

*Song of Response: "As With Gladness Men of Old"

LUYH 105:1,4,5

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.

We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for Each Other

We Dedicate Ourselves to Holy Living

*Call to Service

The light of God's purposes has shone upon us.

Carry that light into another week.

**The star of God's promises that led us to worship
now leads us to serve in God's world.**

When we have met God in the light,
we cannot dwell comfortably in the shadows.

**We cannot enjoy our abundance and wealth
without thanksgiving and generous sharing.**

The glory of God shines on you today.

Others will see your radiance and rejoice with you.

**We seek God's peace that we may share it,
God's wisdom that we may live by it, in Christ's name.**

*Song: "Christ, Be Our Light"

LUYH 908:1,2

We Are Sent with God's Blessing

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Christ, Be Our Light"

LUYH 908:5

Worship Participants

Pastor: Pastor Joel Kok ♦ Organ/Piano: Donna Brue ♦ Guitar: Laremy DeVries

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Epiphany

January 6, 2019



Matthew 2:11

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

*Gathering Song: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" LUYH 76:1,2

*Call to Worship: Isaiah 60:1-3 p.1155

*Opening Song: "Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come"
1. Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of God is on you.
Arise, see, when the earth grows dark, that the Lord will arise upon you,
the Lord will arise upon you.

Chorus: Nations will come to Your light, lift up your eyes and see:
we'll gather together and come to You
and your love will be all that we know.
Your love will be all that we know.

2. Arise, come to the open gates for the Father is welcoming you.
Fear not, for the Lord brings peace and redemption to all who believe,
redemption to all who believe. (to chorus)

Bridge: The sun will not shine 'cause you'll be all the light that we need,
and violence will end; all the wars that we wage will cease. (2x)
We will glorify your name, we will glorify your name.

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*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" LUYH 109:1

*Lectionary Reading: Psalm 72:1-7, 11-14, 18-19 p.908

Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness.
 He will judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice.

The mountains will bring prosperity to the people,
the hills the fruit of righteousness.

He will defend the afflicted among the people
 and save the children of the needy; he will crush the oppressor.

Sung Refrain: ***Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!***

He will endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon,

through all generations.

He will be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth.

In his days the righteous will flourish;
prosperity will abound till the moon is no more.

Sung Refrain: ***Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!***

All kings will bow down to him and all nations will serve him.

For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help.

He will take pity on the weak and the needy
and save the needy from death.

He will rescue them from oppression and violence,
 for precious is their blood in his sight.

Sung Refrain: ***Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!***

Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.

Praise be to his glorious name forever;

may the whole earth be filled with his glory.

Amen and amen.

*Song: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" LUYH 109:4

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession: John 3:19 p.1650

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: John 1:9,12 p.1646

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "The Lord Is My Light" LUYH 431:1

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: Matthew 2:1-12 p.1497

Sermon: "Joy Upon Joy" Pastor Joel Kok