

*Song: "Bring Forth the Kingdom"

**1. You are the salt of the earth, O people: salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people: life in the kingdom of God!**

Chorus

**Bring forth the kingdom of mercy; pray for the kingdom of peace;
work for the kingdom of justice; hope for the city of God!**

**2. You are a light on a hill, O people: light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the kingdom of God!**
(chorus)

**3. You are a seed of the Word, O people: live for the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the kingdom of God!** (chorus)

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We are Sent with God's Blessing

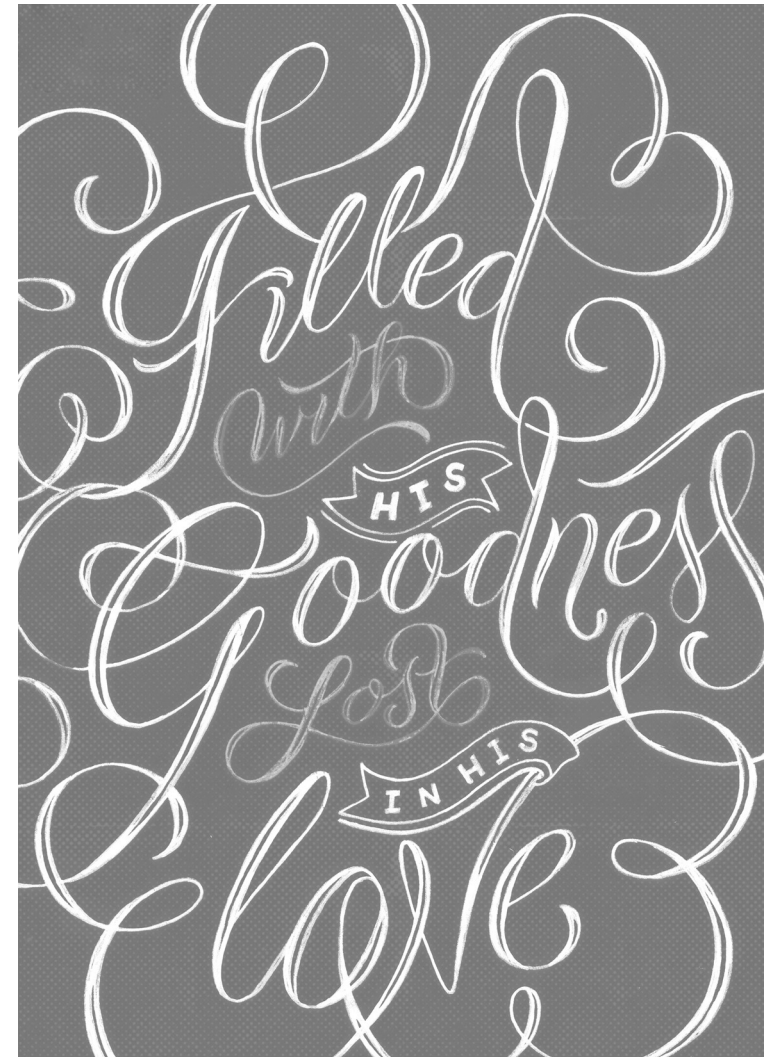
*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God"

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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.

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Worship Participants

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Sound: Nick Breems ♦ Projection: John Kok ♦ CCLI #493458 ♦ OneLicense #A-721171

God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 98:1-3

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things;
his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.

**The Lord has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.
He has remembered his love
and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.**

*Song of Praise: "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" LUYH 572:1,2,4,5

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song of Praise: "Be Still, for the Presence" LUYH 532

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession: "I Worship You, O Lord" (*sung by soloist*) LUYH 668:1

Prayer of Confession: "I Worship You, O Lord" LUYH 668:3,4

Assurance of Pardon

To all who turn from sin in sorrow,
to all who turn to God in hope,
this is God's Word of grace:
we are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved.
This gift we have from God.
Thanks be to God.

*Song: "I Worship You, O Lord" LUYH 668:2,5

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 24:30-34, II Peter 1:3-8 p.1021, 1893

Sermon: "Sloths and Sluggards" Dr. Justin Bailey

*Song of Response: "How Firm a Foundation" LUYH 427

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 Each Other

We Dedicate Ourselves to Holy Living

*Call to Discipleship: Our World Belongs to God #42, 43

In a world estranged from God,
where happiness and peace are offered in many names
and millions face confusing choices,
we witness—with respect for followers of other ways—
to the only one in whose name salvation is found: Jesus Christ.

In Jesus, God reconciles the world to himself.

God loves all creation;

his compassion knows no bounds.

Jesus Christ rules over all.

To follow this Lord is to serve him wherever we are

without fitting in,

light in darkness,

salt in a spoiling world.