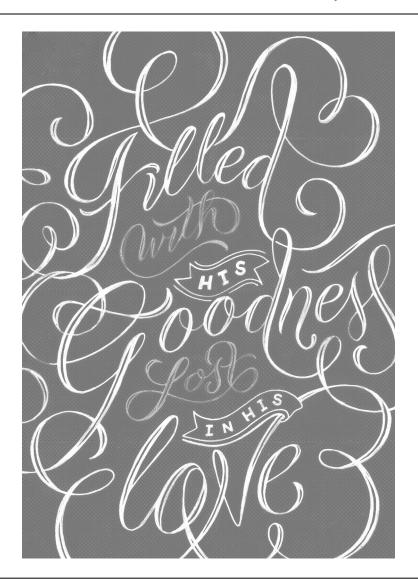
Ordinary Time

September 23, 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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God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 146:1,2,5,10

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Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord their God.

The Lord will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord!

*Song of Praise: "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)

3. 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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LUYH 348:1.2

Distribution of the Elements: "Taste and See"

"Behold the Lamb"

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The Thanksgiving: Psalm 103

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul; and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.

We Offer our Gifts

Our gifts to Covenant's Compassion Fund provide monetary support to our members who have financial needs.

Offertory Song: "Lord, Make Us Servants"

LUYH 904:1,2,4,5

We are Sent with God's Blessing

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Build Your Kingdom Here"

1. Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
like wildfire in our very souls; Holy Spirit come invade us now.
We are Your church; we need Your pow'r in us.

3. Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop Your beauty, changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this; awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are Your church; we are the hope on earth. (chorus)

Chorus

Build Your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back.
Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here, we pray.

^{*}God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

^{*}Song of Praise: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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Preparing the Table

All things come from you, O Lord.

And of our own, we have given you.

We bring bread; you give your body.

We bring wine; you give your blood.

We bring our offerings; yours is the sacrifice.

Let us bring our gifts to be prepared for the communion feast of our Lord.

*Hymn of Praise: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" LUYH 965

Trinitarian Invocation

Is the Father with us? The Father is with us!

Is Christ among us? Christ is among us!

Is the Spirit here? The Spirit is here!

This is our God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We are God's people. We are redeemed.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

...Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Institution

...Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Prayer of Consecration

...We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: John 16:27,33

Song: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" LUYH 175:1,3,4

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

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

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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: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

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Sermon: "Leaving a Mark"

Rev. Norlyn Van Beek

We Respond with Thanksgiving

*Song of Response: "O God, Who Gives to Humankind" LUYH 274

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 Tuition Assistance Fund, which helps support families who otherwise would still not be able to meet the financial obligations of Christian education.

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

At Covenant, we believe that this is not the table of Covenant Christian Reformed Church; it is not the table of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, it is the table of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We therefore invite all who believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior to come to the table to be fed and nourished. We also believe that this is a family meal. If your children have shown an interest in taking communion, please contact your elder who would be happy to talk through that with them. This morning we will come forward to receive the elements. If you'd like communion brought to you in your seat, let an elder know. If you are in need of gluten-free bread, please indicate that to the servers.