
We Dedicate Ourselves to Holy Living

*Affirmation of Faith: Our World Belongs to God #55,56

Our hope for a new creation is not tied to what humans can do,
for we believe that one day every challenge to God's rule will be crushed.
His kingdom will fully come, and the Lord will rule.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

**We long for that day when our bodies are raised,
the Lord wipes away our tears,
and we dwell forever in the presence of God.**

**We will take our place in the new creation,
where there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain,
and the Lord will be our light.**

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

*Song: "Sing! A New Creation"

LUYH 797:3

We Are Sent and Blessed

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LUYH 965

Postlude: "Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

B. Carr



1 Corinthians 15:42-44a

So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

Worship Participants

Pastor: Pastor Joel Kok ✦ Organ/Piano: Lois Vander Zee ✦ Readers: Steve & Pat Crull
Sound: Nick Breems ✦ Projection: John Kok ✦ CCLI #493458 ✦ OneLicense #A-721171

God Gathers Us for Worship

Prelude: "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" J.S. Bach

Welcome

*Call to Worship: Psalm 96:1,2,13 p.934

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.**

Let all creation rejoice before the Lord,
for he comes, he comes to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples in his faithfulness.**

*Opening Song: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LUYH 575

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song of Praise: "Yesu azali awa/Jesus Christ Is with Us" LUYH 600:1,3,5

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession: I John 2:1-2 p.1899

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

Forgive us our lukewarm love and our disobedience.

Lord, you said, "You may ask for anything in my name."

Forgive us our lack of trust in you, Lord.

Lord, you said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety.

Lord, you said, "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."

Forgive us our barren lives, Lord.

Lord, you said, "You must testify for you have been with me."

We confess, Lord that we have been too often silent.

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Lord, you said, "Love each other as I have loved you."

**In this and in so many other ways,
we confess our failures and shortcomings. Amen.**

Words of Assurance: Psalm 130:3-4, 7-8 p.969

Song of Thanksgiving: "My Soul Finds Rest" LUYH 370

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: I Corinthians 15:35-49 p.1790

Sermon: "The Love that Moves the Stars" Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" LUYH 182

*We Profess Our Faith: "The Apostles' Creed" LUYH 783A

We Offer Our Prayers and Gifts

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 World Renew, which reaches out in God's name to people in North America and around the world who are struggling with poverty, hunger, disaster, and injustice to help them find lasting ways to improve their lives.

Offertory: "Our Father Who Art in Heaven" Sonata 6: Finale
F. Mendelssohn

We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for Each Other