

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.

We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for One Another

We are Sent with God's Blessing

*Words of Sending and Doxology

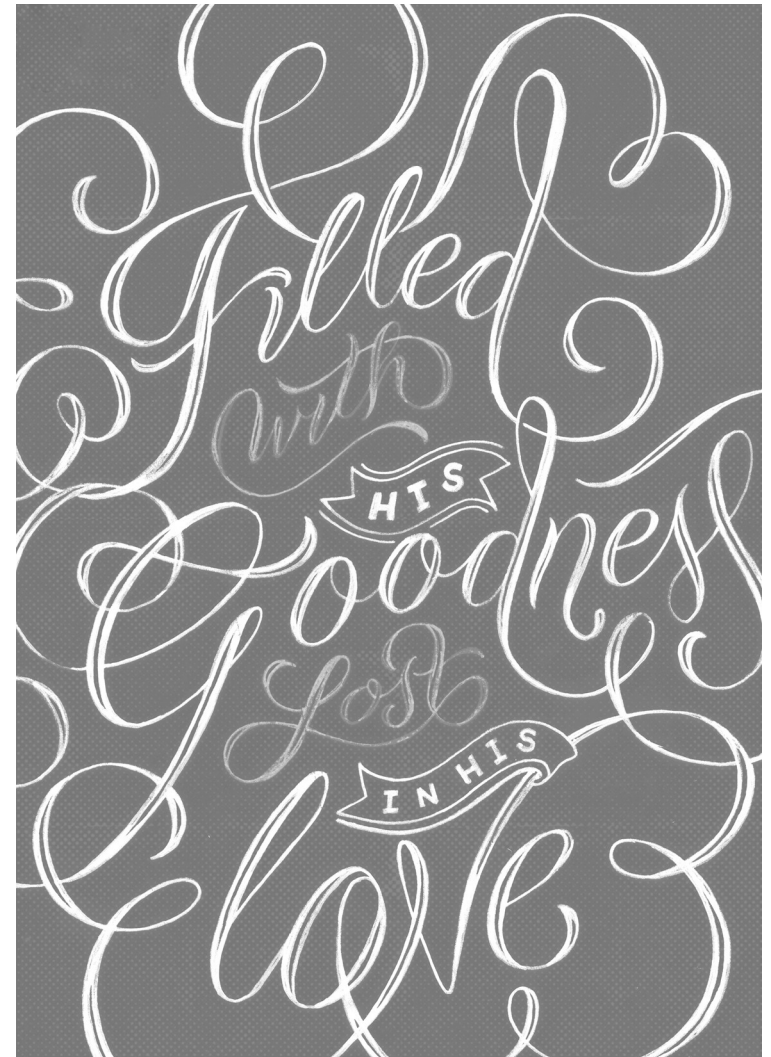
*Benediction

*Closing Song: "I Am the Bread of Life"

LUYH 842:1,2

Ordinary Time

August 19, 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.

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Worship Participants

Pastor: Jordan Helming ✦ Musicians: Ryan & Amie Smit ✦ Readers: Erin & Zoe Eggebeen

Worship Leader: Tom Clark

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God Gathers Us for Worship

*Gathering Song: "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" LUYH 534

*Welcome

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 27, John 4:23)

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God's house

and to seek God in his holy temple.

**We have come with shouts of joy,
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Teach us your ways and make straight our paths
in this hour of worship and always.**

*Song of Praise: "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer" LUYH 43

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Song: "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts" LUYH 823:1,2

Prayer of Confession

Loving Father, we confess that

sometimes we think we can do things all by ourselves
and sometimes we are worried about things.

We forget that you give us everything we have
and that you make us who we are.

Please forgive us for thinking about ourselves first.

Please forgive us for not trusting you to take care of us.

Thank you for always loving us
even when we forget that we need you.

In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 103:13-18

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As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

**For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.**

As for mortals, their days are like grass;
they flourish like a flower of the field;
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.

**But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.
Thanks be to God.**

Song: "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

LUYH 823:3-5

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing and Passing out Kindergarten Quilts

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.

*Song of Preparation: "Break Now the Break of Life"

LUYH 764:1,3

Scripture: John 6:51-58

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Sermon: "Bread of Life"

Jordan Helming

*Song of Response: "Father, We Give You Thanks"

LUYH 816:1,2,4