

We Dedicate Ourselves to Holy Living

*Statement of Faith: Our World Belongs to God #5,6

God holds this world with fierce love.

**Keeping his promise, he sends Jesus into the world,
pours out the Holy Spirit, and announces the good news:
sinners who repent and believe in Jesus
live anew as members of the family of God—
the firstfruits of a new creation.**

We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness,
and dedicate ourselves to holy living.

**As covenant partners, set free for joyful obedience,
we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in the world.**

With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended,
we expect the Day of the Lord.

**We are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness
will fill the earth when Christ appears.**

Come, Lord Jesus. Our world belongs to you.

*Song: "Let Justice Flow"

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We are Sent with God's Blessing

*Benediction

*Sending Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, the world needs witnesses to your kingdom.

Send me, Jesus, send me.

We must know where to go in the world.

Lead me, Jesus, lead me.

To fill our calling we need your loving power.

Fill me, Jesus, fill me. Amen.

*Closing Song: "Thuma mina/Send Me, Lord"

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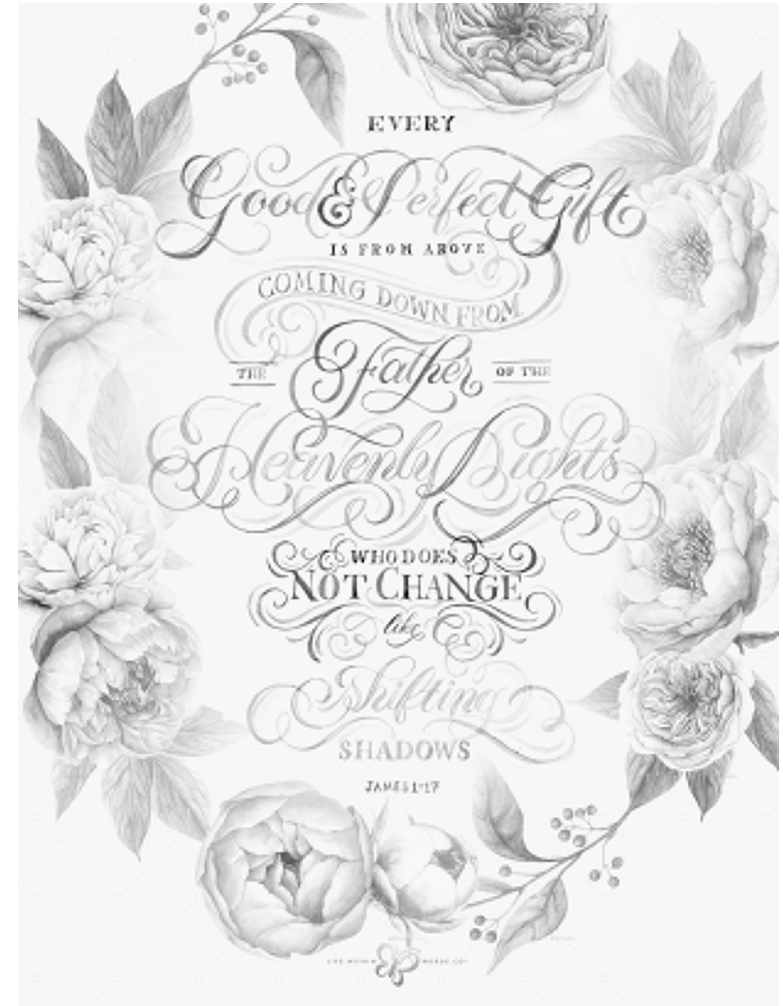
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Pastor: Rev. Jeff Brower ♦ Organ/Piano: Donna Brue ♦ Guitar: Laremy DeVries

Drums: Adam Schultz ♦ Euphonium: Kurt Frisch ♦ Vocalist: Rebecca DeVries

Worship Leader: Mark Tazelaar

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Ordinary time refers to the Sundays between Pentecost and Advent, a season in the liturgical year of growth in the life of the church.

Creator God, garden my life—turn it over, cultivate it, and make it ready for gospel seeds to take root. And in quiet darkness let the gospel do its work, slow but powerful, stirring up life in my heart, increasing joy, strengthening all your graces, until shoots of new life rise and good fruit bursts forth on the branches of my life, a life beautiful for you and a blessing to others. Amen. (Prayer from Seeking God's Face by Philip F. Reinders)

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God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

All who thirst, come to the water.

Come, all who are weary; come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us,
and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.

Drink deeply of these living waters.

Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

***Opening Song: "You Are Mine"**

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***God Greet Us, We Greet One Another**

***Songs of Praise: "O God Beyond All Praising"
"Behold Our God"**

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**1. Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?**

Kings and nations tremble at His voice. All creation rises to rejoice.

**2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?**

Who can teach the One who knows all things?

Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Chorus:

**Behold our God, seated on His throne. Come let us adore Him!
Behold our King, nothing can compare. Come let us adore Him!**

**3. Who has felt the nails upon His hand,
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave,
Jesus Savior risen now to reign! (to chorus)**

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Prayer of Lament: Psalm 22:1-11

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Prayer of Confession: "Kyrie Eleison"

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Expression of Hope and Trust: Psalm 22:23-24, 26-28

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God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "Send Us Your Spirit"

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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: Genesis 16:1-16

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Sermon: "The Message in the Mess"

Rev. Jeff Brower

*Song of Response: "He Knows My Name"

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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.

*Slides from Joya Breems trip to Haiti will be shown during the offering

Moment for Missions: Joya Breems

We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for One Another