

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 Missions Fund which enables us to focus on mission efforts both locally and in other countries.

We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for Each Other

We Are Sent with God's Blessing

Parting Words (2 Corinthians 5:17-20)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Peace Before Us"

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Colossians 1:15-17

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

*Ordinary time refers to the Sundays between Pentecost and Advent, a season in the liturgical year of growth in the life of the church.

Worship Participants

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God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

*Call to Worship: (from Psalm 52)

Seek refuge in God!

**Like green olive trees in the house of God,
we dwell in the steadfast love of God
forever and ever.**

Seek refuge in God!

**We put our trust in God,
because of God's mighty deeds.**

Seek refuge in God!

**In the presence of the faithful,
we proclaim God's holy name.**

Opening Prayer (Psalm 52, Colossians 1)

We come to your house

seeking your presence, O God.

For in the mystery of our universe,

you created all things in heaven and on earth

and reconciled all things to you,

by and in Jesus Christ.

So we stand before you

steadfast in the hope

promised by our brother, Jesus. Amen.

*Opening Songs: "Come Christians Join to Sing"
"The First Place"

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*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "Come Away from Rush and Hurry"

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We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession (Luke 10:38-42)

Prayer of Confession

Song: "Give Me Jesus"

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Assurance of Pardon: Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "Deep and Wide"

***Deep and wide, deep and wide,
there's a fountain flowing deep and wide. (repeat)***

Sidney E. Cox, Public Domain

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: Colossians 1:13-23

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Sermon: "The Center and the Cosmos"

Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "In Christ Alone"

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*We Profess Our Faith: The Nicene Creed

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