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## We Are Sent with God's Blessing

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

LUYH 863:1,3,5,6

# Ordinary Time

August 18, 2019

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### Revelation 2:7

Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

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

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### Worship Participants

Pastor: Joel Kok ♦ Piano: Sara Ploegstra ♦ Guitar: Joe Bartels ♦ Cello: Jocelyn Zonnefeld  
 Worship Leaders: Ryan & Cambri Zonnefeld  
 Sound: Doug DeBoer ♦ Projection: John Kok ♦ CCLI #493458 ♦ OneLicense #A-721171

## God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 100 p.937

\*Gathering Song: "Come, People of the Risen King"

**1. Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise:  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him,  
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.**

**Chorus: Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

**2. Come, those whose joy is morning sun,  
and those weeping through the night;  
come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.  
For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease,  
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. (chorus)**

**3. Come, young and old from every land – men and women of the faith;  
Come, those with full or empty hands – find the riches of his grace.  
Over all the world, his people sing – shore to shore we hear them call  
The truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all!" (chorus)**

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\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

\*Songs of Praise: "The First Place" LUYH 15  
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" LUYH 521

## We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Prayer of Confession

Song of Commitment: "Take, O Take Me as I Am" LUYH 741

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 2:4-5, 8 p.1819

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,  
made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions.  
For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—  
and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.  
**Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift.**

## God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Presenting the Kindergarten Quilts

Children's Blessing: "Open Our Eyes"

**Open up our ears to listen. Open up our eyes to see.  
Plant the seed of understanding. Grow it up like the tallest tree.**

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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: Revelation 2:1-7 p.1914

Sermon: "First Love" Rev. Joel Kok

\*Song of Response: "Be Thou My Vision" LUYH 859:1,3,4

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

## 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