
God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "He Is Lord" LUYH 227:1

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: Ephesians 6:10-20 p.1824

Sermon: "Stand Firm" Rev. Chad Van Ginkel

*Song of Response: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" LUYH 426:1-3

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 still not be able to meet the financial obligations of Christian education.

We Share Our Joys and Concerns and Pray for One Another

We are Sent with God's Blessing

Dedication to Holy Living: Joshua 1:9 p.332

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Peace Before Us" LUYH 923:1,2,4

Worship Participants

Pastor: Rev. Chad Van Ginkel ♦ Piano: Mike Janssen ♦ Guitar: Laremy DeVries

Banjo: Rob Haan ♦ Worship Leader: Dennis DeJong

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EASTER PEOPLE AND

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IS OUR SONG

Because the good news of Easter can hardly be contained in a single day's celebration, Easter is only the first of fifty days of Eastertide, the "Great Fifty Days" that lead up to Pentecost. This season is designed for extended celebration, for exploring the ramifications of Easter for the redemption of all creation, and for joyful Christian living.

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God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 84 p.922

*Songs: "Better Is One Day" LUYH 506
"We Will Feast"

***We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things, we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.***

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*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "Amen (Because He Lives)"

***1. I believe in the Son; I believe in the Risen One;
I believe I overcome by the power of His blood;***

Chorus

***Amen, amen, I'm alive I'm alive because He lives.
Amen, amen, let my song join the one that never ends because He lives.***

***2. I was dead in the grave; I was covered in sin and shame;
I heard mercy call my name; He rolled the stone away. (to chorus)***

Bridge

***Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
because He lives; ev'ry fear is gone;
I know He holds my life, my future in His hand. (to chorus)***

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We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession: Psalm 34 p.871

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we know you are with us always, even in times of death.

Lord, we believe;

Help us overcome our unbelief.

We know that through Christ's death and resurrection, death is dead,

Lord, we believe;

Help us overcome our unbelief.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not trusted you with our whole heart.

We have not stood firm with unwavering faith.

We have not always believed.

Help us overcome our unbelief.

Assurance of Pardon: John 16:33 p.1679

Song of Thanksgiving: "He Will Me Fast"

***1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
when the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
for my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.***

Chorus

***He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
for my Savior loves me so. He will hold me fast.***

***2. Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. (to chorus)***

***3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
till our faith is turned to sight when He comes at last! (to chorus)***

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