

We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for Each Other

We Dedicate Ourselves to Holy Living

Closing Prayer: Ephesians 3:17b-19 p.1820

*Song: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" LUYH 946:1,2

We are Sent with God's Blessing

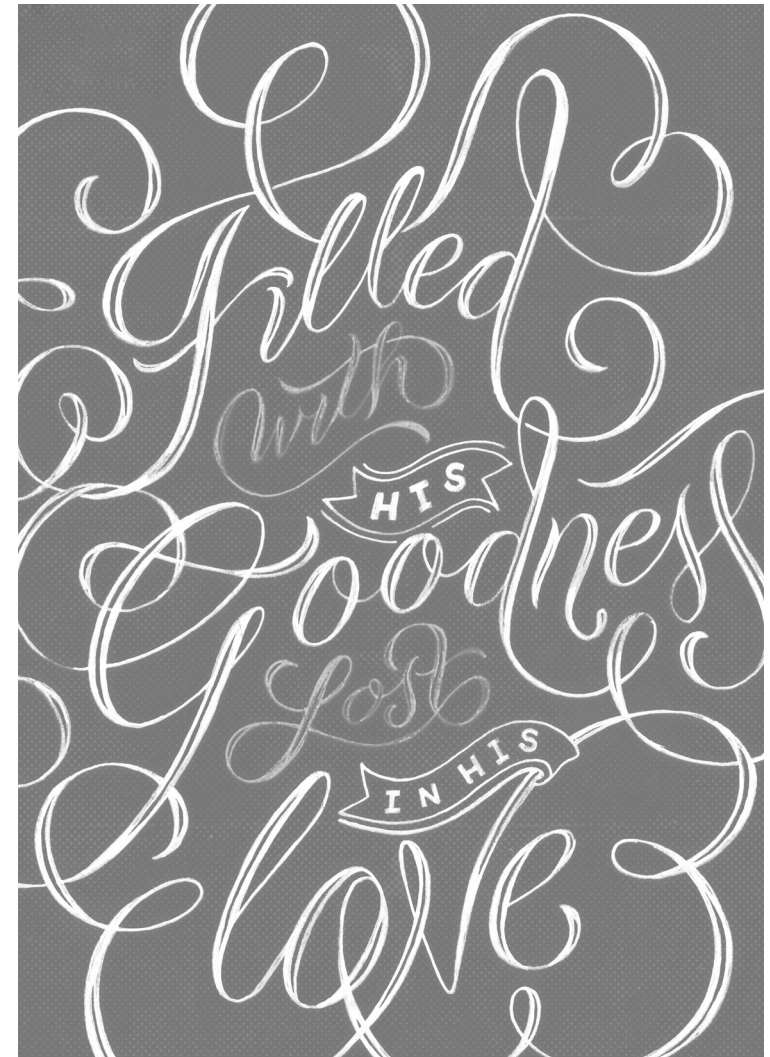
*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" LUYH 946:3

Postlude: "Jesus Shall Reign" David Cherwien

Ordinary Time

September 9, 2018



Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Justin Bailey ♦ Organ/Piano: Lois Vander Zee

Worship Leaders: Dennis DeJong, Mary, Jeff, & Naomi Ploegstra

Sound: Andy Landman ♦ Projection: Dane Hibma ♦ CCLI #493458 ♦ OneLicense #A-721171

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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God Gathers Us for Worship

Prelude: "All Creatures of Our God and King" D. Bédard

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 100 p.937

*Song of Praise: "All Creatures of Our God and King" LUYH 551:1,4,6

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song of Praise: "Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord" LUYH 584

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession: Matthew 11:28-30 p.1514

Prayer of Confession: "Change My Heart, O God"

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

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Assurance of Pardon: Jeremiah 31:33-34 p.1227

"This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,"

declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God, and they will be my people.

No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,'

because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,"

declares the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness

and will remember their sins no more."

Thanks be to God.

We Commission the Teachers in our Educational Ministry

Charge to the Congregation

The task of the church is not carried out alone by those who are thrust into positions of leadership or of direct responsibility for the work which must be performed. It is a trust committed to each member and to all of us together that we shall be coworkers with Christ and with those we call to special service, supporting them with our best efforts and our prayers.

How do you respond to this calling?

We thank God for those he has called to special service in his church.

As members, parents, and children, we pledge you our support.

We will pray for you as you lead us,

and we will work and witness together.

We will join you in receiving the Word by faith

and in living by it in our daily life.

*Song: My Friends, May You Grow in Grace LUYH 938

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "O God, You Are My God" LUYH 743

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: Proverbs 9:1-18 p.996

Sermon: "A Simple Invitation" Dr. Justin Bailey

*Song of Response: "Be Thou My Vision" LUYH 859:1,2,4

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.

Offertory: from "Jesus Shall Reign" David Cherwien

*Blessings abound where're he reigns: the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.*