

Christ Jesus destroyed death and brought life and immortality through the gospel.

May that gospel of hope be proclaimed from this pulpit and sung in these pews so long as this house shall stand.

Then rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice!

Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

The Lord is among us. He will hear our requests. He will strengthen us.

Be anxious about nothing, for the peace of God,
which transcends all understanding
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*Closing Song: "Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God" LUYH 356:1,3
This song was sung during Covenant's first service held on August 12, 1973 in the SCCS gym.

WE Instructions and a Prayer for Our Meal

Postlude: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Piet Post

Morning Worship

November 4, 2018



Worship Participants

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

Brass: Kurt Frisch, Mike Janssen, Joseph Kamstra, Sara Ploegstra, Ryan Smit, Karissa Van Surksum

Worship Leaders: Hannah Landman, Jim Schaap, Dave Schelhaas

Sound: Nick Breems ♦ Projection: Mark Horstman ♦ CCLI #493458 ♦ OneLicense #A-721171

Psalm 145:4 (The Message)

Generation after generation stands in awe of your work;
each one tells stories of your mighty acts.

God Gathers Us for Worship

Prelude: "O God, Beyond All Praising" Tom Trenney

*Song of Praise: "O God, Beyond All Praising" LUYH 557

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 145:1-4 (The Message) p.979

*Song of Praise: "God, We Sing Your Glorious Praises" LUYH 519:1,3,4

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Litany & Song of Praise: "God Is Here" LUYH 246:1,2,5

This litany was used during the Service of Dedication held on April 17, 1999, to celebrate Covenant's 25th anniversary and the completion of the sanctuary remodel and addition of the new fellowship hall and classrooms.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Prayer of Confession

Song: "Your Mercy Flows" LUYH 700

Assurance of Pardon: I Peter 2:9-10 p.1888

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "Be Still and Know" LUYH 907

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: Acts 11:19-30, 13:1-3 p.1711, 1714

Sermon: "Called Christians"

Dr. Justin Bailey

*Song of Response: "The Church's One Foundation" LUYH 251:1,2,4

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 General Fund, which helps keep our church operating and pays for a wide range of denominational ministries, and the Building Fund, which is used to cover major project expenses for the church.

Offertory: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" S.D. Wolff

*Song of Dedication: "Grant Now Your Blessing" LUYH 882

We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for One Another

We Dedicate Ourselves to Holy Living

*Litany of Dedication

This litany was written by Mike Vanden Bosch and was used at the Dedication Service held on February 21, 1982, celebrating the purchase of our current building from First CRC.

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Let us remember and give thanks that God first gave faith to our forefathers, a faith which now lives in us.

Fan into a flame this faith that burns within you,
for God did not give you a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power,
of love, and of self-discipline.

May that flame of faith be fed each week in this Your house.

Do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, but join in suffering for the gospel.

May this Your house be the launching pad for our mission, not a clubhouse in which to hide.

By His grace, God saved you through His Son Jesus Christ.

Lord, may we never think that this house is ours

or that we have now earned a place in Your kingdom.

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