

We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for One Another

We Dedicate Ourselves to Holy Living

*Call to Discipleship (based on Galatians 5:22-23, 25)

With the fruit of love, **fill us.**
 With the fruit of joy, **fill us.**
 With the fruit of peace, **fill us.**
 With the fruit of patience, **fill us.**
 With the fruit of kindness, **fill us.**
 With the fruit of goodness, **fill us.**
 With the fruit of faithfulness, **fill us.**
 With the fruit of gentleness, **fill us.**
 With the fruit of self-control, **fill us.**
 Since we live by the Spirit, **let us keep in step with the Spirit.**

*Song: "May the Mind of Christ, My Savior" LUYH 334:1,3,4

We are Sent with God's Blessing

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "May the Mind of Christ, My Savior" LUYH 334:1,3,4

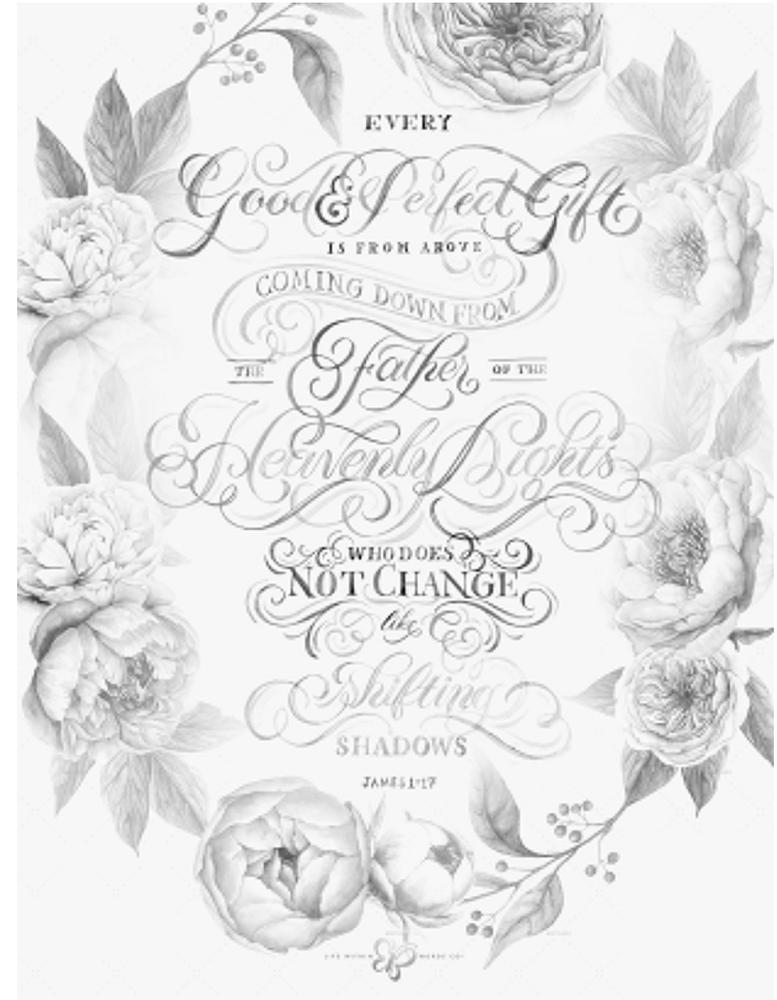
Postlude: "Kum Ba Yah" John A. Behnke
Someone's singing, Lord...

Worship Participants

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Ordinary Time

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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

Prelude: "Morning Has Broken" John A. Behnke

Welcome

Opening Prayer

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you,
hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise.

**Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory
and worship you in spirit and in truth,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Opening Song: "Come, Thou Almighty King" LUYH 492

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song of Praise: "Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God" LUYH 356

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Prayer of Confession

God of love,
in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done,
we have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness;
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry.

We repent and turn to you.

Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Sung Prayer of Confession: "O Christ, the Lamb of God" LUYH 630

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:1-2, 11 p.1756

*Song of Thanksgiving: "Lord God Almighty"

**Chorus 1. Lord God Almighty, Savior, Redeemer,
only true God to be worshiped and praised:
how can we tell you how much we love you?
Take now our lives, Lord, and teach us to love.**

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**1. "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
You are mine, by name I have called you.**

When you walk through the waters, I will be there with you.

You are my witnesses, created for my glory.

Tell the nations I am the Savior. Tell them I am the Lord." (to chorus 1)

2. Shout for joy, O heavens, and rejoice, O earth!

Into joyful shouting let the mountains break forth!

For the Lord will comfort his people, show compassion to those afflicted.

He will not leave to shame those who trust in his Word. (to chorus 2)

Chorus 2: Father, we praise you; Jesus, we love you;

Spirit, we thank you for the gifts of new life.

How can we tell you how much we love you?

Take now our lives, Lord, and teach us to love.

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God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "Send Us Your Spirit" LUYH 228 (chorus only)

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: Galatians 5:16-26 p.1815

Sermon: "Life By the Spirit" Rev. Shirley Folkerts

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

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 Covenant Outreach Ministries.

Offertory: "Kum Ba Yah" John A. Behnke

Someone's crying, Lord... Remembering the children.