

**Chorus: Although we are weeping, Lord, help us keep sowing
the seeds of Your Kingdom for the day You will reap them.
Your sheaves we will carry; Lord, please do not tarry.
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy!**

**2. The nations will say, "He has done great things!"
The nations will sing songs of joy. Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!**

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The Thanksgiving: Psalm 126 p.967

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed.
Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy.

**Then it was said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."**

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

Restore our fortunes, Lord, like streams in the Negev.

Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.

**Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow,
will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.**

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.

*Benediction

Sisters and brothers, let us claim the freedom Christ gives us by his self-giving on the cross. May he enable us to serve together in faith, hope, and love.
Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of love, who shared his love, strengthen us in our love for others.

May the Son who shared his life grant us grace, that we might share our life.

And may the Holy Spirit dwelling in us

empower us to be only and always for others.

Amen.

*Closing Song: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" LUYH 946

Worship Participants

Pastor: Pastor Joel Kok ✦ Organ/Piano: Donna Brue ✦ Guitar: Laremy DeVries, Luke Hawley
Soloist: Hannah Landman

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Luke 24:15, 27, 30-31a

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them. ✦ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ✦ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.

As we follow the Emmaus Way in worship during this season of Lent, we pray that the presence of Christ will be made known to us.

Jesus Walks Alongside Us

Welcome

Gathering Song: "To My Precious Lord" LUYH 136
Soloist sings vs.1,2, congregation joins on refrain after vs.2 as indicated

*Call to Worship: Psalm 103:8-12, 17 p.939

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

so great is his love for those who fear him;

As far as the east is from the west,

so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

From everlasting to everlasting

the Lord's love is with those who fear him.

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song of Praise: "You Are Mine" LUYH 430

Prayer of Confession

Kyrie: "O Christ, the Lamb of God" LUYH 630

Words of Assurance: Acts 4:11-12 p.1696

We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for Each Other

Jesus Opens the Scriptures

Children's Blessing: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" LUYH 140:1

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: John 12:1-11 p.1670

Sermon: "Empty as Extravagant" Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "My Song Is Love Unknown" LUYH 148:1,2,4,6

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

Jesus Breaks Bread with Us

We invite all who believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior to come to the table to be fed and nourished. We believe that this is a family meal. If your children have shown an interest in taking communion, please contact Pastor Joel or your elder. This morning we will come forward to receive the elements. Children who do not yet take communion can come forward to receive a blessing. Gluten-free bread is available.

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, joining with saints on earth and all citizens of heaven, we sing:

Song: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" LUYH 538:1

The Institution (I Corinthians 11)

The Consecration

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

We remember Jesus' death;

we proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

Prayer of Consecration (concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

**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.

The Invitation

The Communion: "Psalm 126" & "There Is a Redeemer" LUYH 833

1. Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laughter;

Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy.

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