We are Sent with God's Blessing

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God"

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Ordinary Time

August 12, 2018



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

Worship Participants Pastor: Dr. John Kok + Piano: Sara Ploegstra + Guitar: Jaren Brue + Vocalist: Rebecca DeVries Worship Leader: Sanneke Kok Sound: Jeff Ploegstra + Projection: Marty Vander Plaats + CCLI #493458 + OneLicense #A-721171

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God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

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Call to Worship: Zephaniah 3:14-17

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*Opening Song: "Come, People of the Risen King"

1. Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise: Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace. From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him, where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

> Chorus: Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

2. Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night; come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight. For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease, but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. (chorus)

 Come, young and old from every land – men and women of the faith; Come, those with full or empty hands – find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world, his people sing – shore to shore we hear them call The Truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all!" (chorus)

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*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song of Praise: "Mighty to Save"

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, our lives are filled with sin. We forget our neighbor's needs and do not love you above all else. We need a Savior, so we long for Jesus. Come, fill our lives, Jesus. **Amen.** Song: "Send Us Your Spirit" LUYH 228:1,2 congregation sings st.1, soloist sings st.2

Assurance of Pardon: based on I Timothy 1:15,17 p.1846

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: I Samuel 17 | p.445 |
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| Sermon: "Standing Tall" | Dr. John Kok |
| *Song of Response: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" | LUYH 776:2,3 |

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 Christian Education Fund which provides funds for the education of our children at one of our local Christian schools to help keep tuition down to a level that is affordable for most of our families.

We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for One Another

Song: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

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We Dedicate Ourselves to Holy Living

*Words of Sending: based on I John 3:23

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