Ordinary Time

September 1, 2019



Revelation 2:17

Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.

*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: Isaiah 55:1-2

Come! All who are thirsty,

come, to the water. Take and drink.

Come! All who are hungry,

come, take, eat, remember and believe.

Come! All who have no money,

come, buy milk and wine without money, and without cost.

Why spend your money on what is not bread?

Why spend your labor on that which does not satisfy?

Come, listen to me and eat what is good,

and you will delight in the richest fare.

*Gathering Songs: "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

LUYH 534

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Song: "Cast Down, O God, the Idols"

LUYH 626

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 12:1-3 p.1877

- 2. In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid. For the promised morning, oh how long? **Oh God of Jacob, be my strength.** (chorus)
- 3. Every vow we've broken and betrayed, you are the faithful one. And from the garden to the grave, **bind us together, bring shalom.** (chorus)

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The Thanksgiving: Psalm 103:1-4

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul; and forget not all his benefits who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.

We Are Sent with God's Blessing

*Benediction

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

LUYH 965

^{*}God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

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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.

Lord, if you would mark iniquities, who of us could stand?

But with you comes forgiveness, so that you may be revered.

Your kindness brings us to repentance,

so we praise and thank you always, and we join your angels and saints to 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:

Christ has died; Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Dying, he destroyed our death;

rising, he restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come 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

Communion Songs: "Lift Up Your Hearts unto the Lord" LUYH 844:1,2,4,5

"We Will Feast"

Chorus: We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things, we will say together.

We will feast and weep no more.

1. We will not be burned by the fire, he is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood,
upheld, protected, gathered up. (chorus)

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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.

Offertory: "Before the Throne of God Above"

LUYH 682

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

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 2:12-17

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Sermon: "Saving Sword; New Name"

Rev. Joel Kok

We Respond with Thanksgiving

*Song of Response: "Speak, O Lord"

LUYH 755

*We Profess Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

LUYH 783A

We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for Each Other

We Celebrate Communion

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. If you are in need of gluten-free bread, please indicate that to the servers.