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## We Dedicate Ourselves to Holy Living

Prayer of Dedication

**Faithful God,  
make our hearts bold with love for one another.  
Pour out your Spirit upon all people,  
that we may live your justice  
and sing in praise  
the new song of your marvelous victory. Amen.**

\*Song: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" LUYH 193:1,2,4,5

## We are Sent with God's Blessing

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" LUYH 193:7

# Eastertide

May 6, 2018

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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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### Worship Participants

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## God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

Opening Prayer

God of all glory,  
on this first day of the week you began creation,  
bringing light out of darkness.  
On this first day you began your new creation,  
raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death.

**On this Lord's day grant that we,  
the people you create by water and the Spirit,  
may be joined with all your works  
in praising you for your great glory. Amen.**

\*Song: "Sing, Sing a New Song to the Lord God" LUYH 547

\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

\*Song: "Yesu azali awa/Jesus Christ Is with Us" LUYH 600:1,3,5

## We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession: John 15:10-12 p.1677

Prayer of Confession

**O God of love,  
you have commanded us to abide in your love.  
We confess our failure to love you,  
to love our neighbor,  
and even our failure to love ourselves.  
Forgive us.  
Enable us to see each other and ourselves  
as your beloved children.  
Help us to abide in and be nourished by your abundant love;  
free us to live in obedience and trust,  
sharing the gift of new life  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,  
we are assured that there is no sin so terrible  
that God cannot forgive,  
no hurt so deep that God cannot heal.  
God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Song: "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God" LUYH 746

## 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: Psalm 98 p.935

Sermon: "In Expectation of Judgment" Sarah Hoogendoorn

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

## 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 Fund, which helps keep our church operating and pays for a wide range of denominational ministries, and the Building Fund, which is used to cover major project expenses for the church.

We Share Our Joys and Concerns and Pray for One Another

Drawing Names for Elders and Deacons