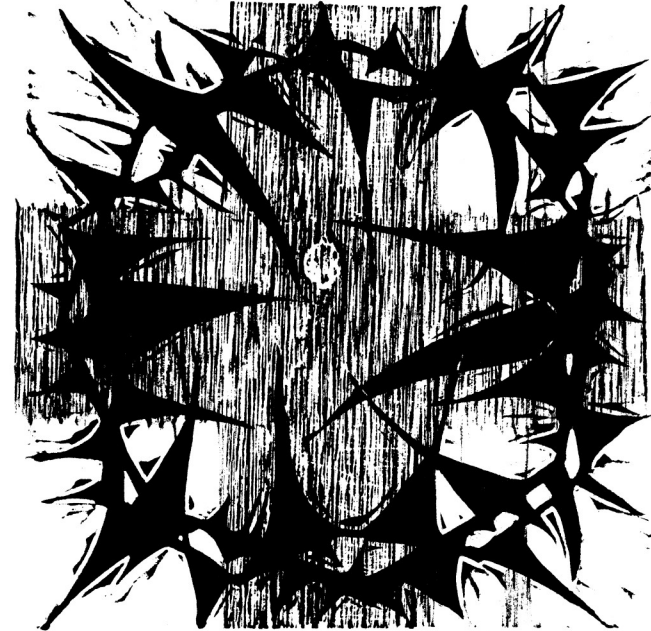
LUYH 264:1-3

## We are Sent with God’s Blessing

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: “Lift High the Cross”

LUYH 264:7



“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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### Worship Participants

Pastor: Rev. Liz Moss ♦ Organ/Piano: Donna Brue

Worship Leaders: Steve Crull, Mark Tazelaar

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## God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 19:1-4 p.858

\*Song of Praise: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" LUYH 538

\*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.**

**3. As summer flow'rs we fade and die; fame, youth, and beauty hurry by,  
but life eternal calls to us 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

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.

But we confess that we have been unfaithful  
to our covenant with you and with one another.

We have served our own self-interest  
instead of serving only you and your people.

We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded,  
nor have we rightly loved ourselves.

**Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness  
of our covenant with you and one another.**

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

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 130:7-8

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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:*

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Profession of Faith of Arie Hoekstra

\*The Apostles' Creed LUYH 783A

\*Song: "He Leadeth Me" LUYH 440

## God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "Jesus Loves Me" LUYH 709:1

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: II Corinthians 5:16-21 p.1799

Sermon: "A New Creation in Christ" Rev. Liz Moss

\*Song of Response: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" LUYH 351:1,4

## 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 General/Building Fund. The General Fund helps keep our church operating and pays for a wide range of denominational ministries while the Building Fund offerings are used to cover major project expenses for the church.

We Share Our Joys and Concerns and Pray for One Another