

Will you seek to remain in Christ by depending on his grace and cultivating your relationship with God through times of prayer, Bible study, and worship?

Teachers/leaders: I will.

Will you strive to teach the Word of God with passion and joy, to live the lessons you share, and to grow in faith as you serve?

Teachers/leaders: I will.

Prayer for our Church Education Leaders

Song: "Take, O Take Me as I Am"

LUYH 741

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "God, the Father of Your People"

LUYH 927

Ordinary Time

September 8, 2019



Revelation 2:26-29

To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations—that one ‘will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery’—just as I have received authority from my Father. I will also give that one the morning star. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

*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

Pastor: Joel Kok ♦ Piano: Ryan Smit

Readers: Deb Hibma, Sophia Bailey, Jonas Fedders, Aidan Vos

Sound: Jeff Ploegstra ♦ Projection: Marty Vander Plaats ♦ CCLI #493458 ♦ OneLicense #A-721171

God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship: Ephesians 1:17-19a p.1818

*Opening Song: "Open the Eyes of My Heart" LUYH 537

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song of Praise: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" LUYH 223

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession: Hebrews 4:14,16 p.1866

Prayer of Confession with "Kyrie Eleison/Lord, Have Mercy" LUYH 635

Assurance of Pardon

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 2:18-29 p.1915

Sermon: "Fruitful Presence" Rev. Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" LUYH 325

*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 Christian Education Fund which provides funds for the education of our children at one of our local Christian schools to help keep tuition down to a level that is affordable for most of our families.

We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for Each Other

We Are Sent with God's Blessing

Prayer for the Church Education Year

As we begin this new season of learning, we turn our hearts to you, Lord. Lead us to explore the depths of your love, to stand in awe of your wonders, to delight in your promises, to experience your forgiveness, to grow in love for one another, to discover our gifts, and to serve you faithfully. Open our eyes, Lord. We want to see Jesus.

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

the author and perfecter of our faith. (Heb. 12:2a)

We want to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.

In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. (1 John 5:3a)

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.

For Jesus said, "My sheep listen to my voice;

I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish;

no one will snatch them out of my hand." (John 10:27-28)

Open our eyes, Lord. We want to see Jesus.

No one's ears have ever heard of a God like you.

No one's eyes have ever seen a God who is greater than you.

No God but you acts for the good of those who trust in him. (Isa. 64:4)

Lead us this year to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever!
Amen. (II Pet. 3:18)

Commissioning our Church Education Leaders

Do you believe that God has called you to teach or lead, and do you trust God to equip you for this task?

Teachers/leaders: I do.

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